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DEPT FOR A/S DJEREJIAN WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC PASS TO EDMUND HULL

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SUBJECT: THREAT ASSESSMENT- ALGIERS.

1. TERRORISM AND CIVIL DISORDER- HIGH THREAT

THE CONTINUING CIVIL UNREST ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALGERIAN POLITICAL CRISIS HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS STREET DEMONSTRATIONS, SHOOTINGS, AND BOMBINGS. PALESTINIAN GROUPS ASSOCIATED IN THE PAST WITH TERRORIST ACTS MAINTAIN A PRESENCE IN ALGIERS, BUT HAVE NOT CONDUCTED TERRORIST OPERATIONS ON ALGERIAN SOIL.

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ONE TERRORIST ACT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ON JANUARY 30 REPORTEDLY BY MEMBERS OF THE ALGERIAN ISLAMIC EXTREMIST GROUP, HIDJRA OUA TEKFIR. THE ATTACKERS THREW A SMALL BOMB OVER THE WALL OF THE EMBASSY CAUSING A LOUD EXPLOSION BUT ONLY MINOR PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE AMERICAN AND OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES HAVE RECEIVED THREAT LETTERS WARNING AGAINST COOPERATION WITH THE ALGERIAN "MILITARY JUNTA." IN RESPONSE TO THESE AND OTHER THREATS THE

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GÓA HAS PROVIDED CONTINUOUS GUARD COVERAGE AT THE CHANCERY AND AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE BY ALGERIAN RIOT POLICE. NO DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR DURING THE TIME OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT. THE PERMANENT SECURITY IN PLACE AT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WHERE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IS SUFFICIENT TO DEAL WITH SPONTANEOUS INCIDENTS. THE GOA WILL PROVIDE A SECURITY DETAIL FOR THE VISIT.

- 2. HUMAN INTELLIGENCE- MEDIUM THREAT
- 3. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE- MEDIUM THREAT
- 4. CRIME- MEDIUM THREAT

STREET CRIME AND RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES ARE A CONTINUING PROBLEM. WHILE ON THE STREET THE VISITOR MUST BE ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THEFT AND CAREFULLY GUARD ALL VALUABLES. CASEY

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