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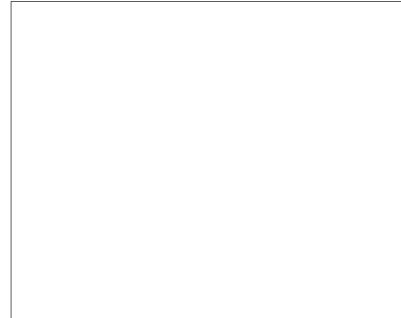
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2. DR. JUAN LUIS GONZALEZ AND DR. CARLOS TRIJOS, WHO TESTIFIED MAY 16 BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WILL RETURN TO CHILE MAY 22 ARRIVING AT 9:30 AM FROM MIAMI. IN A MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MAY 17, GONZALEZ AND TRIJOS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER. GONZALEZ AND TRIJOS SAID THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY FOLLOWING THEIR TESTIMONY TO THE CONGRESS AND WISH THE EMBASSY TO BE PRESENT SHOULD ANY ATTEMPT BE MADE TO PREVENT THEIR REENTRY.

3. GIVEN THAT GONZALEZ AND TRIJOS TRAVELLED TO THE U.S. AS OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL WITNESSES, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE COURTESY TO ACCEDE TO THEIR REQUEST THAT THEY BE MET AT THE AIRPORT. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EARLY FOLLOWUP CONTACT WITH GONZALEZ AND TRIJOS TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK ON THEIR VISIT TO THE U.S. AND MEETINGS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COLEGIO DE MEDICOS HAS A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22 TO RECEIVE GONZALEZ AND TRIJOS BY WAY OF UNDERSCORING THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDORSEMENT (BY A VOTE OF 19-4) OF THEIR TRAVEL AND THE PREPARED STATEMENT ON TORTURE. SHULTZ
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