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SUBJECT: RESPONSE ON ARCATAO: AMENDMENTS

REF: STATE 115161

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Oscar Olson, Senior Reviewer

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. POST COMMENDS DEPARTMENT ON EXCELLENT LETTER ON
ARCATAO. OUR PROPOSED MINOR FIXES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH 1: "SOME 300 PEOPLE STILL LIVE IN ARCATAO."

PARAGRAPH 2: DELETE "MOSTLY OF NON-U.S. ORIGIN" TO
AVOID CONFUSION.

PARAGRAPH 6: ADD "1985" AFTER "JUNE 19". ALSO,
ELIMINATE "OVER HALF WERE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF
15." POST CANNOT SUBSTANTIATE THIS FIGURE.

3. RE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, THE USE OF THE TERM "GROUND
RECONNAISSANCE TROOPS" IS FINE. HOWEVER, CITE ONE RPT
ONE TON OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, RATHER THAN TWO. THERE WAS
NO, RPT NO, ICRC, CHURCH, OR OTHER NEUTRAL OBSERVER
INVOLVEMENT IN THE OPERATION.

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