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To: AMBASSADOR REILLY - ROUTINE

From: SCLERATE NASDEC (STATE 131524 - ROUTINE)

Subject: POSSIBLE PUERTO RICAN REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION

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3. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE FOR SICA CAPITALE (RELIEF, GENERAL, FRANCISCO, PANAMA, SIR JOSE, SIR SALVADOR, TRADITIONS) FOR ALL OTHER ADDRESSEES THIS IS AN ACTION IF REQUIRED CABLE.

ACTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- SICA POINTS ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 6 AND MAY BASE ON POINTS IN PARA 8 AS NECESSARY.
- NON-SICA ADDRESSEES SHOULD USE TRADING POINTS IN PARA 5 IF APPROACHED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS. POINTS SHOULD NOT INITIATE THE DISCUSSION.
- POINT 2 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 5 FOR WASHINGTON USE IN RELATION TO THE POINTS IN PARA 5 WHICH THE NEARBY IS APPROACHED BY THE GOV. ABOUT PUERTO RICO.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE APPROACHED A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO AIM COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WHICH CONTAIN LANZAR DEL MARINE FOR FACTS WITH FOREIGN STATES IN NOVEMBER 2002. PUERTO RICO ATTEMPTED UNPRODUCTIVELY TO ENSURE RECOGNITION AS A SOVEREIGN STATE BY THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUERTO RICO'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS DEPARTMENT IS A JULY 28, 2003 LETTER WHICH THE PUERTO RICO NEARBY TO DISCUSS MANNERS IN WHICH PUERTO RICO CAN PARTICIPATE MORE ACTIVELY IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. PUERTO RICAN OFFICIALS HAVE YET TO RESPOND.

3. THIS CABLE PROVIDES BACKGROUND FOR POINTS INFORMATION ON PUERTO RICO'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS LANZAR DEL MARINE POINTS MAY USE SHOULD THEY BE APPROACHED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS REGARDING PUERTO RICO'S INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MULTILATERAL CONFERENCES, OR REQUESTS TO SIGN INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND/OR AGREEMENTS.

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1. PUERTO RICO IS AN INDEPENDENT TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH COMMONWEALTH STATUS. THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF ALL AREAS SUBJECT TO UNITED STATES JURISDICTION, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS. ACCORDINGLY, THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES ANY PROPOSED PARTICIPATION BY A U.S. TERRITORY OR POSSESSION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AGREEMENTS) WITH OTHER NATIONS, TO ENSURE THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION OR DOCUMENT COULD BE CONSISTENT WITH