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SUBJ: BALAGUER SAYS BOSCH AND CAAMANO MAY RETURN WHENEVER THEY WANT

REF: SD-2510

1. IN MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT 25, PRES BALAGUER STATED INTER ALIA THAT BOTH JUAN BOSCH AND COL FRANCISCO CAAMANO MAY RETURN TO DR WHENEVER THEY WANT. RE BOSCH, PRES REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENT HIS TRIP TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WOULD CAUSE NO IMPEDIMENT HIS FREE ENTRY DR. AS FOR CAAMANO, BLAGUER CONDITIONED HIS RETURN ON CAAMANO'S DEDICATION TO "DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL" LABORS. BLAGUER STATED GODR HAS NO INFO RE LATTER'S WHEREABOUTS.

2. COMMENT A. QUESTION BOSCH'S FREE RETURN ANY TIME TO DR NEVER HAD BEEN AT ISSUE, AND PRES ONLY REITERATED EALIER POSITION.

B. ALTHOUGH CAAMANO'S RETURN AT THIS TIME LARGELY AN ACADEMIC QUESTION, SOME CLARIFICATION IN PRES'S ATTITUDE TO BE NOTED. IN MAY 15 SPEECH (REFTEL), BALAUER SAID CAAMANO (AND WESSIN) MIGHT RETURN " AT OPPORTUNE TIME", PROVIDED AGREE ABIDE BY CONSTITUTION. ALTHOUGH WESSIN'S IMPEDIMENT APPARENTLY REMAINS IN EFFECT, CAAMANO(WHEREVER HE IS) NOW FREE TO COME HOME.

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