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SUBJECT - AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND BIRTH CONTROL

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1. EMBASSY HAS QUERIED CONSULATES ON ACTIVITIES AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN FIELD BIRTH CONTROL. BRASILIA REPORTS ONE PC NURSE IN ARAGARCAS DID PARTICIPATE IN PLACING IUD'S IN EIGHT PATIENTS IN ROOM USED BY PRESBYTERIAN MISSION MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN FUNDACAO BRAZIL CENTRAL HOSPITAL. SHE HAS BEEN TOLD CEASE SUCH ACTIVITY. TO DATE ONLY OTHER FIRM INDICATIONS US CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN BIRTH CONTROL ACTIVITIES ARE MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES REPORTED REFTELS.

2. WE UNABLE AT THIS STAGE PREDICT HOW LONG CAMPAIGN WILL LAST. PUBLICITY HAS ATTENUATED SOMEWHAT IN RECENT DAYS AND ARTICULATE MINORITY FAVORING BIRTH CONTROL NOW BEGINNING TO GET THEIR SIDE INTO PRINT. HOWEVER, BIRTH CONTROL IS HIGHLY EMOTIONAL ISSUE HERE WHICH CAN AND WILL BE EXPLOITED BY DEMAGOGUES AND OTHERS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES. US MISSIONARIES ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TARGET. WHILE NOT CLEAR WHAT LEGAS PROBLEMS, IF ANY MISS QUINN MIGHT FACE HERE WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND HER SPONSERS BE ADVISED BEST SHE NOT RETURN AT LEAST AT PRESENT.

3. RE RECIFE'S 1324 REQUEST DEPARTMENT PRVIDE US WITH INFORMATION ON PATHFINDER, ITS BACKING, (INCL. FINANCIAL) ITS COMPOSITION AND ITS GOALS. TUTHILL
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