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SECSTATE PASS EMIMBANK-MARION M. HINCHMAN

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TAGS: MASS, SNAR, EFIN, PTER, PINS, ASEC, CO, XM  
SUBJECT: COLOMBIA UH-60 HELICOPTER PURCHASE - EXIM BANK FINANCING

1. POST FULLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED EXIMBANK LEASE FINANCING OF COLOMBIA'S PURCHASE OF FOURTEEN UH-60 AIRCRAFT FROM SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT CORPORATION. SEVEN OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE OPERATED BY THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE AND THE COLOMBIAN ARMY WILL OPERATE THE OTHER SEVEN. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE COLOMBIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE THAT THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE PRIMARILY USED IN COUNTER-NARCOTICS AND COUNTER-TERRORISM OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS SEARCH AND RESCUE, CIVIC ACTION, AND CIVIL DISASTER RELIEF. THE MOD PROVIDED THESE ASSURANCES VIA AN APRIL 24 LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO THE AMBASSADOR, AS WELL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E. LANDFAIR  
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A COPY OF AN APRIL 24 LETTER FROM THE MINISTER TO EXIM BANK  
LOAN OFFICER MARION M. HINCHMANN. COPIES OF BOTH LETTERS ARE  
BEING FAXED TO WHA/AND.

2. PER REF A, THE END-USERS OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE THE COLOMBIAN  
AIR FORCE'S 2ND TACTICAL AIR-SUPPORT COMMAND (CAATA-2) AND THE  
COLOMBIAN ARMY'S AVIATION BRIGADE. THE EMBASSY POSSESSES NO  
CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY NEITHER THE  
CAATA-2 NOR THE ARMY'S AVIATION BRIGADE. BOTH ARE VETTED UNITS  
UNDER THE DECEMBER 1, 1997 END-USE MONITORING AGREEMENT (EUM).

3. POST IS FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED  
PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1,  
AND IN A MANNER COMPLIANT WITH HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS. COUNTRY  
TEAM FULLY SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST.

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4. IF FURTHER DETAILS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT U.S. AIR FORCE  
CAPTAIN BARRY BREWER, BOGOTA MILGROUP LOGISTICS MISSION, AT  
571-244-2784.

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