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- 1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POLCOUNS EDMUND MCWILLIAMS, REASON:  
1.5 (D).

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2. (C) SUMMARY: MILITIAS ARE CONTINUING ASSAULTS ON CIVILIANS IN EAST TIMOR AMID ONGOING REPORTS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN MILITIA AND MILITARY UNITS. MILITIA PERSONNEL ALSO ACCOSTED USAID-SUPPORTED COFFEE HARVESTERS. MILITIA SPOKESMEN, FOR THEIR PART, HAVE CLAIMED "PRO-INDEPENDENCE PEOPLE" HAVE KILLED FOUR TNI SOLDIERS. THESE CLAIMS ARE DISPUTED ALTHOUGH A UNAMET STATEMENT GAVE CREDENCE TO ONE CLAIM. THE [ ] IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT MILITIA ASSAULTS ARE OVER. PRO-INDEPENDENCE EAST TIMORESE HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN THE "PEACE AND STABILITY COMMISSION." EVIDENCE OF PRO-AUTONOMY PETITIONS WHICH EAST TIMORESE REPORTEDLY ARE PRESSED BY MILITIAS TO SIGN HAS SURFACED. THERE REPORTEDLY IS MILITIA PRESSURE AGAINST A CHURCH CLINIC AND ITS STAFF IN DILI. A WESTERN JOURNALIST HAS RECEIVED A TELEPHONIC THREAT FROM A MAJOR MILITIA LEADER. END SUMMARY

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MILITIAS CONTINUE ASSAULTS AGAINST CIVILIANS  
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3. (C) REPORTING FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES INCLUDING SOME DERIVED FROM MAY 20-22 POLCOUNS VISIT TO EAST TIMOR INDICATED CONTINUING ATTACKS ON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION BY THE MILITARY-BACKED MILITIAS. NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INCIDENTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

-- A WESTERN BUSINESSMAN REPORTS THAT ON MAY 21, 30 MILITIA ACCOSTED PERSONNEL OF THE NCBA COFFEE FIRM DEMANDING THAT THE GROUP SURRENDER ITS MOTORCYCLES WHICH THE MILITIA ALLEGED (INCORRECTLY) WERE BEING USED TO FERRY PRO-INDEPENDENCE YOUTHS INTO THE HILLS. SIX MOBIL POLICE MOBILE BRIGADE OFFICIALS (BRIMOB) WHO WERE ACCOMPANYING THE COFFEE PERSONNEL TOOK NO ACTION TO PROTECT THE COFFEE PERSONNEL.

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-- ACCORDING TO [ ] STAFF IN EAST TIMOR, TWO PRO-INDEPENDENCE (CNRT) STAFF PERSONNEL, KAMA

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MOTAN AND HERIKERA, WERE DETAINED BY POLICE IN ALIEU AND BROUGHT TO THE PROVINCIAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN DILI ON OR ABOUT MAY 21. THE POLICE CLAIM NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED THE TWO NOR TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

-- THE MILITIA-BASED "FORUM FOR UNITY, DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE" CLAIMS "PRO-INDEPENDENCE PEOPLE" AMBUSHED AND KILLED THREE EAST TIMORESE MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN ARMY AT LOLOTOE ON MAY 17. A MAY 21 STATEMENT BY UNAMET CLAIMS THE THREE WERE KILLED BY THE EAST TIMORESE ARMED RESISTANCE. [ ] CLAIMS TO HAVE SPOKEN TO A BROTHER OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS, WHO REPORTEDLY BLAMED THE ATTACK ON MILITIA WHO WERE ANGERED THAT THE THREE HAD DEFENDED LOCAL EAST TIMORESE FROM A MILITIA ASSAULT. THE [ ] TOLD POLCOUNS THAT IT BELIEVES THAT SOME KILLINGS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL MAY BE BY OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL OR MILITIA. THE [ ] BELIEVES THAT JUST AS MANY CIVIL SERVANTS ARE PRO-INDEPENDENCE, SO TOO ARE MANY EAST TIMORESE IN THE MILITARY. THEY FACE THE SAME "WEEDING OUT" THAT CIVIL SERVANTS ARE UNDERGOING AT THE HANDS OF THE MILITIA AND THEIR MILITARY ALLIES. NEARLY ALL THE MILITARY PERSONNEL KILLED IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE BEEN EAST TIMORESE, THE [ ] STATES.

-- THE MILITIA FORUM ALSO CLAIMED THAT "PRO-INDEPENDENCE PEOPLE" KILLED ANOTHER EAST TIMORESE SOLIDER IN TIRILOLO, BAUCAU ON MAY 19. THERE WAS NO GOVERNMENT OR NGO CONFIRMATION OF THIS CLAIM.

[ ] NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT MILITIA VIOLENCE WILL END SOON

4. (C) THE [ ] IN EAST TIMOR TOLD VISITING POLCOUNS MAY 21 THAT THE THREE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL DOCTORS WHO HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER EAST TIMOR HAVE STILL NOT BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO PRACTICE. HE SAID THAT THE [ ] DECISION TO BRING IN THE THREE PHYSICIANS WAS NOT AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE "TRICKLE" OF CASES IN NORMAL TIMES BUT RATHER TO DEAL WITH THE "EMERGENCY SURGES" OF PATIENTS WHICH HAVE BECOME ALMOST WEEKLY CONCERNS DUE TO THE MILITIA ASSAULTS ON CIVILIANS. [ ] CONCLUDED "THERE WILL BE MORE."

PROBLEMS WITH THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

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CEASE-FIRE WITH THE TNI THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY.

6. (C) [ ] ALSO QUESTIONED THE FAIRNESS OF THE COMMISSION STRUCTURE WHICH WAS, HE CLAIMED, HEAVILY WEIGHTED TO THE PRO-AUTONOMY SIDE. A COMBINATION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES EACH FROM THE MILITARY, POLICE, GOVERNMENT AND MILITIAS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO OVERRULE THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE REPRESENTATIVES.

PRESSURE ON LOCAL CITIZENS TO "SIGNUP" FOR AUTONOMY

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7. (U) A FOREIGN JOURNALIST IN DILI MAY 21 SHOWED POLCOUNS A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE VILLAGE HEAD OF CAMENASA VILLAGE ON APRIL 20, WHICH ASSERTED THAT ALL 1,558 INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGE (INCLUDING CHILDREN) ACCEPTED INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA. THE SIGNATURE OF THE VILLAGE CHIEF, SILVINO TARAN, AND A SEAL ATTESTED TO THE VALIDITY OF A STACK OF DOCUMENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL VILLAGERS THAT BORE SIGNATURES AND THUMB PRINTS. (COMMENT: SIMILAR DOCUMENTS ARE REPORTEDLY BEING CIRCULATED BY THE MILITIA IN MANY PARTS OF EAST TIMOR. THIS WAS THE FIRST ONE WE HAVE SEEN. END COMMENT)

PRESSURES ON THE MOTAEL CHURCH CLINIC

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8. (C) [ ]

CLINIC AND ITS STAFF WERE UNDER CONTINUING MILITIA PRESSURE. IN MID-MAY, MILITIA BURNED THE FOUR-ROOM HOUSE OF HIS CHIEF NURSE. AFTER RE-LOCATING HER TEN-MEMBER FAMILY SHE HAS RETURNED TO WORK AT THE HOSPITAL. [ ] BELIEVED THAT THE ASSAULT WAS A RESULT OF HER ASSOCIATION WITH THE CLINIC THAT PROVIDES FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO (AMONG OTHERS) VICTIMS OF MILITIA ASSAULTS. MILITIA THREATS IN JAKARTA

9. (C) [ ] (PROTECT) TOLD POLCOUNS MAY 24 THAT ON MAY 21 HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MILITIA LEADER CANCIO CARVALLO. [ ] WHO HAD INTERVIEWED CARVALLO IN DILI AFTER THE MILITIA ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS IN DILI APRIL 17, RECOGNIZED CARVALLO'S VOICE. ACCORDING TO [ ] CARVALLO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AND ASKED IF [ ] REMEMBERED HIM. ASSURED THAT [ ] KNEW WHO HE WAS, CARVALLO SAID: "I AM HERE IN JAKARTA AND I AM GOING TO GET YOU." CARVALLO THEN HUNG UP. [ ] MILITARY ATTACHE IS IN CONTACT WITH GOI COUNTERPARTS TO INSIST THAT CARVALLO'S THREAT NOT BE CARRIED OUT. (NOTE: CANCIO CARVALLO WAS ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES TO A THREAT NOTE AIMED AT AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATS, JOURNALISTS AND AID WORKERS, WHICH

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