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2. (C) SUMMARY: PRO-INTEGRATION MILITIAS RALLIED IN DILI APRIL 17. FOLLOWING THE RALLY, THE HUNDREDS MILITIA WENT ON A RAMPAGE IN THE EAST TIMOR CAPITAL. AS OF MID-DAY, UNCONFIRMED REPORTS CLAIM 24 DEAD. THE HOUSE OF MANUEL CARRASCALAO, ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT PRO-INDEPENDENCE FIGURES IN THE CAPITAL, WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED. THERE IS A WELL-SOURCED REPORT THAT HIS SON AND DISPLACED PEOPLE SHELTERING THERE WERE KILLED. A WESTERN JOURNALIST AT THE HOUSE WAS BEATEN AND THREATENED WITH MOCK EXECUTION. MILITIAMEN ARE FIRING ON OTHER HOUSES OF PRO-INDEPENDENCE EAST TIMORESE. SOME HOUSES, CARS AND KIOSKS HAVE BEEN BURNED BY THE MILITIA. THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS IN DILI HAS SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE RESIDENCE OF BISHOP BELO. THE MILITARY AND THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN NO/NO STEPS TO STEM THE VIOLENCE AND SECURITY FORCE COMMANDER COL. TONO, REPORTEDLY HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE MILITARY IS "NEUTRAL." SPEAKERS AT THE MAIN MORNING RALLY CALLED FOR CLEANSING THE CIVIL SERVICE OF PRO-INDEPENDENCE PERSONNEL AND PROPOSED A DIVISION OF EAST TIMOR. THEY ALSO DECLARED WAR ON "ANY INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN EAST TIMOR, ESPECIALLY

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 JOURNALISTS." SEPARATELY, A MILITARY OFFICER WHO WAS A MEMBER OF A PROMINENT EAST TIMORESE FAMILY WAS KILLED IN AN INCIDENT WHICH THE RESISTANCE AND THE CHURCH DESCRIBE AS A RESISTANCE COUNTER-ATTACK. EMBASSY HAS REACHED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WHO HAS UNDERTAKEN TO REACH SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO HALT THE VIOLENCE. END SUMMARY

THE SITUATION IN DILI

3. (C) FOLLOWING A RALLY OF PRO-INTEGRATION, MILITARY-BACKED MILITIAS IN DILI, EAST TIMOR, THE ARMED MILITIAMEN WENT ON A RAMPAGE SHOOTING INTO SOME HOUSES AND BURNING OTHERS. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE CLAIMS 13 DEAD IN DILI AS OF MID-AFTERNOON. A REPORT FROM [REDACTED] SOURCED TO BISHOP BELO'S RESIDENCE REPORT AT LEAST 24 DEAD IN THE HOUSE AND GARDEN OF MANUEL CARRASCALAO, A PROMINENT PRO-INDEPENDENCE FIGURE WHO HAS BEEN SHELTERING EAST TIMORESE DISPLACED BY MILITIA ACTIVITIES IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF DILI. THE DEAD INCLUDE HIS 16 YEAR-OLD SON AND SOME OF THE DISPLACED STAYING AT HIS HOUSE. A WESTERN JOURNALIST WHO WAS AT THE HOUSE HAS TOLD US HE WAS BEATEN AND THREATENED WITH

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MOCK EXECUTION. THE POLICE AND MILITARY, ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES ON THE SCENE, ARE TAKING NO ACTION TO STOP THE MAYHEM. THE MILITARY COMMANDER, COL. TONO, REPORTEDLY TOLD CARRASCALALO THAT THE FIGHTING WAS NONE OF HIS CONCERN, AND THAT THE MILITARY AND POLICE WERE NEUTRAL. THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN HANDING OUT CIGARETTES AND WATER TO THE MILITIAS.

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4. (U) THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO ARRIVED IN DILI ON APRIL 17, HAS SOUGHT REFUGE AT THE HOUSE OF BISHOP BELO. IT APPEARS THAT HE AND HIS PARTY HAVE NOT BEEN HARMED.

5. (C) A RELIABLE JOURNALIST NOW IN DILI TOLD POLCOUNS THAT APPROXIMATELY 1,500 MILITIAMEN FROM VARIOUS MILITIAS, ARMED FOR THE MOST PART WITH PRIMITIVE WEAPONS, RALLIED AND PARADED IN DILI DURING THE MORNING OF APRIL 17. THE CENTRAL RALLY TOOK PLACE ON THE FRONT LAWN OF THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE. THE GOVERNOR ATTENDED AS DID A FEW MILITARY OFFICIALS. THERE WERE NO CHURCH OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE AS CLAN LEADER JOAO TAVERES GAVE THE KEYNOTE SPEECH. HE CLAIMED THAT THE MILITIAS HAD MOBILIZED BECAUSE OF A "CALL TO ARMS" BY XANANA GUSMAO ON APRIL 5. (NOTE: THE MILITIAS IN FACT BEGAN MOBILIZING WITH MILITARY SUPPORT IN THE FALL OF 1998. END NOTE)

6. (U) IN HIS SPEECH AT THE RALLY, EURICO GUTEREZ, LEADER OF THE "AITARAK" MILITIA, PROPOSED THAT EAST TIMOR BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, WITH THE WESTERN PART REMAINING INTEGRATED WITH INDONESIA WHILE THE EASTERN PART LEFT TO SEPARATE IF IT WISHED. HE ALSO REPEATED WARNINGS CONTAINED IN EARLIER STATEMENTS (REFTEL) THAT

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THE MILITIAS WOULD "CLEANSE" THE EAST TIMORESE CIVIL SERVICE OF ALL PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE. BASILIO ARAUJO, ANOTHER PRO-INTEGRATION ACTIVIST WORKING FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ASSOCIATED WITH THE MILITIAS, TOLD OUR SOURCE THAT IT WOULD BE EASY TO IDENTIFY THOSE PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO WERE PRO-INDEPENDENCE BECAUSE DURING THE "REFORM" PERIOD, MANY CIVIL SERVANTS HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE -- AND PRO-INTEGRATIONISTS HAD MADE LISTS. GUTEREZ, IN HIS RALLY SPEECH ALSO CALLED FOR "WAR AGAINST ANY INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE" AND SPECIFICALLY SINGLED OUT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS.

7. (U) CHURCH OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY ARE CONCERNED OVER INTENTIONS OF THE AITARAK MILITIA TO ATTEND A LARGE MASS WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT AN OUTDOOR SITE SEVEN KMS FROM DILI ON APRIL 18.

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8. (U) CHURCH AND CNRT OFFICIALS (PRO-INDEPENDENCE) HAVE REPORTED THAT BERNADINO LOPEZ DA CRUZ, BROTHER OF INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR AT LARGE LOPEZ DA CRUZ, WAS KILLED IN A FALINTIL COUNTER-ATTACK ON A CONVOY OF SIX MILITARY VEHICLES NEAR MANATUTO APRIL 16. ACCORDING TO THIS VERSION, THE VICTIM, A MILITARY OFFICER, WAS KILLED IN AN ATTACK WHICH FOLLOWED A TNI (INDONESIAN MILITARY) ATTACK

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ON A FALINTIL ELEMENT. LATE APRIL 16, WE WERE INFORMED
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[REDACTED] HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE KILLING OF A MEMBER OF A PROMINENT PRO-INTEGRATION FAMILY COULD INCREASE TENSIONS SIGNIFICANTLY.

9. (C) THE DCM REACHED MARZUKI DARUSMAN, CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN AND URGE THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO HALT THE VIOLENCE. MARZUKI UNDERTOOK TO CONTACT SENIOR MILITARY AND GOI CIVILIAN OFFICIALS. THE DATT CONVEYED A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO MAJOR GENERAL SIHOMBING, THE ONLY MILITARY OFFICER TRHUS FAR REACHABLE ON THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IS ATTEMPTING TO REACH FOREIGN MINISTER ALATAS AND THE CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT OFFICIALS. THE PORTUGUESE INTEREST SECTION IS ALSO SEEKING TO CONTACT OFFICIALS.

10. (U) THERE ARE 5 TO 10 AMCIT RESIDENTS IN EAST TIMOR, MOST IN THE DILI AREA. AT LEAST SOME OF THE AMCITS, INCLUDING TWO EMPLOYED BY THE USAID-FUNDED COFFEE PROJECT, HAD EVACUATED DILI EARLIER. ROY

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