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SUBJ: REACTION OF EUROPEAN LEFT TO CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN

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1. IN REFTTEL B, EMBASSY REPORTED ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S (PCI) NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ERITREAN INSURGENTS. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTTEL, HOWEVER, PCI HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY RPT PUBLICLY CRITICIZED CUBAN (OR SOVIET) INVOLVEMENT IN ERITREA, AND WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE RETICENT TO DO SO, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM.

2. AS PART OF THE PCI CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE ERITREAN REBELS, THE PARTY'S SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN, GIAN CARLO PAJETTA, TOGETHER WITH THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE PARTY'S FOREIGN SECTION ANTONIO RUBBI, RECEIVED ON MAY 19 A DELEGATION

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OF THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF). THE DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF YOHANNES ZEREMARIAM AZZAZI, IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE ELF'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, AND HABTE GIORGIS ABRAHA, ELF REPRESENTATIVE IN ITALY. ACCORDING TO THE PCI DAILY "L'UNITA" (MAY 20), THE TWO PARTIES AGREED ON THE NECESSITY FOR A CESSATION OF THE MILITARY CONFLICT IN ERITREA, WHICH HAS WORSENERD IN RECENT DAYS, AND FOR A

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NEGOTIATED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE PCI HAS APPARENTLY BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING AN APPEAL, SIGNED BY QUOTE FRIENDS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION END QUOTE, ADDRESSED TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ASKING THAT IT NOT INTERVENE IN ERITREA. IN THE APPEAL, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IS REQUESTED QUOTE NOT TO PLACE ITS SONS AGAINST THE ERITREAN POPULATION AND PATRIOTS. END QUOTE.

3. ALTHOUGH PCI FOREIGN SECTION CHIEF SERGIO SEGRE TOLD EMBOFF ON APRIL 7 (ROME 6582) THAT THE PARTY WAS CONSIDERING HAVING SOME SONSULTATIONS WITH THE CUBANS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, PARTICULARLY WERE AN OFFENSIVE TO BEGIN IN ERITREA, WE HARE NOT AWARE THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RULE OUT THAT THEY WILL OCCUR EITHER ON THE FRINGES OF THE FORTHCOMING WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA IF THE PCI YOUTH DELEGATION INCLUDES SOMEONE SUFFICIENTLY AUTHORITATIVE FROM THE PARTY, OR IN SOME OTHER CONTEXT SHOULD THE SITUATION WORSEN. GARDNER

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