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E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/14/05  
TAGS: PGO, PHUM, KCRM, BK  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF A THOUSAND CUS: NEW ALLEGATIONS  
AGAINST THE IPTF

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY DCM CHRIS HOH FOR REASONS 1.5  
(B) AND (D)
2. (C) NEW ALLEGATIONS IN THE LOCAL MEDIA HAVE  
FURTHER UNDERMINED ON THE IPTF'S CREDIBILITY IN BOSNIA  
AND COULD TIE UP ITS MANAGEMENT UP IN INTERNAL  
INVESTIGATIONS AND PUBLIC EXPLANATIONS. EVEN IF  
PROVEN FALSE, THE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND UNCORROBORATED  
CHARGES COULD FURTHER TAINT THE MISSION'S PUBLIC IMAGE  
FURTHER.

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POISON PEN; QUESTIONABLE SOURCE  
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3. (U) THE DECEMBER 14 ISSUE OF THE DAILY "JUTARNIJE NOVINE" FEATURES ALLEGATIONS OF SERIOUS WRONGDOING LEVELED BY AN RS BAR OWNER AGAINST FIVE AMERICAN IPTF MONITORS. (NOTE: THE SOURCE HAS REPEATEDLY ALLUDED TO IC INVOLVEMENT IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY SINCE IPTF AND SFOR SUPERVISED A POLICE RAID ON TWO OF HIS "NIGHTCLUBS" IN PRIJEDOR IN NOVEMBER (REF B). END NOTE.) ACCORDING TO THE (HIGHLY SUSPECT) "BUSINESSMAN," THE FIVE HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN FROM HUNGARY, BULGARIA, AND ROMANIA TO THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA. THE SOURCE ADDITIONALLY ALLEGES THAT AN AMERICAN MONITOR HAS BEEN "HEAVILY INVOLVED" IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING, AND PROMISES TO PROVIDE "ADDITIONAL DETAILS" IN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

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6. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IPTF MAY WELL BE CORRECT IN  
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QUESTIONING THE CREDIBILITY AND THE MOTIVES BEHIND  
WHAT ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND UNCORROBORATED  
ALLEGATIONS FROM AN ADMITTED PIMP, PREVIOUS  
ALLEGATIONS OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT HAVE BEEN AT LEAST  
PARTIALLY SUBSTANTIATED (REF B). EVEN IF THE MOST  
RECENT CHARGES ARE CATEGORICALLY DISPROVEN, IPTF COULD  
WIN THE BATTLE BUT ULTIMATELY LOSE THE WAR OF PUBLIC  
OPINION. SHAKEN BY REPEATED ALLEGATIONS OF SERIOUS  
WRONGDOING IN RECENT WEEKS, IPTF HAS LITTLE MARGIN OF  
ERROR AMONG BOSNIAN OR INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS. THOSE  
WHO OBJECT TO THE IPTF COULD SEIZE ON THE APPEARANCE  
OF ANOTHER SCANDAL, BE IT UNSUBSTANTIATED OR SELF-  
INFLECTED, TO CHALLENGE THE MISSION AND/OR CONTINUED  
U.S. PARTICIPATION IN IT. END COMMENT.

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