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1. ~~Summary~~. A USDOJ/FBI team led by DOJ [redacted] visited Madrid May 16-20 for meetings with [redacted] to

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[redacted] The next meeting of the working Group will take place in September or October in Washington. End Summary.

2. ~~Summary~~ The DOJ team and Mission personnel attended a session of the ongoing [redacted] trial and met separately with [redacted]

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4. ~~DOJ~~ The DOJ/FBI team, accompanied by [redacted] met on May 18 with [redacted]

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[redacted] also attended the meeting. It was the first official meeting of the "U.S.-Spain Bilateral Counterterrorism Experts Working Group" launched by Attorney General Gonzales and Spanish Justice Minister Aguilar during A/G Gonzales' March 11 visit to Madrid. The meeting began with a review of the bilateral exchange of information regarding each country's regulations on the protection of sensitive investigative information used for judicial purposes. As in previous discussions on this issue, Spanish participants acknowledged that there was no mechanism in their system for safeguarding investigative data submitted as evidence in a trial; all such information could eventually emerge in the public domain.

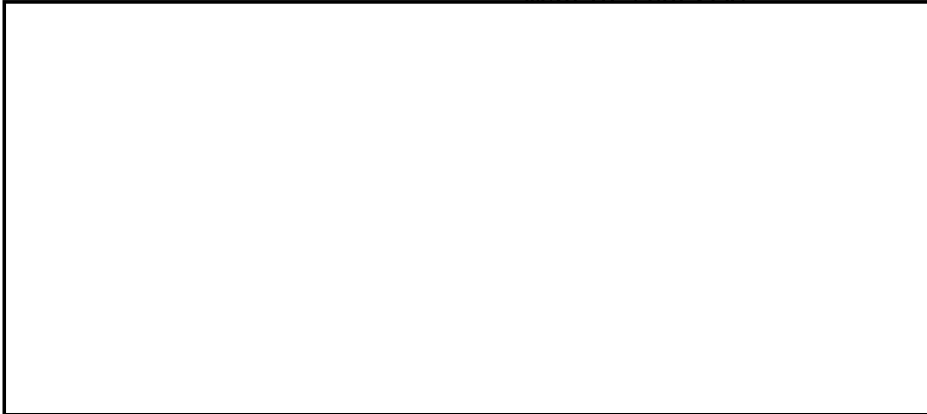
5. ~~DOJ~~ [redacted] reviewed the mechanisms available to U.S. judges to permit them to share information with both the prosecution and the defense, without revealing classified information. [redacted] noted that U.S. prosecutors had the benefit of weighing the value of classified evidence in the pre-trial phase and could determine what information to include in the trial and what to leave out in order to protect sources and methods. Spanish prosecutors have no such advantage since the investigation is led by a magistrate who must automatically "judicialize" all available evidence, in effect making even the most sensitive information available to the public. [redacted] said that this factor complicated the USG's ability to assist Spanish prosecutors.

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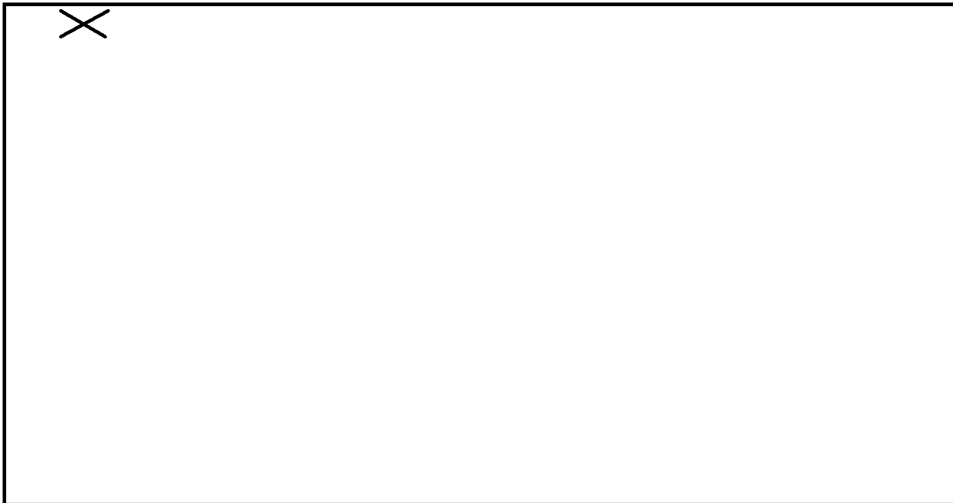
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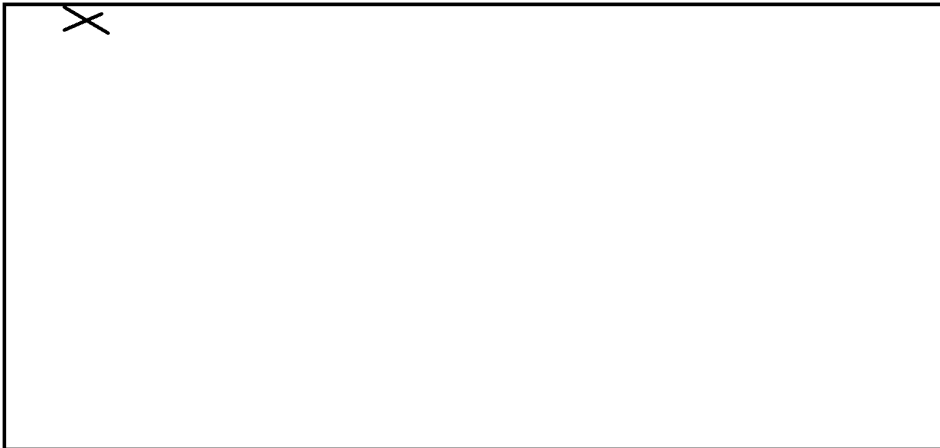


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9. (U) The next meeting of the Working Group will take place in Washington in September or October 2005.



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