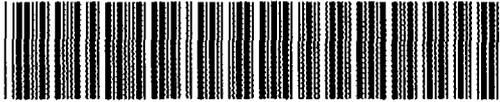
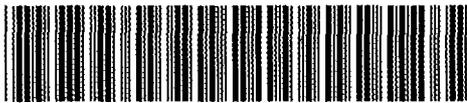


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SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900526-900601.

TEXT: 1. (U) ACTIVITIES OF THE EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (ELN) WERE -

A. (U) ON 900526 THE CARLOS ALIRIO BUITRAGO FRONT OF THE UNION CAMILISTA OF THE ELN ATTACKED A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE (CNP) TRUCK THAT WAS CARRYING REINFORCEMENTS TO THE QUITANIA DISTRICT OF OF SAN LUIS (b)(3):10 USC 424 FROM MEDELLIN. ONE CNP AGENT WAS INJURED AS HE FELL FROM THE TRUCK WHEN THE ATTACK BEGAN.

B. (U) ON THE SAME DAY ELN UNITS IN CESAR DEPARTMENT (PROVINCE) INTERCEPTED EIGHT GASOLINE TANKER TRUCKS AND EMPTIED ALL THE FUEL.

C. (U) ON 900527 VARIOUS ELN UNITS CARRIED OUT OPERATIONS TO IMPEDE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS (b)(3):10 USC 424

D. (U) ALSO ON 900527 ELN UNITS EXPLODED A BOMB IN CHOCOA (b)(3):10 USC 424, SANTANDER. SEVEN CNP AGENTS WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND ONE WAS KIDNAPPED.

E. (U) ON 900527 IN PORTUGAL (b)(3):10 USC 424 ELN UNITS THREW HAND GRENADES AT A CNP CONVOY, BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED.

F. (U) ON 900527 ELN UNITS NEAR SABANA DE TORRES (b)(3):10 USC 424 BLEW UP AN ELECTRICAL TOWER.

G. (U) ON 900527 IN PUERTO NIDYA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ARAUCA, THREE GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED IN A CLASH WITH OPERATIONAL COMMAND 2 UNITS. ONE SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED.

H. (U) ON 900527 IN BOYACA DEPARTMENT (PROVINCE) ELN UNITS

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KIDNAPPED SEVEN CNP AGENTS AFTER AN ATTACK IN WHICH ONE NCO AND ONE AGENT WERE WOUNDED.

I. (U) ALSO ON 900527 IN PANTANO VILLAGE OF ZAPATOCA (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER, THE UNION CAMILISTA OF THE ELN ATTACKED A CNP PATROL WITH DYNAMITE. SEVEN CNP AGENTS WERE WOUNDED, TWO OF THEM SERIOUSLY, AS WERE ONE FEMALE CNP INSPECTOR AND AN ELECTION OFFICIAL.

J. (U) ON 900528 THE ELN KILLED AMINTA ((JARABA)) DE BARRIOS, A RANCH OWNER, NEAR HER RANCH IN ARIGUANI (b)(3):10 USC 424 MAGDALENA.

K. (U) ALSO ON 900528 THE ELN RELEASED WILLY WALDO ((CABEZAS)), CNP INSPECTOR OF LA HONDA (b)(3):10 USC 424 CAUCA. THE ELN HAD PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THEY WERE GOING TO TRY HIM FOR COOPERATING WITH THE COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES.

L. (U) ON 900529 THE ELN RELEASED THE KIDNAPPED MAYORS OF EL BAGRE, VENGACHI, AND THE MAYOR-ELECT OF REMEDIOS. ALSO RELEASED WERE THREE CITY COUNCILMEN, A COLDEPORTES OFFICIAL, AND AN ELECTION OFFICIAL.

M. (U) ON 900529 IN VALLEDUPAR (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE 8TH COLOMBIAN ARMY (COLAR) BRIGADE'S 22D INFANTRY BATTALION "AYACUCHO" DEACTIVATED 13 BOMBS, WHICH CONTAINED 10 KILOS OF DYNAMITE EACH, AND CONFISCATED 500 METERS OF FUZE, MUNITIONS, AND FIELD GEAR.

N. (U) ON 900529 ELN UNITS ATTACKED AN INTERCITY BUS EN ROUTE BETWEEN SURATA AND BUCARAMANGA. THE GUERRILLAS ROBBED MORE THAN 30

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PASSENGERS OF THEIR VALUABLES.

O. (U) ON 900530 ELN UNITS ASSASSINATED LUIS GUILLERMO ((SUAREZ)) TORRES AND HIS SON NEAR VALLEDUPAR. SUAREZ, A CAMPESINO, AND HIS SON, WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR HOME BY 4 GUERRILLAS AND LATER SHOT BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PLANNED GUERRILLA MEETING.

P. (U) ALSO ON 900530 IN CURUMANI (b)(3):10 USC 424 AND PAILITAS (b)(3):10 USC 424 AN ELN COLUMN SET UP ROADBLOCKS ALONG THE BUCARAMANGA-BARRANQUILLA HIGHWAY (NFI).

Q. (U) ON 900530 IN SAMPUES (b)(3):10 USC 424 SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED JAIRO ENRIQUE ((BRACAMONTE)) HERNANDEZ, ALIAS DANIEL, WHO IS A SUPPOSED MEMBER OF THE ALFREDO GOMEZ QUINONES FRONT OF THE ELN.

R. (U) ON 900531, THE ELN ANNOUNCED IT WOULD EXECUTE FRONTINO GOLD MINES WORKER, FRANCISCO ((URIBE)) ECHEVERRY, FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE SEGOVIA MURDERS OF 891100.

2. (U) ACTIVITIES OF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC) WERE -

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A. (U) ON 900527. IN LA BATALLA, NEAR THE TOWN OF BARAYA
(b)(3):10 USC 424, MEMBERS OF THE XVII FARC FRONT DYNAMITED
A CITY TRUCK AND A CAMPER. TWO CNP AGENTS WERE KILLED IN THE
ENSUING BATTLE.

B. (U) ON THE SAME DATE, MOMENTS EARLIER, FARC FORCES IN SAN
ANTONIO DE ANCONIA (NOT LISTED IN GAZETTEER) AMBUSHED A CNP CONVOY
WITH DYNAMITE AND SMALL ARMS. SIX CNP PERSONNEL AND TWO ELECTORAL
DELEGATES WERE WOUNDED.

C. (U) ON 900527, THE FARC KILLED FOUR CNP PERSONNEL IN TAMARA
(b)(3):10 USC 424 CASANARE.

D. (U) ALSO ON 900527 THE FARC AMBUSHED A CNP PATROL IN EL OSO
(NOT LISTED IN GAZETTEER), BOYACA KILLING TWO CNP PERSONNEL. THE
FARC KIDNAPPED THE REMAINDER OF THE PATROL (NFI).

E. (U) ON 900529 COLOMBIAN SECURITY FORCES ALLEGEDLY TOLD SOURCE
B THEY HAD DISCOVERED A PLAN BY THE FARC TO ATTACK SANTANDER,
BOYACA, NORTE DE SANTANDER, ANTIOQUIA, HUILA, CAQUETA, GUAVIARE,
AND OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION.

F. (U) ON 900530 IN VALLEDUPAR THE CACIQUE UPAR FRONT OF THE FARC
SENT A LETTER TO THE FAMILY OF JAIME ALBERTO ((MEJIA)) STATING THEY
HAD KIDNAPPED MEJIA.

G. (U) ON 900531, UNITS OF THE COUNTERGUERRILLA BATTALION "PIRANA"
CLASHED WITH THE X FARC FRONT AND CAPTURED MISCELLANEOUS MATERIEL
NEAR BOGOTA.

3. (U) ACTIVITIES OF THE EJERCITO POPULAR DE LIBERACION (EPL)
WERE -

A. (U) ON 900529 IN THE CAN PABLO DISTRICT OF CACHIRA
(b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER, 5TH COLAR BRIGADE
UNITS KILLED FOUR EPL GUERRILLAS.

B. (U) ON 900530 IN CUCUTA (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE 5TH
MECHANIZED CAVALRY GROUP "GENERAL HERMOGENES MAZA" CAPTURED ALONSO
((FLOREZ)), WHO IS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE EPL. AT THE TIME OF HIS
CAPTURE, FLOREZ HAD IN HIS POSSESSION WEAPONS, LOGISTICAL MATERIEL,
AND DOCUMENTS RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION.

C. (U) ON 900530 THE EPL SENT A LETTER TO THE COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA STATING THEY HAD PROMISED TO WORK WITHIN THE PEACE PROCESS
AND CONTINUE WITH TALKS WITH THE GOC, ALONG SIDE THE QUINTIN LAME
AND THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES (PRT).

D. (U) ON 900531, UNITS OF THE 10TH COUNTERGUERRILLA BATTALION
"RAFAEL URIBE URIBE" CLASHED WITH EPL FORCES NEAR EL DIAMANTE NEAR
THE CITY OF TIERRALTA (b)(3):10 USC 424, CORDOBA.
MISCELLANEOUS MUNITIONS AND MILITARY MATERIEL WAS CAPTURED.

E. (U) ON 900531, EPL UNITS RELEASED JUAN CARLOS ((OSATE)) VEGA,
SON OF A COAL FACTORY OWNER, AFTER THE FAMILY PAID 20 MILLION PESOS
(40,000 USD) RANSOM.

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4. (U) ACTIVITIES OF THE SIMON BOLIVAR GUERRILLA COORDINATOR (SBGC) WERE -

A. (U) ON 90527 THE SBGC ATTACKED A COMBINED CNP/COLAR UNIT IN A PLACE CALLED TIMBA NEAR IBERIA (NOT LISTED IN GAZETTEER), VALLE DEL CAUCA. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

B. (U) IN A RAID BY THE 13TH COLAR BRIGADE IN THE QUIROGA DISTRICT OF BOGOTA, THE COLAR CAPTURED SBGC DOCUMENTS AS WELL AS ELN DOCUMENTS WHICH CONTAINED THE MILITARY OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTIONS OF BOTH GROUPS.

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(C)~~ (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE ELN CONTINUES TO BE THE MOST ACTIVE GUERRILLA FORCE. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, THEY HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY ACTIVE.

2. ~~(C)~~ THIS IS THE FIRST REPORTING PERIOD IN SEVERAL MONTHS IN WHICH ARMED CLASHES WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SBGC.

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