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USUAL DRAWN-OUT AND FRUSTRATING PATH TOWARD EVENTUAL RESOLUTION,
WITH THE HOSTAGES RELEASED UNHARMED.

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1. (U) REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
A. (U) COLOMBIA: NTM KIDNAPING UPDATE.
(1) ~~(S)~~ ON 18 FEBRUARY, NEW TRIBES MISSION (NTM) REPRESENTATIVES
HAD RADIO CONTACT WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA
(FARC) 53RD FRONT KIDNAPERS OF TWO US MISSIONARIES TAKEN HOSTAGE
NEAR VILLAVICENCIO, META DEPARTMENT ON 16 JANUARY. THE KIDNAPERS
DEMANDED A \$3 MILLION RANSOM; THE NTM REPLIED THAT ITS POLICY IS
TO NOT PAY KIDNAPING RANSOMS. HOWEVER, THE NTM DID AGREE TO GIVE
THE GUERRILLAS A NEW RADIO AND BATTERY TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS.
IN A RELATED REPORT, THE COLOMBIAN ARMY 7TH BRIGADE STAGED AN
UNAUTHORIZED AND UNSUCCESSFUL RESCUE ATTEMPT BASED ON FALSE
INFORMATION FROM AN INFORMANT.

(2) ~~(S)~~ ~~(NF)~~ ~~(NO)~~ EARLIER REPORTS FIXED THE ORIGINS OF FARC
RADIO TRANSMISSIONS TO A MOUNTAIN LOCATION ROUGHLY 40 MILES
NORTHEAST OF THE ABDUCTION SITE. THE FARC IS WELL AWARE OF
GOVERNMENT MILITARY OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES, AND FOR SECURITY
PURPOSES, ROUTINELY RELOCATES ITS CAPTIVES AND RADIO
TRANSMISSIONS SITES. PREVIOUS COLOMBIAN MILITARY RESCUE

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OPERATIONS HAVE RESULTED IN THE CROSSFIRE DEATHS OF THE KIDNAPING
VICTIMS; THIS HAS CAUSED MOST NEGOTIATORS TO NOT INVOLVE THE
MILITARY IN TALKS WITH THE KIDNAPERS.

(3) ~~(S)~~ THE FARC MADE A SIMILAR EXORBITANT RANSOM DEMAND AFTER
ITS JANUARY 1993 KIDNAPING OF THREE NTM MISSIONARIES IN PANAMA,
WHO ARE STILL BEING HELD IN COLOMBIA. THE FARC INITIALLY CLAIMED
THAT THE VILLAVICENCIO ABDUCTIONS WERE IN PROTEST OF THE

DEPLOYMENT OF US TROOPS TO VALLE DEL CAUCA DEPARTMENT, BUT THE
ACTUAL MOTIVATION FOR THE KIDNAPINGS REMAINS UNCLEAR. GUERRILLA
GROUPS ARE AWARE THAT MISSIONARY GROUPS LACK BOTH THE MONEY TO
PAY RANSOM DEMANDS OR ANY INFLUENCE ON COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT
POLICIES. NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWING THE

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