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PASS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424,(b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i)

COUNTRY: (U) **COLOMBIA** (CO).

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 **WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP** (900519-900525) (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900519-900526.

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

- A. ON 900519, ELN ATTACKED TWO ENGINEERS NEAR LEBRIJA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER. THE PAIR WERE WOUNDED IN THE GUNFIRE ATTACK, AS WAS A YOUNG GIRL TRAVELLING WITH THEM IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAR.

- B. THE SAME DAY, ELN KIDNAPPED CATTLEMAN MARCIAL ANTONIO ((CONTRERAS)) FROM HIS RANCH NEAR CODAZZI (b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR.

- C. ON 900520, TROOPS FROM THIRD ARTILLERY BATTALION "PALACE" KILLED

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SIX "LUIS CARLOS CARDENAS" ELN IN COMBATS NEAR RIO FRIO

(b)(3):10 USC 424 VALLE DEL CAUCA. OF THE FOUR MEN AND TWO WOMEN, FIVE WERE ID'D AS "JOSE", "SIERRA", "EUCARIS", "MARTHA", AND "MARIO". THE SOLDIERS ALSO CAPTURED TWO MINI-INGRAM SUBMACHINEGUNS, SIX SHOTGUNS, AMUNITION AND FIELD GEAR.

- D. THE SAME DAY, SOME FIFTY GUERRILLAS (VARIOUSLY ID'D AS BOTH ELN AND FARC) ATTACKED A FIFTH MECHANIZED CAVALRY GROUP "MAZA" PATROL NEAR SANTIAGO (b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER, KILLING A LIEUTENANT.

- E. STILL THE SAME DAY, PROBABLE ELN KILLED TWO SIXTEENTH INFANTRY BATTALION "PATRIOTAS" SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED ANOTHER WHEN A PATROL DISCOVERED A GUERRILLA SQUAD ATTEMPTING TO BLOW THE PIPELINE. NO LOCATION WAS GIVEN FOR THIS SKIRMISH.

- F. ELSEWHERE, "ARMANDO CACUA" ELN BLEW UP A NATIONAL TRANSPORT HUT NEAR OCANA (b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER. THE GUERRILLAS LEFT PROPAGANDA. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE ATTACK.

- G. ON 900521, A FORTIETH INFANTRY BATTALION "LUCIANO D'HUYER" PATROL DESTROYED AN ELN CAMP NEAR SAN VICENTE DE CHUCURI (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER.

- H. THE SAME DAY, FIFTH BRIGADE TROOPS FOUND AN ELN EXPLOSIVES AND AMMUNITION CACHE NEAR BARRANCABERMEJA (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER.

- I. ON 900522, ELN KIDNAPPED THE MAYORS OF VEGACHI (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER) AND REMEDIOS (b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTIOQUIA, WHILE THEY WERE VISITING EL TIGRE (b)(3):10 USC 424 SOME 170 KMS NORTHEAST OF MEDELLIN. THE GUERRILLAS, WHO GRABBED THREE COUNCILMEN AT THE SAME TIME, PROMISED TO LIBERATE THE GROUP SOON WITH A MESSAGE FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

- J. IN A SEPARATE ACTION ELSEWHERE, ELN KIDNAPPED THE MAYOR OF EL BAGRE (b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTIOQUIA. THE GUERRILLAS STOPPED THEIR VICTIM AT A ROADBLOCK.

- K. STILL THE SAME DAY, "EFRAIN PABON PABON" ELN CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE MURDER OF THE LABATECA MAYOR-ELECT ON 900511. THEIR COMMUNIQUE ACCUSED HIM OF VOTETRAFFICKING AND CORRUPT POLITICS. THE SAME DOCUMENT ACCUSED THE LABATECA RECTOR OF MEDDLING IN LOCAL POLITICS, ORDERING HIM FROM THE REGION.

- L. ON 900524, RENEWED ELN VIOLENCE LEFT AT LEAST SEVEN DEAD AND SEVENTEEN WOUNDED IN SEVERAL ATTACKS AGAINST TARGETS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY (b)(3):10 USC 424

- M. ON 900524, THE ELN RELEASED LUIS HERRAN ((CASTRILLON)) MARTINEZZ, POLICE INSPECTOR OF PUERTO VALDIVIA (b)(3):10 USC 424 WHOM THEY HAD KIDNAPPED ON 900523.

- N. ON 900525, THE UNION CAMILISTA FACTION OF THE ELN ATTACKED A POLICE PATROL IN THE SAN VICENTE AREA OF JAMUNDI (b)(3):10 USC 424 AND KILLED EIGHT AGENTS, WHILE WOUNDING 12. SIX GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED.

- O. ON 900525, THE UNION CAMILISTA FACTION OF THE ELN KIDNAPPED A NATIONAL ELECTION OFFICIAL IN NORTHERN ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT.
 - P. ON 900525, THE NORTHERN FRONT OF THE ELN SENT A DOCUMENT STATING THEY ARE WILLING TO DIALOG WITH THE GOC.
2. (U) FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC) ACTIVITIES -
- A. ON 900520, TWENTY FARC SET UP A ROADBLOCK ON THE MONTERIA-TIERRALTA HIGHWAY. THE GROUP STOPPED VEHICLES, PAINTING GUERRILLA SLOGANS ON THEM.
 - B. ON 900521, FARC LIBERATED BUSINESSMAN AND EX-BUCARAMANGA MAYOR JORGE ((REYES)) PUYANA WITHOUT RANSOM. HE WAS KIDNAPPED 900107 FROM HIS FARM NEAR SAN MARTIN (b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR.
 - C. THE SAME DAY, A GROUP CLAIMING TO BE FARC TURNED UP AT A COFFEE FARM IN CALDAS DEPARTMENT TO DEMAND 500,000 PESOS (USD1,000). IT WAS THE FIRST REPORTED FARC PRESENCE IN THE AREA. AUTHORITIES PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE BAND WERE COMMON CRIMINALS CLAIMING TO BE GUERRILLAS.
3. (U) EJERCITO POPULAR DE LIBERACION (EPL) ACTIVITIES -
- A. ON 900520, A COMBINED DEPARTAMENTO ADMINISTRATIVO DE SEGURIDAD (DAS) AND COLOMBIAN MARINE (COLMAR) OPERATION IN CARTAGENA NETTED FIVE EPL. THE GROUP, FOUR OF WHOM WERE ID'D AS MARIO ELIAS ((ORTIZ)), DIONICIO MIGUEL ((GONZALEZ)), GABRIEL ((ORTIZ)) COPEZ, AND LEDY YANET ((JERRERA)), WERE CAPTURED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THEIR URBAN NET. SUBSEQUENT SEARCHES PICKED UP FIVE MORE SUSPECTS ID'D AS LUIS CARLOS ((PEREZ DE AVILA)), ALBERTO JOSE ((BARRIOS)) ALEGRE, REMBERTO ((ROSALES)) SOTO, GILDARDO DE JESUS ((AGUDELO)) PEREZ, AND ANGEL ((RODRIGUEZ)) MERCADO.
 - B. ON 900521, NATIONAL POLICEMEN (CNP) KILLED TWO EPL IN LOS GOMEZ (b)(3):10 USC 424 CORDOBA. THE ARMED PAIR, WEARING POLICE UNIFORMS, WERE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT WAR TAXES FROM A FARM. A THIRD INSURGENT FLED, WOUNDED.
 - C. THE SAME DAY, ANTONIO ((NAVARRO)) WOLF, M-19 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND EPL WERE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF ARRANGING TERMS FOR PEACE TALKS.
 - D. STILL ON 900521, AT LEAST TEN EPL KILLED THREE PEASANTS AND 300 HEAD OF CATTLE NEAR PLATO (b)(3):10 USC 424 MAGDALENA.
 - E. ON 900522, FIRST MOBILE BRIGADE TROOPS KILLED FOUR MORE EPL IN CORDOBA DEPARTMENT NEAR THE BORDER WITH ANTIOQUIA, BRINGING TO SIXTY-FIVE THE NUMBER OF DEAD EPL SINCE THE UNIT BEGAN OPERATIONS SIX WEEKS AGO.
 - F. ON 900525, THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE EPL, BERNARDO ((GUTIERREZ)) ANNOUNCED A UNILATERAL CEASE FIRE AND STATED THE EPL WOULD SOON RELEASE ALL PRISONERS.
4. (U) OTHER OR COMBINED ACTIVITIES -
- A. ON 900520, TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION "GIRADOT" ARRESTED MIGUEL ((OGUENDO)) AND RAMON ANTONIO ((ACEVEDO)) IN MEDELLIN. THE PAIR, WHO HAD SIX CARBINES, SIX SHOTGUNS, SIX GRENADES AND ASSORTED AMMUNITION, WERE

ACCUSED OF BEING MEMBERS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED GUERRILLA GROUP.

- B. ON 900522, MILITARY AUTHORITES ANNOUNCED THE DISCOVERY OF OF A COMBINED ELN/FARC/EPL PLAN TO DISRUPT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN SANTANDER. ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTS DISCOVERED DURING PURSUIT OPERATIONS FOLLOWING 900520'S ATTACK ON A "MAZA" PATROL, A SUMMIT WAS PLANNED FOR 900505-900510 TO FINALIZE DETAILS OF THE PLOT. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE MEETING OF THE THREE GROUPS TOOK PLACE.

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