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

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 **WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP** (900512-900518) (U)

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SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL TIEMPO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900513-900519. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL SIGLO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900513-900519. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (LA REPUBLICA), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900513-900519. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. D. (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424,(b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i)

SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900512-900518.

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

- A. ON 900512, ELN BLEW PIPELINE AT KM547 NEAR CHIMICHAGUA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR, CAUSING MAJOR POLLUTION TO A NEARBY LAKE. THIS WAS THE EIGHTH SABOTAGE ATTEMPT IN 1990.

- B. THE SAME DAY, THREE PRESUMED ELN KIDNAPPED LIBERAL CONGRESSMAN MILCIADES ((CANTILLO)) COSTA FROM HIS RANCH IN CODAZZI

(b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR.

- C. ON 900513, ELN LIBERATED THREE ENGINEERS KIDNAPPED FROM THE

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CANADIAN-OWNED "EL LIMON" GOLDMINE (b)(3):10 USC 424 ORDERING THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY. (b)(3):10 USC 424, TWO NEIGHBORING MINES WERE ATTACKED AND THEIR ENTRANCES DESTROYED. THE DEAD ENGINEER WAS HATED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND, PRESUMABLY, KILLED FOR VENGEANCE (RATHER THAN FOR POLITICAL REASONS). MINEOWNERS ARE CERTAIN THE ATTACK WAS AN "INSIDE JOB" SINCE THE HIDDEN LOCATIONS OF MINED GOLD AND MONEY WERE KNOWN TO THE ATTACKERS.

- D. ON 900514, "REBEIZ PIZARRO" BATTALION CAPTURED EIGHT "DOMINGO LAIN" ELN NEAR SARAVENA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ARAUCA. THE INSURGENTS WERE IDENTIFIED AS CARLOS HUMBERTO ((PABON)), JACINTO ((JEREZ)), SILVIA ((GUERRA)) OR ((GUERARA)), ELIZABETH ((HERNANDEZ)), VICTOR MANUEL ((VILLAMIZAR)), LUIS ANTONIO ((MOSQUERA)) RUEDA, EFREN ALBERTO ((PERILLA)) MARTINEZ, ALEJANDRO ((SANCHEZ)) SANDOVAL, AND DIONISIO ((HERNANDEZ)) DUARTE. TROOPS ALSO CAPTURED REVOLVERS, FRAGMENTATION GRENADES, "ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES", AND ELECTRIC DETONATING DEVICES.

- E. THE SAME DAY, AUTHORITIES DETAINED THREE ELN IN MARIA LA BAJA (b)(3):10 USC 424 BOLIVAR, ALONG WITH RIFLES, PISTOLS, AMMUNITION, AND EXPLOSIVES. THE THREE WERE ID'D AS PEDRO MANUEL ((ARIETE)), JOSE HERNAN ((BERRIO)), AND NELSON ((DIAZZ)).

- F. STILL THE SAME DAY, A NATIONAL POLICE (CNP) ROADBLOCK IN BUCARAMANGA STOPPED A TAXI, FINDING WEAPONS AND ELN DOCUMENTS. THEY ARRESTED ANTONIO ((ARGUELLO)) CARRENO AND EFREN ((GALEANO)) LOPEZ. THE DUO WAS ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LUIS EDUARDO ((ORTIZ)) KIDNAPPING ON 900511 (b)(3):10 USC 424

- G. STILL ON 900514, ARMY TROOPS KILLED TWO "DOMINGO LAIN" ELN NEAR TAME (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE TWO WERE ID'D AS JESUS ALONSO ((GOMEZ)) CASTANO AND JAIRO ALFONSO ((VAQUERO)) SARMIENTO AKA "DARWIN". "DARWIN" COMMANDED "COMISION ESTRELLA" OF THE "DOMINGO LAIN" FRONT.

- H. THE SAME DAY, ELN ATTACKED ECOPETROL CAMPS IN NORTE DE SANTANDER (NFI), STEALING COMMUNICATIONS GEAR AND DESTROYING THE ENCAMPMENTS.

- I. ON 900515, ELN KILLED AN ECOPETROL CONTRACTOR KIDNAPPED ON 900513.

- J. THE SAME DAY, ELN STOLE FOURTEEN CATTLE FROM A WORKER'S CLUB, DISTRIBUTING THEM IN POOR BUCARAMANGA NEIGHBORHOODS.

- K. ALSO ON 900515, NINTH BRIGADE KILLED TWO ELN IN SEPARATE SKIRMISHES IN CORDOBA AND ARAUCA DEPARTMENTS (NFI).

- L. ON 900516, "BOMBONA" BATTALION KILLED TWO ELN AND CAPTURED TWO OTHERS IN SEGOVIA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTIOQUIA.

- M. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, AUTHORITIES CAPTURED TWO ELN IN BETULIA (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER.

- N. ON 900517, ELN FREED MILCIADES ((CANTILLO)), THE LIBERAL CONGRESSMAN KIDNAPPED ON 900512. LIBERATED WITH HIM WERE A REPORTER, NEWS ANNOUNCER AND CAMERAMAN KIDNAPPED SOME HOURS EARLIER THE SAME DAY. ALL WERE SET FREE

IN VALLEDUPAR (b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR. THE GROUP CARRIED AN ELN MESSAGE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIALOG AS "...THERE IS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT..."

2. (U) FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC) ACTIVITIES -
- A. ON 900515, FARC, THROUGH THE COORDINADORA GUERRILLERA SIMON BOLIVAR (CGSB) AGREED TO TALK PEACE AFTER ALVARO ((GOMEZ)) WINS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (b)(3):10 USC 424 MR. GOMEZ IS NOT THE FAVORED CANDIDATE - BY A CONSIDERABLE MARGIN).

- B. THE SAME DAY, TROOPS CAPTURED MANUEL ((OSORIO)) AND ANA ((HERNANDEZ)) IN RIOSUCIO (b)(3):10 USC 424 CHOCO. THE TWO INSURGENTS WERE ARMED AND CARRYING FARC PROPAGANDA.

- C. ON 900518, TROOPS OF "LA POPA" BATTALION KILLED EFRAIN ((ALMANZA)), ID'D AS MEMBER OF XIX FARC.

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

- A. ON 900516, EPL DENIED RUMORS THAT THEY HAD DISASSOCIATED FROM CGSB.

- B. ON 900518, FIRST MOBILE BRIGADE KILLED SEVEN EPL AND THREE ELN IN OPERATIONS NEAR TIERRALTA (b)(3):10 USC 424 CORDOBA. THE DEAD GUERRILLAS WERE ID'D AS FRANCISCO JAVIER ((DURANGO)) AKA "EL CASI", FREDDY ((MORENO)) TORRES AKA "MARLON", CLIMACO ((VEJAMBRE)) RAMOS AKA "EL MONO", LUIS MIGUEL ((MARTINEZ)) AKA "TERAPIO", MANUEL SALVADOR ((ACOSTA)) HERNANDEZ AKA "EL NINO", MARISELA PATRICIA ((MELENDEZ)) AKA "LILIANA", AND A U/I MAN.

4. (U) OTHER ACTIVITIES -

- A. ON 900516, U/I GUERRILLAS KIDNAPPED YAZID ((MONTOYA)), THE SON-IN-LAW OF IBAQUE MAYOR-ELECT NEAR GUATAQUI (b)(3):10 USC 424 CUNDINAMARCA.

- B. ON 900518, TROOPS OF "SUCRE" BATTALION FOUND AN ARMS CACHE IN MARIPI (b)(3):10 USC 424 ON THE BOYACA-SANTANDER BORDER. IT CONTAINED TWO 9MM PISTOLS, FOUR .38 CALIBER REVOLVERS, AND A FRAGMENTATION GRENADE.

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