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SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900505-900511.

TEXT: 1. (U) EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (ELN) ACTIVITIES WERE -
- A. ON 900505, AN ELN DYNAMITE AMBUSH SERIOUSLY WOUNDED THREE NATIONAL POLICEMEN (CNP) IN SARDINATA NORTE DE SANTANDER.
- B. ON 900506, ELN ATTACKED A CANADIAN-OWNED GOLDMINE NEAR LIMON ANTIOQUIA. THE INSURGENTS KIDNAPPED SEVEN EMPLOYEES, ONE OF WHOM WAS LATER FOUND DEAD. ADDITIONALLY, THEY DYNAMITED THE MINE'S ENTRANCE AND POWER PLANT AND STOLE A COMPUTER, TYPEWRITER, SIX VEHICLES AND A RADIO.
- C. ON 900507, CNP KILLED FOUR ELN AND CAPTURED SEVEN IN AN OCANA
NORTE DE SANTANDER, RESCUE OPERATION. RESCUED WAS ERNESTO ((RINCON)) NUÑEZ WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED ON 900413. KILLED WERE RAIDEMIO AND SAID ((RINCON)) VARGAS, RICARDO ((RINCON)) BERMUDEZ, AND AN U/I SUSPECT. POLICE ARRESTED PEDRO ((RIZO)) QUINTERO, ALIRIO ((AVEYANO)) SERRANO, JULIO ((ELIECER)) JAIME, ISMAEL ((GOMEZ)) PENARANDA, SAID ((SERRA)) DEL REAL, ELIDA ((CHOGO)) DE NAVARRO, AND CARMEN MARIA ((PEREZ)) CASTILLA. ONE POLICEMAN WAS WOUNDED IN THE RESCUE, WHICH ALSO NETTED FRAGMENTATION GRENADES, PISTOLS, AND SHOTGUNS.

- D. THE SAME DAY, ELN ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD LIBERATE THE TWO OILFIELD WORKERS KIDNAPPED NEAR BARRANCABERMEJA AFTER A "TRIAL" FOR PARAMILITARY ACTIVITIES.

- E. STILL THE SAME DAY, TROOPS FROM "LUCIANO D'LUYER" BATTALION KILLED FIVE ELN IN BETULIA-SANTANDER. ADDITIONALLY, THE SOLDIERS CAPTURED TWO ELN, FIELD GEAR, AND TWO VEHICLES.

- F. ELSEWHERE ON 900507, AN ECOPETROL PILOT SAFELY CRASHLANDED HIS HELICOPTER AFTER TAKING PRESUMED ELN GROUND FIRE SOMEWHERE IN URABA. HIS FIVE PASSENGERS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED.

- G. STILL ON 900507, PROBABLE FIFTH BRIGADE TROOPS KILLED FOUR ELN AND CAPTURED FOUR OTHERS IN BUCARAMANGA. THE GROUP IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF A LOCAL CATTLEMAN.

- H. ON 900508, ELN KIDNAPPED CATTLEMAN JOSE EDUARDO ((MATTOS)) LINAN SOMEWHERE IN CESAR DEPARTMENT.

- I. ELSEWHERE, ELN LIBERATED ENRIQUE ((ORTEGON)) RIVERA NEAR RIO DE ORO CESAR. KIDNAPPED ON 900419, HIS FAMILY PAID A RANSOM OF FIFTEEN MILLION PESOS (USD31,000).

- J. WHILE ON OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ELN, A LIEUTENANT AND TWO SOLDIERS OF "COLOMBIA" BATTALION WERE HURT BY A LIGHTENING STRIKE NEAR ZARAGOZA ANTIOQUIA.

- K. ON 900509, TWENTY ELN ATTACKED A HIMAT (A COLOMBIAN HYDROLOGICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION) CAMP NEAR EL ZULIA NORTE DE SANTANDER. THE GUERRILLAS FORCED THE WORKERS TO FLEE AND BURNED THE CAMP AND ITS EQUIPMENT.

- L. THE SAME DAY, ELN SET FREE A CATTLEMAN AND STUDENT KIDNAPPED ON 900428. AN UNDISCLOSED RANSON WAS PAID BEFORE MANUEL AND PEMIER ((FORERO)) OJEDA WERE LIBERATED BETWEEN AGUACICHA AND RIO DE ORO, CESAR.

- M. STILL THE SAME DAY, AUTHORITIES UNCOVERED AN ELN ARMS CACHE NEAR ARAUCA CONFISCATING SHOTGUNS, CARBINES, PISTOLS, AND ELN DOCUMENTS.

- N. ELSEWHERE, PRESUMED ELN KILLED FIVE PEASANTS NEAR CACHIRA SANTANDER.

- O. NEAR BETANIA, HUILA, THE SAME DAY, NINTH BRIGADE FRUSTRATED AN ELN ATTEMPT TO BLOW ELECTIC PYLONS. THE "AIDA VARGAS" COMMAND OF THE "LA