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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. THE SAME DAY, THREE PRESUMED ELN KIDNAPPED LIBERAL CONGRESSMAN MILCIADES ((CANTILLO)) COSTA FROM HIS RANCH IN CODAZZI
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- C. ON 900513, ELN LIBERATED THREE ENGINEERS KIDNAPPED FROM THE
CANADIAN-OWNED "EL LIMON" GOLDMINE ORDERING THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY. 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 LAìn" ELN NEAR SARAVENA 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 BOLIVAR, ALONG WITH RIFLES, PISTOLS, AMMUNITION, AND EXPLOSIVES. THE THREE WERE ID'D AS PEDRO MANUEL (ARIETE), JOSE HERNAN (IBERRIO), 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.

- G. STILL ON 900514, ARMY TROOPS KILLED TWO "DOMINGO LAìn" ELN NEAR TAME CASTANO AND JAIRO ALFONSO (VAQUERO) SARMIENTO AKA "DARWIN". "DARWIN" COMMANDER "COMISION ESTRELLA" OF THE "DOMINGO LAìn" 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 ANTIOQUIA.

- M. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, AUTHORITIES CAPTURED TWO ELN IN BETULIA 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, 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 MR. GOMEZ IS NOT THE FAVORED CANDIDATE - BY A CONSIDERABLE MARGIN).
   B. THE SAME DAY, TROOPS CAPTURED MANUEL ((OSORIO)) AND ANA ((HERNANDEZ)) IN RIOSUCIO 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 LIBRACION (EPL) ACTIVITIES -
   A. ON 900516, EPL DENIED RUMORS THAT THEY HAD DISSOCIATED FROM CGSB.
   B. ON 900518, FIRST MOBILE BRIGADE KILLED SEVEN EPL AND THREE ELN IN OPERATIONS NEAR TIERRALTA CORDOBA. THE DEAD GUERRILLAS WERE ID'D AS FRANCISCO JAVIER ((DURANGO)) AKA "EL CASI", FREDDY ((MORENO)) TORRES AKA "MARLON", CLIMACO ((VEJAMBE)) RAMOS AKA "EL MONO", LUIS MIGUEL ((MARTINEZ)) AKA "TERAPIO", MANUEL SALVADOR ((ACOSTA)) HERNANDEZ AKA "EL NINO", MARISELA PATRICIA ((MELENDEZ)) AKA "LILIANA", AND A UI/MAN.

4. (U) OTHER ACTIVITIES -
   A. ON 900516, U/I GUERRILLAS KIDNAPPED YAZID ((MONTOYA)), THE SON-IN-LAW OF IBAQUE MAYOR-ELECT NEAR GUATAQUI CUNDINAMARCA.
   B. ON 900518, TROOPS OF "SUCRE" BATTALION FOUND AN ARMS CACHE IN MARIPON ON THE BOYACA-SANTANDER BORDER. IT CONTAINED TWO 9MM PISTOLS, FOUR .38 CALIBER REVOLVERS, AND A FRAGMENTATION GRENADE.