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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP (900707-900713) (U)
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DOI: (U) 900708-900713.
REQS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424
SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL TIEMPO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA,
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SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA
ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900707-900713.
TEXT: 1. (U) EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (ELN) ACTIVITIES
WERE -
- A. SECOND OPERATIONS COMMAND TROOPS KILLED THREE "COMISION
CAMILO TORRES" ELN NEAR AGUACHICA (b)(3):10 USC 424
ARAUCAN
ON 900708. ONE SOLDIER WAS KILLED AS THE UNIT CAPTURED FOUR OTHER
GUERRILLAS IDENTIFIED AS RODRIGO ((MONTOYA)), SORAIDA ((SANCHEZ)),
AND THE BROTHERS ((CADENA)) CACERES - HERNANDO AND BAUTISTA. THE
DEAD WERE IDENTIFIED AS JAIME ((PABON)) AKA "CHINCHE", JESUS
((ORTIZ)) VELANDIA AND AN UNKNOWN.
- B. THE SAME DAY, A 150-MAN GROUP OF ELN MURDERED NINE PEOPLE NEAR LA HORMIGA (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER), PUTUMAYO.
AUTHORITIES BLAMED A LOCAL GUERRILLA-NARCO DISPUTE FOR THE INCIDENT.
- C. STILL ON 900708, FIFTH BRIGADE SOLDIERS KILLED AN ELN NEAR ARENALES (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER) ON THE BOLIVAR-SANTANDER BORDER. AUTHORITIES CONFISCATED A RIFLE, AMMUNITION AND SEVERAL HAND GRENADES.
- D. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, ELN DYNAMITED A POLICE CHECKPOINT NEAR SANTA BARBARA(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) ANTIOQUIA. NO POLICE WERE INJURED AS THE INSURGENTS STOLE THEIR SIDEARMS AND BLEW UP THEIR SHACK.
- E. ON 900709, TWENTY "CLAUDIA ISABEL ESCOBAR" ELN KIDNAPPED THREE NATIONAL CUSTOMS AGENTS FROM THEIR BOOTH AT KILOMETER EIGHTEEN ON THE ROAD BETWEEN BUCARAMANGA AND PAMPLEONA(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) NORTE DE SANTANDER. THE THREE VICTIMS WERE ID'D AS ISAEL BLANCO ((GUERRERO)) RINCON, CARLOS ((VELA)) BARAHONA, AND SEGISMUNDO ((BLANCO)) APARICO.
- F. ON 900711, "DOMINGO LAIN" ELN AMBUSHED A SECOND INFANTRY BATTALION "SUCRE" PLATOON AT THE BRIDGE OVER THE BOJABA RIVER NEAR SARAVENA(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) ARAUCA. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.
- G. ELSEWHERE, PRESUMED ELN GUERRILLAS KILLED SEVENTY MILK COWS NEAR PIVAJAY(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) MAGDALENA. THE RANCHOWNER HAD REFUSED TO PAY A "VACCINATION" OF TEN MILLION PESOS (USD 20,000).
- H. STILL THE SAME DAY, ELN BURNED A BUS NEAR PUERTO WILCHES(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) SANTANDER. ALL PASSENGERS WERE EVACUATED FIRST.
- I. PRESUMED ELN KIDNAPPED INDUSTRIALIST LUIS ((GARRIDO)) TOVAR AND CATTLEMAN JORGE ((VELEZ)) JARAMILLO NEAR YOTOCO(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) VALLE DEL CAUCA, ON 900711.
- J. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, THREE ELN LIBERATED RANCHER FIDEL ((QUINTERO)) SANCHEZ NEAR OCANA(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) NORTE DE SANTANDER. HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED ON 900601.
- K. THE SAME DAY, SECOND DIVISION TROOPS KILLED AN ELN NEAR MORALES(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) BOLIVAR. MILITARY SOURCES SAID THAT THREE OTHER BODIES WERE CARRIED OFF BY THE INSURGENT FORCE.
- L. ON 900712, THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION "CODAZZI" SOLDIERS FOUND A DEAD ELN INSURGENT ID'D AS "CONRADO" OUTSIDE OF PALMIRA(\textit{b}(3);10 USC 424) NEARBY, THE TROOPS DISCOVERED THREE CARBINES AND AMMUNITION.
- M. ON 900713, ELN BLEW UP A CHECKPOINT ON THE BUCARAMANGA-BARRANCABERMEJA HIGHWAY, CLOSING THE ROAD FOR FOUR
HOURS. THE INSURGENTS ALSO BURNED AN OIL TANKER.
2. (U) FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC)
ACTIVITIES WERE:
- A. COLOMBIAN ARMY (COLAR) TROOPS KILLED A FARC NEAR SUCRE
  SANTANDER, ON 900708.
- B. ON 900710, PRESUMED FARC (DRESSED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS AND
  CARRYING A LIST) KILLED FIVE FARM WORKERS NEAR SANTANDER DE
  QUILCHAO CAUCA. ARMED WITH RIFLES AND .45 CALIBER PISTOLS, THE GROUP ALSO KILLED A COW.
- C. THE SAME DAY, XXXI FARC AMBUSHED A SECOND ARTILLERY
  BATTALION "LA POPA" PATROL, KILLING A SOLDIER, NEAR BECERRIL
  CESAR. NEARBY, OTHER "LA POPA" SOLDIERS
  CONFISCATED SIXTY-FIVE KILOS OF DYNAMITE NEAR ESTADOS UNIDOS (NOT
  LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER).
- D. ELSEWHERE, FARC SENT A WRITTEN THREAT TO THE M-19 MAYORAL
  CANDIDATE FOR SAN ALBERTO (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER), CESAR.
  MANUEL ((LIZCANO)) IS RUNNING BECAUSE THE ELECTED MAYOR WAS KILLED
  IN A TRAFFIC MISHAP.
- E. ON 900712, TRUCK-BORNE FARC ATTACKED A FIRST ARTILLERY
  BATTALION "TARQUI" ROADBLOCK NEAR AQUITANIA
  ANTIOQUIA. TWO COLAR WERE WOUNDED AND A
  GUERRILLA CAPTURED IN THE ACTION.
- F. ELSEWHERE, XII FARC ATTEMPTED AN AMBUSH ON ELEMENTS OF THE
  FOURTEENTH ENGINEER BATTALION "CALIBIO" NEAR PUERTO PARRA
  SANTANDER. A FARC DIED AND A SOLDIER
  WAS LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE INCIDENT.
3. (U) EJERCITO POPULAR DE LIBERACION (EPL) ACTIVITIES WERE:
- A. EPL NEGOTIATORS ANNOUNCED ON 900708 THAT THEY WERE REPLACING
  EPL COMMANDER FRANCISCO ((CARABALLO)) DUE TO HIS REFUSAL TO ACCEPT
  THE PEACE PROCESS. A NATIONAL DIRECTORATE WILL TAKE OVER THE
  LEADERSHIP, THE FIRST TIME IN ITS 23-YEAR HISTORY THAT THE
  ORGANIZATION WILL BE RUN BY COMMITTEE.
- B. ON 900709, EIGHTEEN EPL FRONT COMMANDERS CONTINUED THEIR
  TALKS IN PUEBLO NUEVO SOME 700
  GUERRILLAS ARE NOW IN THE ENCAMPMENT.
- C. ON 900711, REGIONAL COMMANDER MARCOS ((JARA)) ORDERED HIS
  500 GUERRILLAS TO CONCENTRATE IN JUAN JOSE
  CORDOBA, AS PART OF THE PEACE PROCESS.