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SUMMARY: (U) THIS IIR SUMMARIZES GUERRILLA ACTIVITY FOR 880601-880630. THERE WERE 62 REPORTED INCIDENTS THIS PERIOD. THE ELN LED FOR THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE MONTH WITH 30 INCIDENTS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF PIPELINE ATTACKS AND SOME ACTIVITY IN VENEZUELA. THE EPL AND M-19 WERE ALSO ACTIVE.

TEXT: 1. (U) FARC ACTIVITY:

- A. (U) BETWEEN 880531-880603, THE ARMY KILLED 21 FARC/EPL IN THE VICINITY OF SAN PADRO DE URABA (ANTIOQUIA), AS A RESULT OF THE DISCOVERY OF A "SUMMIT" BETWEEN 300-400 FARC AND EPL. THE SUMMIT WAS CALLED TO SETTLE TERRITORIAL DISPUTES AND OTHER MATTERS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. SEVEN MILITARY WERE KILLED AND 20 WOUNDED IN THE SERIES OF ENGAGEMENTS.
- B. (U) ON 880604, 2 FARC WERE KILLED BY ARMY TROOPS NEAR YOPAL (CASANARE).
- C. (U) ON 880609, 2 IX FARC AND 1 SOLDIER WERE KILLED IN AN ENGAGEMENT NEAR SAN ROQUE (ANTIOQUIA).
- D. (U) ON 880611, 2 IX FARC FRONT ATTACKED THE VILLAGE OF GRANADA (ANTIOQUIA). THE 12 POLICE DEFENDERS KILLED 4 GUERRILLAS, WHILE HAVING 3 OF THEIR OWN NUMBERS WOUNDED. TWO CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND 4 WOUNDED DURING THE COMBAT. THE GUERRILLAS MADE OFF WITH A TOTAL OF USD 27,000 FROM THE AGRARIAN BANK/VARIOUS PRIVATE CITIZENS.
- E. (U) ALSO ON 880611, SEVERAL (NFI) FARC AND M-19 WERE CAPTURED WITH SEVERAL KILOS OF MARIJUANA NEAR CORINTO (CAUCA).
- F. (U) ALSO ON 880611, 60 XXI FARC ATTACKED LOS ANDES (TOLIMA). DURING THE SEVEN HOUR ATTACK, 2 GUERRILLAS AND 2 POLICE WERE KILLED. GUERRILLAS USED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, GRENADES, AND LAWS DURING THE ATTACK.
- G. (U) ON 880612, THE COMMANDER AND THE FINANCE CHIEF OF THE IV FARC FRONT WERE KILLED NEAR PUERTO FRAZADAS (CAUCA).
- H. (U) ON 880613, 3 FARC WERE KILLED BY ARMY TROOPS NEAR LA PORFIA (SANTANDER).
- I. (U) ON 880617, 2 XXI FARC AND 2 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED, 1 SOLDIER WOUNDED, IN A 2 HOUR COMBAT NEAR LA CIMA (TOLIMA).
- J. (U) ALSO ON 880617, 2 IX FARC WERE KILLED NEAR SAN RAFAEL (ANTIOQUIA), AS ARMY TROOPS CONTINUED TO PURSUE THE GROUP WHICH ATTACKED GRANADA (SEE PARA 1.D. ABOVE).
- K. (U) ON 880618, 2 INDIANS WERE KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED BY 10 FARC NEAR SILVIA (CAUCA), AFTER AN ATTACK ON THAT VILLAGE.
- L. (U) ON 880620, 1 XXIX FARC AND 1 SOLDIER WERE KILLED IN AN ENGAGEMENT NEAR LA CHAPA (CAUCA).

- M. (U) ALSO ON 880620, THE FARC ASSASSINATED A CATTLEMAN NEAR SAN VINCENTE DE CHUCURI (SANTANDER).
- N. (U) ON 880621, THE FARC SHOT DOWN A MILITARY HELICOPTER NEAR SOTARA (CAUCA). THE CRASH INJURED ALL 8 OCCUPANTS.
- O. (U) BETWEEN 880604-880623 THE 7TH BRIGADE CONTINUED ITS OPERATIONS AGAINST THE I FARC (GUAVIARE) AND THE XXXVIII FARC (CASANARE), FURTHER DISRUPTING THEIR OPERATIONS AND MAKING SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS/NARCOTICS SUPPLIES ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE TWO GROUPS. (CITE (b)(3):10 USC 424 FOR DETAILS).
- P. (U) BETWEEN 880601-880628, THE 3RD BRIGADE ALSO CONDUCTED SIGNIFICANT ANTI-NARCOGUERRILLA OPERATIONS AROUND CORINTO (CAUCA) (CITE (b)(3):10 USC 424 FOR DETAILS).

2. (U) ELN ACTIVITY:

- A. (U) ON 880601, THE ELN CONDUCTED A TRIPLE ATTACK ON THE CANO LIMON PIPELINE, NEAR AYACUCHO, LA GLORIA, AND GUAMILITO (ALL CESAR).
- B. (U) ON 880602, THE ELN AMBUSHED AN ARMY PATROL NEAR LOS CANOAS (ARAUCA), KILLING 1 SOLDIER, WOUNDING 2, AND KIDNAPPING 1 MORE.
- C. (U) ALSO ON 880602, 20 ELN ATTACKED A VENEZUELAN PATROL NEAR RAT ISLAND/PUERTO AYACUCHO (FRONTIER OF CO VICHADA PROVINCE). NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.
- D. (U) ON 880603, THE POLICE BROKE UP ELN/M-19 PLANS TO DYNAMITE VARIOUS BUILDINGS (NFI) IN CALI. IN THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VALLE, POLICE SEIZED 27 MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, 2 KILOS OF POWDERED SULFUR, 1 LITER OF POTASSIUM CHLORATE, 1 BOTTLE OF SULFURIC ACID, 25 LIGHT BULBS FULL OF PAINT, AND PROPAGANDA.
- E. (U) ON 880604, ELN ATTACKED 2 BUSES INSIDE VENEZUELA, ONE ON THE CUCUTA (CO)-SAN CRISTOBAL (VE) ROAD, AND THE OTHER NEAR THE BORDER NORTH OF CUCUTA. CASUALTIES WERE NOT REPORTED.
- F. (U) ON 880605, 15 ELN DYNAMITED AN ELECTRIC TOWER NEAR OCANA (SANTANDER), CAUSING A BLACKOUT FOR SEVERAL HOURS.
- G. (U) ALSO ON 880605, OVER 50 ELN ATTACKED THE TOWN OF CIBARA (BAYACA). THE 30 MAN POLICE GARRISON RECEIVED ADVANCE WARNING AND DROVE OFF THE ATTACKERS. CASUALTIES WERE NOT REPORTED.
- H. (U) ON 880604-05, THE ELN DYNAMITED THE CANO LIMON PIPELINE AT KILOMETERS 440, 62, 47, AND 46. OVER 150 METERS OF PIPE WERE DESTROYED IN THE ATTACKS.
- I. (U) ON 880607, 13 ELN WERE CAPTURED BY POLICE ON 3 DIFFERENT RANCHES NEAR SAN MARTIN (CESAR). THE ELN BELONGED TO THE CAMILO TORRES FRONT.
- J. (U) ALSO ON 880607, THE SAME ELN IN PARA 2.F. BLEW UP A MICROWAVE REPEATER NEAR CONVENCION (NORTE DE SANTANDER). DAMAGE WAS OVER USD 203,000 AND WILL TAKE 4 MONTHS TO REPAIR.

- K. (U) ON 880610, 3 ELN WERE KILLED BY VENEZUELAN TROOPS ON THE FRONTIER OF VE TACHIRA PROVINCE AS THEY WERE ENROUTE TO KIDNAP A CATTLEMAN. ARMS, GRENADES, AND AMMUNITION WERE CAPTURED.
- L. (U) ALSO ON 880610, ARMY TROOPS DISCOVERED ELN AS THEY WERE SETTING CHARGES ON THE CANO LIMON PIPELINE AT KM 419. ONE GUERRILLA WAS KILLED, AND 5 KILOS OF DYNAMITE AND 10 METERS OF SLOW MATCH WERE CAPTURED.
- M. (U) ON 880613, THE ELN AMBUSHED AN ARMY PATROL NEAR THE AIRPORT OF TAME (ARAUCA), KILLING ONE SOLDIER AND WOUNDING 5. THE GUERRILLAS THEN PLACED CHARGES IN THE AIRPORT RUNWAY, PUTTING IT TEMPORARILY OUT OF ACTION.
- N. (U) ON 880614, THE ELN ATTACKED A GOLD MINE NEAR CACERES (ANTIOQUIA), KILLING A GUARD AND STEALING SOME USD 33,000 IN GOLD. THEY ALSO DESTROYED 2 BULLDOZERS WITH EXPLOSIVES, CAUSING A LOSS OF OVER USD 135,00.
- O. (U) ALSO ON 880614, THE ELN DYNAMITED THE CANO LIMON PIPELINE NEAR LA GLORIA (CESAR). DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT.
- P. (U) ALSO ON 880614, THE ELN DESTROYED A BRIDGE NEAR PELAYA (CESAR).
- Q. (U) ON 880616, THE ELN ATTACKED THE CANO LIMON PIPELINE AT KM 72 AND 490. DAMAGE WAS EXTENSIVE, CAUSING PUMPING TO STOP.
- R. (U) BETWEEN 880603-880620, POLICE DISMANTLED AN ELN AND EPL URBAN NET IN MEDELLIN. ALTHOUGH THE NET WAS MOSTLY EPL, POLICE CAPTURED ELN MARIO ((ESCOBAR)) VILLEGAS, AKA CAPTAIN DAVID, A MAJOR ELN LOGISTICS/URBAN COORDINATOR. HE WAS APPARENTLY ADVISING THE EPL ON ORGANIZATION OF THE URBAN NET. ALSO SEE PARA 3.K. BELOW.
- S. (U) ON 880620, 30 ELN ATTACKED THE MILITARY OUTPOST OF ARAUQUITA (ARAUCA). NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.
- T. (U) ON 880621, THE ELN BLEW UP A BRIDGE NEAR PERALONSO (SANTANDER), WHILE FAILING IN AN ATTEMPT ON A BRIDGE NEAR SAN ANDRES (SANTANDER).
- U. (U) ALSO ON 880621, THE ELN BLEW UP 20 METERS OF CANO LIMON PIPELINE AT KM 456.
- V. (U) ALSO ON 880621, THE ELN ATTACKED AN ARMY PATROL NEAR VIJAGUAL (SANTANDER), KILLING 2 SOLDIERS AND 2 CIVILIANS.
- W. (U) ON 880625, THE ELN WOUNDED 1 SOLDIER IN AN ENGAGEMENT AT SALOA (CESAR).
- X. (U) ON 880626, THE ELN HAD 2 KILLED BY 5TH BRIGADE TROOPS NEAR LA CUEVA DEL OSA (CESAR).
- Y. (U) ON 880627, 30 ELN OF THE JOSE SOLANO SEPULVEDA FRONT ATTACKED SANTA ROSA DE SIMITI (BOLIVAR). ONE GUERRILLA WAS WOUNDED BY THE POLICE DEFENDERS. HE WAS APPARENTLY THE GUERRILLA LEADER, BECAUSE THE GROUP BROKE AND RAN AT THAT POINT, LEAVING BEHIND VARIOUS ARMS AND EXPLOSIVE CHARGES.
- W. (U) ALSO ON 880627, THE ELN KIDNAPPED IACOMO ((GAMBINI)),

U.S. CITIZEN AND HEAD OF GENERAL PIPE SERVICE COMPANY.

- AA. (U) ON 880628, THE ELN BLEW UP 40 METERS (TOTAL) OF THE CANO LIMON PIPELINE IN ATTACKS AT KM 457 AND 681.
- BB. (U) ALSO ON 880628, THE ELN ATTACKED A PATROL NEAR TAMALAMEQUE (CESAR), KILLING 2 SOLDIERS.
- CC. (U) ALSO ON 880628, THE ELN ASSASSINATED A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF BUCARAMANGA IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, IN THE CITY'S CENTER, WHILE WOUNDING ANOTHER CITIZEN IN THE SAME ATTACK.
- DD. (U) ON 880629, COMBINED OPERATIONS OF THE 5TH AND 8TH BRIGADES NEAR HONDURAS (SANTANDER) CAPTURED THE CAMP OF THE ELN CARLOS ARMANDO CACUA FRONT, ALONG WITH VALUABLE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION (CITE (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. (U) EPL ACTIVITY;

- A. (U) ON 880602, POLICE DISMANTLED AN EPL TRAINING SCHOOL IN MEDELLIN, CAPTURING 2 GUERRILLAS, AMMUNITION, 3 RADIO TRANSMITTERS, AND PROPAGANDA.
- B. (U) ON 880603, 3 EPL WERE KILLED NEAR EL CARMEN (PUTUMAYO), IN AN ATTACK ON THE TOWN BY 100 GUERRILLAS. THE ATTACK FAILED DUE TO THE GUERRILLAS BEING DISCOVERED BY UNIFIED SOUTHERN COMMAND TROOPS, WHO APPARENTLY LAUNCHED A SPOILING ATTACK. THE GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN EXTORTING MONEY IN THE AREA. VARIOUS ARMS AND MUNITIONS WERE CAPTURED.
- C. (U) ON 880604, 40 EPL SEIZED VALPARAISO (ANTIOQUIA), LOSING ONE GUERRILLA KILLED IN THE ATTACK, AND 2 MORE IN PURSUIT ENGAGEMENTS. 2 POLICE WERE KILLED, 2 POLICE AND 3 CIVILIANS WOUNDED. THE GUERRILLAS STOLE USD 34,000 FROM THE COFFEEMAN'S BANK. THEY ALSO KIDNAPPED 2 CIVILIANS, WHO WERE RELEASED UNHARMED ON 880606.
- D. (U) ON 880606, THE EPL KILLED 3 SOLDIERS IN AN AMBUSH NEAR TURBO (ANTIOQUIA).
- E. (U) ON 880611, 16 EPL WERE CAPTURED NEAR GRAND CALDAS (CALDAS). THE GROUP WAS A REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUP OF THE OSCAR WILLIAM CALVO FRONT. CAPTURED WERE THE LEADER MILTON ((PATINO)) OCAMPO, AND THE FRONT'S CHIEFS OF SUPPLY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND RECRUITING.
- F. (U) ON 880612, THE EPL DYNAMITED AN ELECTRIC TOWER OUTSIDE BOGOTA.
- G. (U) ON 880613, THE EPL AMBUSHED AN ARMY PATROL NEAR EL ORO (CALDAS), KILLING 6 AND WOUNDING 5. GUERRILLA LOSSES WERE 3 DEAD AND 2 WOUNDED.
- H. (U) ALSO ON 880613, THE EPL BOMBED A POLICE VEHICLE IN BUCARAMANGA, WOUNDING 3 POLICEMEN.
- I. (U) ON 880614, 15-20 EPL ATTACKED THE 4TH MP BATTALION GARRISON IN DOWNTOWN MEDELLIN. THE 1630 ATTACK LASTED ABOUT 15 MINUTES, AND WAS CONDUCTED ON ALL SIDES OF THE COMPOUND. TWO

GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED AND 2 WOUNDED BEFORE THEY WITHDREW. THE ATTACK WAS APPARENTLY A REACTION TO 4TH BRIGADE ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST MONTHS.

- J. (U) ON 880619, 6 EPL ATTACKED THE AGRARIAN BANK OF SUPIA (CALDAS). THE ATTACK FAILED BECAUSE A BANK GUARD FIRED ON THE GROUP, WHICH RETURNED FIRE, KILLING THE GUARD. THE GROUP THEN FLED THROUGH THE TOWN MARKET, GUNNING DOWN ANOTHER POLICEMAN BEFORE THEY REJOINED ANOTHER EPL GROUP ON THE EDGE OF SUPIA, AND BOTH GROUPS FLED.

- K. (U) BETWEEN 880603-880620, POLICE DISMANTLED AN EPL/ELN URBAN NET IN MEDELLIN. BESIDES THE ELN LOGISTICS/URBAN COORDINATOR MENTIONED IN PARA 2.R. ABOVE, POLICE ALSO REMANDED 30 OTHER EPL MEMBERS. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT WAS 4 SUBMACHINEGUNS, 4 SELF-LOADING PISTOLS, 6 REVOLVERS, UNIFORMS, 1 KILO OF COCAINE, SEVERAL SHOTGUNS, 7 HAND GRENADES, 1500 CARTRIDGES OF VARIOUS TYPES, 29 STICKS OF DYNAMITE, 2 ELECTRIC FIRING DEVICES, 17 HOMEMADE BOMBS, AND 1 PERSONAL COMPUTER, ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS SHOWING THE GROUP HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVERAL RECENT BOMBINGS, AND HAD PLANS FOR OTHERS.

4. (U) M-19 ACTIVITY;

- A. (U) ON 880605, 3RD BRIGADE TROOPS KILLED 2 M-19 NEAR CAJIBIO (CAUCA).

- B. (U) ON 880606, 3RD BRIGADE TROOPS KILLED 5 MORE M-19 NEAR TAME (CAUCA), CAPTURING 2 G3 RIFLES, 1 M1 CARBINE, 1 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN, 2 G3 RIFLE GRENADES AND VARIOUS MAGAZINES AND AMMUNITION.

- C. (U) ON 880608, 40 M-19 ATTACKED AN ARMY PATROL NEAR TABLON ALTO (HUILA). 3 GUERRILLAS AND 2 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED; 1 SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED.

- D. (U) ON 880613, THE M-19 KIDNAPPED RODRIGO ((VALDERRAMA)), AN IMPORTANT BUSINESSMAN OF CALI.

- E. (U) ALSO ON 880613, THE M-19 KILLED 1 SOLDIER IN AN AMBUSH NEAR VILLAGARZON (PUTUMAYO).

- F. (U) ON 880622, POLICE SEIZED THE M-19 "RADIO MACONDO" RADIO STATION. TWO GUERRILLAS WERE CAPTURED, ALONG WITH THE LATEST M-19 BULLETINS ON THE ALVARO GOMEZ KIDNAPPING, A TRANSMITTER, AND ARMY MANUALS ON MORTAR EMPLOYMENT. THE TRANSMITTER HAD BEEN INTERFERING WITH LOCAL RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS, BUT HAD APPARENTLY NOT BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN BREAKING INTO THE TRANSMISSIONS.

- G. (U) ON 880624, 15 M-19 STOLE AND BURNED 4 TRACTORS. THEY HAD PLANNED TO DEMAND USD 20,000 FOR THEIR RETURN, BUT HAD TO BURN THEM WHEN A POLICE PATROL APPROACHED, AND THEY COULDN'T GET THE TRACTORS AWAY. LOSS WAS USD 120,000.

- H. (U) ON 880626, AN M-19 PRINTING PRESS WAS FOUND IN BOGOTA. 10 GUERRILLAS WERE CAPTURED.

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1.A. APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TO FURTHER REFINE THE FARC-EPL ARRANGEMENT CITED IN (b)(3) 10 USC 424

2. (C) ELN PIPELINE ATTACKS ARE BEGINNING TO AFFECT THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. IF CONTINUED AT THIS PACE, THEY COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON COLOMBIA'S ECONOMY. (b)(3):10 USC 424

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3. (C) ELN BRIDGE ATTACKS APPEAR TO BE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT ISOLATING CUCUTA AND THAT AREA OF NORTE DE SANTANDER PROVINCE, WHICH WOULD SEVERELY REDUCE MILITARY MOBILITY IN THE AREA. MAIN ROADS TO CUCUTA ARE 2 GOOD ONES AND 1 MEDIOCRE ONE, AND ELN ATTACKS CUT ONE OF THE GOOD ONES TEMPORARILY. CUTTING BOTH GOODS ROADS WOULD FORCE TRAFFIC ONTO THE MEDIOCRE ONE, DOUBLING OR POSSIBLY TREBLING TRAVEL TIME TO BOGOTA, AS WELL AS GREATLY RESTRICTING CROSS-TRAVEL IN THE DEPARTMENT.

4. (C) THE FARC HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS, ESPECIALLY IN CAQUETA AND PUTUMAYO. ADDED TO THIS IS THEIR REFUSAL TO HEAVILY ENGAGE 7TH BRIGADE TROOPS IN GUAVIARE AND META. THUS, FARC EFFORTS APPEAR TO BE ORIENTED INTERNALLY AT ESTABLISHING COMPLETE DOMINANCE OF EASTERN CAQUETA AND PUTUMAYO, KEEPING A LOW PROFILE TO REDUCE ARMY ATTENTION.

5. (C) THE EPL SEEMS TO BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 10TH BRIGADE FROM THE URABA, BASED ON ITS INCREASE IN OFFENSIVE ACTIONS.

6. (C/NF) M-19 ACTIVITY HAS INCREASED, ALTHOUGH IT STILL SEEMS EASIER TO PENETRATE THAN ANY OTHER GROUP, BASED ON CONTINUED SUCCESSFUL MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE GROUP.

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