

(b)(3):10 USC 424; (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i)



Military Leadership Profile

COLOMBIA

Major General Mario MONTROYA Uribe

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(U) NAME: Major General Mario MONTROYA Uribe, Army.



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(U) POSITION: Commander, Army since 20 February 2006.

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1.4(c); Sec. 1.4(d)

General Montoya took command in the wake of a scandal involving the mistreatment of soldiers. Montoya's reputation is that of a plain spoken, aggressive tactician who likes being in the field.

(b)(1); (b)(3):10 USC 424; Sec. 1.4(b); Sec. 1.4(c); Sec. 1.4(d)

In his first press statements as Army Commander, Montoya pledged to "get the army beyond the scandal" and provide security for the presidential elections.

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(S//NF) General Montoya believes strongly that the capture of the illegal groups' leaders is the key to defeating the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

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Brigade commander in Medellin.

Perceived by Colombian pundits as an Uribe favorite, the two met while the general served as the 4th the two like-minded men may still talk daily.

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