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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF REPORTS

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ON THE LEADERSHIP AND ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION FOR THE AUC AND SUBORDINATE/INDEPENDENT SELF-DEFENSE GROUP ELEMENTS.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S)~~ THE UNITED SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF **COLOMBIA** (AUC), LED BY **CARLOS ((CASTANO))** GIL, IS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION CONTROLLING THE MAJORITY OF **COLOMBIA'S** SELF-DEFENSE AND PARAMILITARY FORCES. THE AUC IS COMPOSED OF GENERAL STAFF ELEMENT AND NINE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS. THE MOST IMPORTANT GROUPS ARE THE PEASANT SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF CORDOBA AND URABA (ACCU), THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF SANTANDER AND SOUTHERN CESAR (AUSAC), THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF THE EASTERN PLAINS (ACLO), THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF PUERTO BOYACA, THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF THE MAGDALENA MEDIO (AMM), THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF SIMITI, THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF CASANARE, THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF CUNDINAMARCA, AND THE VALLUNA COUNTER GUERRILLA GROUP. THIS REPORT WILL COVER THE GENERAL STAFF, THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS, AND FINANCES.

2. ~~(S)~~ PRIOR TO 1998, THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY CLASSIFIED SELF-DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS AS CRIMINAL ELEMENTS. WITH THE 1998 PRESIDENTIAL ORDER TO ATTACK SELF-DEFENSE FORCES, COLOMBIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS BEGAN TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE INFORMATION ON ALL SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT PROVIDES A COMPARISON OF PRESS REPORTING, THE AUC HOMEPAGE AND A REPORT PREPARED BY THE COLOMBIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE SECTION FOR ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL MORA.

3. ~~(S)~~ THE GENERAL STAFF IS THE AUC'S DECISION-MAKING BODY, COMPRISED OF 21 LEADERS FROM THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES WHICH MAKE UP THE AUC AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDEPENDENT SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS. THE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE STAFF ARE:

- A. **CARLOS ((CASTANO))** GIL, ACCU
- B. CESAR ((MARTIN)), ACCU
- C. SANTANDER ((LOZADA)), ACCU
- D. JOSE ALFREDO ((BERRIO)), ACCU
- E. VICTOR A. ((TRIANA)), SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF PUERTO BOYACA
- F. CESAR ((SALAZAR)), SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF PUERTO BOYACA
- G. RAMON MARIA ((ISAZA)) ARANGO, AMM

H. ALIAS "TENIENTE GONZALEZ", AMM

I. HUMBERTO ((CASTRO)), ALLO

J. ULISES ((MENDOZA)), ALLO

4. ~~(S)~~ THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE AUC ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ACCU. THE ACCU COMMANDED BY **CARLOS ((CASTANO))** GIL IS COMPOSED OF A CENTRAL STAFF, FIVE BLOCS, A MOBILE SCHOOL, AND ONE FRONT. A SECURITY FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 500 COMBATANTS PROTECTS CASTANO AND HIS STAFF. OTHER KEY LEADERS OF THE ACCU ARE CESAR ((MARTIN)), SANTANDER ((LOZADA)), AND JOSE ALBERTO ((BERRIO)). THE BLOCS ARE ORGANIZED INTO A BLOC HEADQUARTERS, AND STAFF ELEMENTS. THE STAFF CONSISTS OF ONE FINANCE, ONE INTELLIGENCE, AND TWO RURAL OPERATIONS COMMISSIONS. (b)(1),1.4 (c) A COMMISSION IS NORMALLY A TASK FORCE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION THAT USUALLY SPECIALIZES IN ONE AREA.)

1) THE NORTHERN BLOC, UNDER THE COMMAND OF SANTANDER ((LOZADA)), IS COMPOSED OF FOUR FRONTS WITH APPROXIMATELY 1300 COMBATANTS. THEY ARE THE:

A) RITO ANTONIO OCHOA FRONT. THIS FRONT OPERATES IN SUCRE AND BOLIVAR DEPARTMENTS. ITS 130 COMBATANTS ARE ORGANIZED INTO THE EL GUAMO, SAN ONOFRE, AND MOMPOX GROUPS, OPERATING IN:

MARIA LA BAJA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

CALAMAR CO/

EL CARMEN DE BOLIVAR CO/

SAN ONOFRE CO/

B) JHON JAIR LOPEZ FRONT. THIS FRONT OPERATES IN MAGDALENA, CESAR, AND LA GUAJIRA DEPARTMENTS. ITS 350 COMBATANTS ARE ORGANIZED INTO ONE COMPANY AND SEVEN GROUPS. THEY ARE THE WALTER USAGA COMPANY AND THE COPEY, CHIVOLO, EL BANCO, JAGUA DE IBIRICO, CODAZZI, SIERRA NEVADA, PLAILITAS, AND LA GLORIA GROUPS.

C) COMPANERO CARRILLO FRONT. THIS 150 MEMBER STRONG COMBATANT FRONT IS ORGANIZED INTO THE ALIRIO BELTRAN LUQUE COMPANY AND THE LA MOJANA AND GUARANDA GROUPS.

D) LA GABARRA FRONT IS ALSO CALLED THE VENEZUELA BORDER FRONT. IT CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 670 COMBATANTS OPERATING IN NORTE DE SANTANDER DEPARTMENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

CATATUMBO CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

LA GABARRA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

TIBU CO/

EL ZULIA CO/

LAS MERCEDES CO/

TEOREMA CO/

EL TARRA CO/

RIO DE ORO CO/

LA PETROLERA CO, CNA

ORU CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

CONVENCION CO/

E) THE NORTHERN BLOC OPERATES IN SUCRE AND BOLIVAR DEPARTMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT.

URAMITA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

PEQUE CO/

DABIEBA CO/

MUTATA CO//

CHIGORODO CO/

CESAR DEPARTMENT

CODAZZI CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

BOSCONIA CO/

BECERRIL CO/

BOLIVAR DEPARTMENT

MAGANGUE CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

ACHI CO/

SUCRE DEPARTMENT

OVEJAS CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

SAN MARCOS CO/

MAJAGUAL CO/

SAN JUAN DE BETULIA CO/

CORDOBA DEPARTMENT

TIERRALTA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

VALENCIA CO/

2) THE METRO BLOC, COMMANDED BY ALIAS "EL ALEMAN" HAS APPROXIMATELY 400 COMBATANTS. IT IS COMPOSED OF FIVE FRONTS OPERATING IN ANTIOQUIA AND CHOCO DEPARTMENTS. THEY ARE THE:

A) SOUTHEAST FRONT. THIS FRONT, OPERATING IN MAGDALENA AND CESAR DEPARTMENTS, HAS 180 COMBATANTS ORGANIZED INTO THE SALGAR, CONCORDIA, BOLIVAR, SUPIA, AND SOUTHERN CHOCO PORFIRIO GROUPS AND THE LOS ARRIEROS MOBILE GROUP.

B) WESTERN FRONT. OPERATING IN SOUTHERN BOLIVAR

DEPARTMENT AND SAN LUCAS, ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT, THE GROUP HAS 300 COMBATANTS ORGANIZED INTO THE DABEIBA, TOLEDO, ITUANGO, PEQUE, FRONTINO GABRIELA WHITE, AND HEROES DE SAN PEDRO GROUPS AND THE JUAN DEL CORRAL MOBILE GROUP.

C) NORTHEASTERN FRONT. THIS FRONT, WITH 40 COMBATANTS, OPERATES IN ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT. IT IS ORGANIZED INTO THE VICTOR LONDONO, ASSAULT (NFI), AND BERRIO GROUPS.

D) EASTERN FRONT. THIS FRONT, WITH 150 COMBATANTS, OPERATES IN ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT. IT IS ORGANIZED INTO THE CARACOLI, JUAGUAS, SANTO DOMINGO, SANTIAGO ALEJANDRO LOPEZ, AND MOUNTAIN RANGE GROUPS.

E) MARTIRES DE MACHUCA FRONT. THIS FRONT OPERATES IN ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT.

F) THE AREA OF OPERATIONS FOR THE METRO BLOC ENCOMPASSES:

CHOCO DEPARTMENT

RIO SUCIO CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

JURADO CO

ALTO BAUDO CO

BAJO BAUDO CO

ISTMINA CO/

DARIEN CO

ACANDI CO

CARMEN DE ATRATO CO, CNA

NUQUI CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

BOJAYA CO/

UNGUIA CO/

ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT

VIGIA DEL FUERTE CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

ISPANIA CO, CNA

BETULIA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

URRAO CO

3) THE LLANERO (OR PLAINS BLOC) IS COMPOSED OF THREE FRONTS:

A) GUAVIARE FRONT. FIRST AND SECOND MOBILE COMPANIES AND A SPECIAL SUPPORT GROUP.

B) PIEDEMONTE FRONT. COMPOSED OF AN ATTACK GROUP AND AN URBAN GROUP, IT OPERATES IN THE VICINITY OF MEDINA

(CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424 CUNDINAMARCA DEPARTMENT

AND PARATEBUENO (CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424 META DEPARTMENT.

C) ARIARI FRONT. COMPOSED OF AN ATTACK AND AN ASSAULT GROUP, IT OPERATES IN META AND CUNDINAMARCA DEPARTMENTS.

4) THE WESTERN BLOC COMMANDED BY CARLOS ((ARDILLA)) CORREA HAS APPROXIMATELY 800 COMBATANTS OPERATING IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ANTIOQUIA AND CHOCO. IT IS COMPOSED OF:

A) CHOCO FRONT. THIS FRONT OPERATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHOCO AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA. IT IS COMPOSED OF THE DARIEN GROUP (ACANDI GILGAL), AND THE DARIEN, PACIFIC, SALAQUI AND ATRATO (b)(1),1.4 (c) DEPLOYED IN THE RIVER OF THAT NAME) GROUPS.

B) URABA FRONT. THIS FRONT, COMMANDED BY CARLOS ARDILLA CORREA, OPERATES IN ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT. THE FRONT IS COMPOSED OF TWO MOBILE COMPANIES (HEROES DE LA SEGUNDA PAVORANDO AND ABIBE), THE CORDILLERA IDARRAGA EJE BANANERO URBAN COMPANY AND THREE GROUPS: BAJIRA, COMPANERO FLORO PIEDRAS BLANCAS, AND TURBO.

5) THE SOUTHERN BLOC, WITH 380 COMBATANTS, IS COMPOSED OF THE CAQUETA, PUTUMAYO AND TOLIMA FRONTS OPERATING IN THE CAQUETA, PUTUMAYO AND TOLIMA DEPARTMENTS RESPECTIVELY.

A) CAQUETA FRONT. HAS 130 COMBATANTS COMMANDED BY ANIRO ((CASTANO)), ALIAS "GUSTAVO GOMEZ." IT OPERATES IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

MORELIA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

VALPARAISO CO/

BELEN DE LOS ANDAQUIES CO/

MONTANITAS CO/

EL PAUJIL CO/

B) PUTUMAYO FRONT. HAS 100 COMBATANTS COMMANDED BY ALEJANDRO ((GUTIERREZ)), ALIAS "ALEJO." IT OPERATES IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

PUERTO ASIS CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

MOCOA CO/

LA HORMIGA CO/

SANTA ANA CO/

ORITO CO/

C) TOLIMA FRONT THIS FRONT, WITH 150 COMBATANTS IS COMMANDED BY ALIAS "GUAJIRO" AND OPERATES IN:

PUERTO SALDANA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

RIO BLANCO CO/

SANTIAGO PEREZ CO/

ATACA (b)(1),1.4 (c)

PROBABLY ATACO CO/

(b)(3):10 USC 424

(b)(3):10 USC 424

PLANADAS CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

CHAPARRAL CO/

COYAIMA CO/

6) THE "MOBILE SCHOOL" IS COMPOSED OF A SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY AND THE ABIBE GROUP (NFI).

7) THE ANTIOQUIA UNIVERSITY COMMANDOS GROUP HAS 50 MEMBERS OPERATING OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ANTIOQUIA.

(b)(1),1.4 (c) THIS GROUP HAS SUCCESSFULLY FORCED FARC AND ELN SYMPATHIZERS OFF OF THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN RECENT MONTHS.)

B. THE ACMM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF RAMON ISAZA, OPERATES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ANTIOQUIA, BOYACA, CALDAS, AND CUNDINAMARCA. KEY LEADERS ARE RAMON ISAZA (COMMANDER) AND ALIAS "TENIENTE GONZALEZ." THE ACMM'S ESTIMATED 650 COMBATANTS ARE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

1) YACOPI GROUP. COMMANDED BY LUIS EDUARDO ((CIFUENTES)) A. ALIAS "EL AGUILA," OPERATES IN CUNDINAMARCA DEPARTMENT IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

PUERTO SALGAR CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

PACHO CO/

YACOPI CO/

2) PUERTO BOYACA GROUP. THIS GROUP, WITH APPROXIMATELY 350 COMBATANTS IS COMMANDED BY JOSE ALIRIO ((CASTRO)) MOLINA, ALIAS "BOTOLON" (b)(1),1.4 (c) A DOCUMENT PRODUCED BY THE AUTODEFENSAS UNIDAS DE COLOMBIA DATED 18 APRIL 1997 HAS A SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR A COMANDANTE VOTALON.) THE GROUP OPERATES IN BOYACA DEPARTMENT IN:

PUERTO BOYACA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

PUERTO PINZON CO/

SANTA MARIA CO/

3) PUERTO TRIUNFO GROUP. THIS GROUP OPERATES IN THE VICINITY OF PUERTO TRIUNFO CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

4) PUERTO BERRIO GROUP. THIS GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 100 COMBATANTS, COMMANDED BY ALIAS "ROQUI," OPERATES IN ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT IN THE VICINITY OF PUERTO BERRIO CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424 / AND YONDO CO CO/

(b)(3):10 USC 424

5) LA DORADA GROUP. APPROXIMATELY 100 COMBATANTS UNDER ALIAS "TERROR," OPERATES IN CALDAS DEPARTMENT IN THE VICINITY OF LA DORADA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

C. ACLLO OPERATES IN THE EASTERN PLAINS IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF CASANARE AND META. KEY LEADERS ARE GROUP COMMANDER HUMBERTO (CASTRO)) AND ULISES ((MENDOZA)). IT IS COMPOSED OF THE CASANARE AND META GROUPS.

1) THE CASANARE GROUP, UNDER THE COMMAND OF CARLOS ALBERTO ((TORRES)) HAS APPROXIMATELY 240 COMBATANTS

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

THIS GROUP ALLEGEDLY RECEIVES MONEY FROM OIL COMPANIES THAT OPERATE IN THE AREA WHO ARE SEEKING PROTECTION FOR AREA GUERRILLA GROUPS. THE CASANARE GROUP OPERATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CASANARE AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

VILLANUEVA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

SABANALARGA CO/

AGUAZUL CO/

SAN LUIS DE PALENQUE CO/

TAURAMENA CO/

PAZ DE ARIPORO CO/

MONTERREY CO/

MANI CO/

PORE CO/

YOPAL CO/

OROCUE CO/

NUNCHIA CO//

HATO COROZAL CO/

2) THE META GROUP, COMMANDED BY CLODOMIRO ((AGAMEZ)) HAS APPROXIMATELY 300 COMBATANTS OPERATING IN:

PUERTO LLERAS CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

PUERTO GAITAN CO/

EL CASTILLO CO/

PUERTO LOPEZ CO/

EL DORADO CO/

CUBARRAL CO/

SAN CARLOS DE GUAROA CO/

EL CHARRERO CO, CNA

LA PORFIDIA CO, CNA

SAN MARTIN CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

GRANADA CO/

GUAMAL CO/

ACACIAS CO/

CANAGUARO CO/

D. THE AUSAC, WITH APPROXIMATELY 400 COMBATANTS, IS COMMANDED BY CAMILO AURELIO ((MORANTES)) AND FRANCISCO

((TABARES)). AUSAC ELEMENTS OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF EL PLAYON ARE UNDER THE COMMAND OF ALIAS "RICARDO," WHILE ELEMENTS OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF RIO DE ORO, GONZALEZ, AGUACHICA, GAMARRA, SAN ALBERTO AND SAN MARTIN ARE UNDER THE COMMAND OF JUANCHO ((PRADA)) LINCON CASTILLA (FIELD COMMENT: INDIVIDUAL APPEARS TO HAVE THREE LAST NAMES. MORE INFORMATION ON PRADA IS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH N, BELOW.) AND RODOLFO ((PADILLA)), ALIAS "EL CURA." AUSAC UNITS OPERATE IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS OF CESAR AND SANTANDER LOCATIONS:

AGUACHICA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

LEBRIJA CO/

SAN VICENTE DE CHUCURI CO/

CHUCURI CO/

BARRANCABERMEJA CO/

BAJO EL CARMEN CO, CNA//

PUERTO WILCHES CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

SABANA DE TORRES CO/

CUESTA RICA CO/

SAN ALBERTO CO/

RIONEGRO CO/

PELAYA CO/

E. THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF PUERTO BOYACA, COMMANDED BY EITHER VICTOR A. ((TRIANA)), ALIAS "BOTOLON," OR ABSALON SAMUDIO ALSO ALIAS "BOTOLON." THEY NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 70 COMBATANTS.

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE PARAMILITARY UNITS THAT OPERATE IN THE PUERTO BOYACA AREA. A CORRELATION OF COLOMBIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS SHOWS THAT BOTH COMMANDERS USE THE ALIAS "BOTOLON." THE AUSAC AFFILIATED SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF PUERTO BOYACA SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED PUERTO BOYACA GROUP OF THE ACMM, UNDER THE COMMAND OF JOSE ALIRIO ((CASTRO)) MOLINA, ALIAS YET AGAIN "BOTOLON.")

PUERTO BOYACA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

PUERTO PINZON CO/

SANTA MARIA CO/

F. THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF SIMITI, COMMANDED BY ALIAS "EFRAIN" HAS APPROXIMATELY 600 ACTIVE COMBATANTS DEPLOYED TO THE FOLLOWING BOLIVAR DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS: SANTA ROSA CO//GEOCORD: CNA

SIMITI CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

SAN PABLO CO/

RIOVIEJO CO/

REGIDOR CO/

MORALES CO/

G. THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF CUNDINAMARCA, COMMANDED BY LUIS EDUARDO ((CIFUENTES)), ALIAS "EL AGUILA" HAS APPROXIMATELY 180 COMBATANTS OPERATING IN THE FOLLOWING CUNDINAMARCA DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS:

YACOPI CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

PUERTO SALGAR CO/

PACHO CO/

H. THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF CASANARE, COMMANDED BY DANIEL ((SANTOS)), ALIAS "HK" HAS APPROXIMATELY 550 ACTIVE COMBATANTS OPERATING IN THE FOLLOWING CASANARE DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS:

MONTERREY CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

CHAMESA CO//GEOCORD: CNA

RESETOR CO//GEOCORD: CNA

AGUAZUL CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

YOPAL CO/

OROCUE CO/

MIRANDA DE GUANAPOLO CO//GEOCORD: CNA

SAN JOAQUIN DE CARBAYAS CO//GEOCORD: CNA

LAS GAVIOTAS CO//GEOCORD: THREE LISTED IN CASANARE

SANTA ELENA DE CUSIVA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

EL DELIRIO CO/

EL BORAL CO/

I. THE VALLUNA COUNTER GUERRILLA GROUP IS COMMANDED BY ALIAS "MONDRAGON". IT HAS APPROXIMATELY 100 ACTIVE COMBATANTS OPERATING IN VALLE DE CAUCA DEPARTMENT:

TULUA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

MONTELORO CO/

PUERTO FRAZADAS CO/

LA MARINA CO//GEOCORD: THREE LISTED IN VALLE DE CAUCA

BARRAGAN CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

SANTA LUCIA CO/

BIGALAGRANDE CO//GEOCORD: CNA

CHORREAS CO//GEOCORD: CNA

GALICIA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

LA MORENA CO/

SAN PEDRO CO/

J. THE LOS CHAMIZOS GROUP IS COMMANDED BY HERNAN ((GIRALDO)) SERNA. IT HAS APPROXIMATELY 30 ACTIVE COMBATANTS OPERATING IN MAGDALENA DEPARTMENT. THIS UNIT ALSO HAS ANOTHER SECTION LOCATED IN CALDAS.

SANTA MARTA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
GUACHACA CO/
GUACHAQUITA CO/
CALABOZO CO//GEOCORD: CNA
BURITACA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
DON DIEGO CO/

PALOMINO CO//GEOCORD: TWO LISTED IN MAGDALENA

K. CENTAURO BLOC IS COMMANDED BY CLODOMIRO ((AGAMEZ)) AND ALIAS "TOMAS." IT HAS APPROXIMATELY 400 ACTIVE COMBATANTS OPERATING IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF VICHADA AND GUAVIRE.

SAN MARTIN CO//GEOCORD: CNA
GRANADA CO//GEOCORD: CNA
PUERTO LLERAS CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
PUERTO RICO CO/
EL DORADO CO//GEOCORD: CNA
GAVIOTAS CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
EL ANZUELO CO//GEOCORD: CNA
SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424

L. EJE CAFETERO COMMAND (b)(1),1.4 (c) COFFEE AXIS COMMAND) IS COMMANDED BY ALIAS "GAVILAN" OR "HOYOS" AND HAS APPROXIMATELY 25 COMBATANTS OPERATING IN CALDAS AND RISARALDA DEPARTMENTS.

RIOSUCIO CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
SUPIA CO/
QUINCHIA CO/
GAUTICA CO//GEOCORD:CNA

M. LOS ROJAS GROUP IS COMMANDED BY RIGOBERTO ((ROJAS)) MENDOZA ALIAS "RIGO." IT IS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 30 COMBATANTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MAGDALENA.

GUACHACA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
LOS ALMENDROS CO//GEOCORD: CNA
SANTA MARTA CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
FUNDACION CO/
ARACATA CO//GEOCORD: CNA
RIO FRIO CO/ (b)(3):10 USC 424
CIENAGA CO/

N. THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF CESAR IS COMMANDED BY

JUANCHO ((PRADA)) LINCON CASTILLA. IT IS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 250 COMBATANTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CESAR.

SAN MARTIN CO//GEOCORD: CNA

AGUACHICA CO//(b)(3):10 USC 424

RIO DE ORO CO//(b)(3):10 USC 424

O. THE NARINO COMPANY IS COMMANDED BY ELIGIO ((JAIMES)) LAZARO, ALIAS "JIMMY". IT IS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 20 COMBATANTS OPERATING IN THE NORTE DE SANTANDER DEPARTMENT.

LA PLAYA CO//(b)(3):10 USC 424

ABREGO CO//(b)(3):10 USC 424

OCANA CO//(b)(3):10 USC 424

P. THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF THE GUAVIARE GROUP IS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 100 COMBATANTS IN THE GUAVIRE DEPARTMENT.

EL RETORNO CO//GEOCORD: CNA

SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE CO//(b)(3):10 USC 424

MAPIRIPAN CO//GEOCORD: CNA

CALAMAR CO//(b)(3):10 USC 424

5. (U) AUC FINANCES. ACCORDING TO SOURCE F, THE AUC RECEIVES AN ANNUAL TOTAL OF 147,600,000 USD INCOME FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES. APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THIS INCOME COMES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM NARCOTRAFFICKING, OF THIS INCOME, 63,600 MILLION PESOS COVERS LOGISTICS AND THE SALARIES OF AUC MEMBERS.

A. INCOME SOURCES:

1) TAXES ON COCA GROWERS AND LEAF BUYERS IN SOUTHERN BOLIVAR DEPARTMENT 24,000 MILLION PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$11,162,790 USD)

2) TAXES ON COCA GROWERS AND LEAF BUYERS IN GUAVIARE, META, CAQUETA, AND PUTUMAYO DEPARTMENTS 18,000 MILLION PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$8,372,100 USD) (SOURCE COMMENT: THE AUC IS CURRENTLY UNDER-BIDDING THE FARC IN META DEPARTMENT, CHARGING SIX PERCENT TAX INSTEAD OF THE TEN PERCENT PREVIOUSLY CHARGED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF **COLOMBIA** (FARC).

3) ECONOMIC GROUPS (NFI), BUSINESSMEN, CATTLE, TRANSPORT, AND LOGGING INDUSTRIES 12,000 MILLION PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$5,581,400 USD) (SOURCE COMMENT: SOME OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VOLUNTARY, OTHERS ARE COERCED.)

4) MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, BANANA EXPORTERS,

DONATIONS FROM DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN VALLE DEL CAUCA DEPARTMENT, AND TAXES IN TOLIMA AND ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENTS 14,400 MILLION PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$6,697,700 USD.)

5) LANDOWNERS AND CATTLEMEN IN THE SEVEN DEPARTMENTS ON THE ATLANTIC COAST (b)(1),1.4 (c) MAINLY CORDOBA, CESAR, MAGDALENA, SUCRE, ANTIOQUIA AND SANTANDER DEPARTMENTS) 79,200 MILLION PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY 36,837,200 USD).

B. AUC OPERATIONAL EXPENSES. ACCORDING TO SOURCE F, THE AUC'S ANNUAL EXPENSES (b)(1),1.4 (c) TIMEFRAME IS NOT SPECIFIED) ARE:

1) SALARIES FOR 6000 LOW-RANKING MEMBERS 7,200 MILLION PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$3,348,840 USD)

2) SALARIES FOR 1000 SQUAD LEADERS, PATROL LEADERS, AND SERGEANTS OF THE GUARD (RELEVANTES) 3,600 MILLION PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$1,674,420 USD).

3) SALARIES FOR 600 COMMANDERS OF COMPANIES, ZONES, AND FINANCE COMMISSIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND WEAPONS TECHNICIANS, AND CHIEFS OF URBAN AND RURAL OPERATIONS 7,200 MILLION PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$3,348,840 USD).

4) SALARIES FOR 400 BLOC AND FRONT COMMANDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND BLOC STAFFS 24,000 MILLION COLOMBIAN PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$11,162,800 USD)

(b)(1),1.4 (c) THESE NUMBERS ADD UP TO APPROXIMATELY 8,000 SALARIED POSITIONS IN THE SELF DEFENSE GROUP STRUCTURE.)

5) (b)(1),1.4 (c) INCLUDING: WAR MATERIAL, SUPPLIES, FOOD, CLINIC AND MEDICAL EXPENSES 21,600 MILLION COLOMBIAN PESOS PER YEAR (APPROXIMATELY \$10,046,500 USD)

(b)(1),1.4 (c) SOURCE F ALSO INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES SUCH AS ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO WIDOWS AND FAMILIES OF FALLEN AUC MEMBERS, LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO AUC MEMBERS IN PRISON AND MOVING EXPENSES IN THIS CATEGORY.)

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4. ~~(S)~~ THE MOST UP-TO-DATE REPORT ON THE ORDER OF BATTLE FOR THE ACCU AND THE OTHER INDEPENDENT GROUPS, DATED LATE AUGUST 2000, SHOWS THAT THE COLAR ESTIMATES THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELF-DEFENSE GROUP MEMBERS IN **COLOMBIA** IS 6,405.

5. ~~(S)~~ METHODOLOGY FOR ESTIMATING SELF-DEFENSE GROUP STRENGTH: ON OR AROUND JUNE OF 2000, ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL FERNANDO ((TAPIAS)) STAHELIN ORDERED EACH SERVICE CHIEF TO PREPARE A REPORT AND BRIEF ON THE TOPIC OF THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS. COLAR COMMANDER GENERAL JORGE ((MORA)) RANGEL IN TURN ASKED COLAR INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL TO CALL EVERY BATTALION LEVEL UNIT AND ABOVE AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE, INDEPENDENT REPORTS ON TOTAL NUMBER OF SELF-DEFENSE GROUP PERSONNEL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF OPERATIONS. ALL REPORTS WENT TO THE COLAR'S INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (ACRONYM "DINTE"), WHERE THE SELF-DEFENSE GROUP ANALYST, A SENIOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERGEANT, DID A CORRELATION OF ALL REPORTS. THE NCO IN TURN REPORTED TO HIS SUPERIORS ON APPARENT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN UNIT ESTIMATES AND REPORTED SAME TO GENERAL MORA, WHO IN TURN PLACED THE HEAT ON THE DIVISION COMMANDERS TO EXPLAIN TO AN UNHAPPY COMMANDER THE REASON(S) FOR THE DISCREPANCIES. ONCE THE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO GENERAL MORA, A RECONCILIATION WAS MADE, AND THE FINAL REPORT WAS BRIEFED TO GENERAL TAPIAS LATER (NFI.) GENERAL MORA IS SATISFIED WITH THE FINAL FIGURE FOR THE ESTIMATED FORCE BELONGING TO SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS IN **COLOMBIA**: 6,405.

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