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COUNTRY: (U) **COLOMBIA** (CO).

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 **WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP** (900413-900420) (U)

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DOI: (U) 900413-900420.

REQS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424

SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL TIEMPO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900414-900421. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL SIGLO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900414-900421. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (LA REPUBLICA), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900414-900421. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE.

SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900414-900420.

TEXT: 1. (U) ACTIVITIES OF THE EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (ELN) WERE -

- A. (U) ON 900413, TWO ELN DIED IN A SKIRMISH WITH POLICE NEAR CODAZZI (b)(3):10 USC 424 TWO NATIONAL POLICEMEN (CNP) WERE WOUNDED. THE POLICE SURPRISED SOME TWENTY ELN WHILE THEY WERE HARANGUING THE TOWNSPEOPLE.

- B. (U) ON 900413, "LA POPA" BATTALION SOLDIERS KILLED TWO ELN IN PUEBLO BELLO NEAR VALLEDUPAR (b)(3):10 USC 424 ONE OF THE DEAD WAS IDENTIFIED AS ANGEL ((LOZANO)) BOTELLO, ALIAS "EL

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PROFE ARNULFO". HE WAS THE FINANCE CHIEF OF "SIXTH OF DECEMBER" ELN.

- C. (U) THE SAME DAY, ELN ATTACKED THE HACARI POLICE POST (b)(3):10 USC 424 WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.
 - D. (U) STILL ON 900413, FOUR ELN STOPPED A MILK TRUCK BETWEEN CODAZZI AND LA JAGUA DE IBIRICO (b)(3):10 USC 424 EMPTYING ITS 2300 GALLONS INTO THE ROADWAY.
 - E. (U) ON 900415, ELN RELEASED CATTLEMAN JOSE MARTIN ((BERMUDEZ)) CUELLO. AN UNDISCLOSED RANSOM WAS PAID.
 - F. (U) THE SAME DAY, THIRTY ELN TOOK MANAURE (b)(3):10 USC 424 THEY HELD THE TOWN FOR TWO HOURS.
 - G. (U) STILL ON 900415, TWENTY ELN READ A DOCUMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF SEMPEGYA (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE PROPAGANDA DENOUNCED EXTRADITION, THE ELECTIONS, AND VOWED CONTINUED PIPELINE ATTACKS. THE INSURGENTS FLED BEFORE PURSUIT WAS ORGANIZED.
 - H. (U) ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, "EFRAIN PABON PABON" ELN KILLED A CITIZEN NEAR CARCASI (b)(3):10 USC 424 AFTER ACCUSING HIM OF BEING AN ARMY INFORMER.
 - I. (U) ON 900416, "CAPITAN PARMENIO" ELN CLAIMED CREDIT FOR KIDNAPPING THREE "LUCIANO D'HUYER" SOLDIERS NEAR EL CARMEN ON 900406. THE UNLUCKY TRIO WERE IDENTIFIED AS ELKIN ((DUARTE)) PEDRAZA, ELVER ((GRISALES)) GIRALDO, AND GUSTAVO ((LIZARAZO)). THE THREE WERE KIDNAPPED AS THEY GOT OFF A BUS.
 - J. (U) THE SAME DAY, TWO ELN WERE KILLED IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER A PARISH IN CODAZZI.
 - K. (U) ON 900418, ELN DYNAMITED A PROVISIONS TRUCK BETWEEN BUCARAMANGA AND THE COAST, KILLING A COLOMBIAN ARMY (COLAR) NCO AND TWO CIVILIAN PASSENGERS.
 - L. (U) ON 900421, MEMBERS OF THE "GALAN" BATTALION KILLED FIVE ELN IN THE SERRANIA DE SAN LUCAS IN SOUTHERN BOLIVAR. TWO SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE ACTION NEAR MORALES (b)(3):10 USC 424 WHICH ALSO RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF FIELD EQUIPMENT AND AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF RIFLES AND PISTOLS.
2. (U) ACTIVITIES OF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC) WERE -
- A. (U) ON 900413, "MAZA" BATTALION TROOPS CAPTURED SIX FARC IN SARDINATA (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE SIX WERE IDENTIFIED AS RAMON AND DARIO ((ANTOLINEZ)) ROLON, ASDRUAL ((MELO)) ACUNA, CESAR ARMANDO ((NIETO)) GARCIA, GUILLERMO ((MORENO)) ALFONSO AND MIGUEL ROBERTO ((AGUILAR)). ALONG WITH THESE MEMBERS OF AN URBAN NET, THE "MAZA" SOLDIERS CAPTURED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, WEAPONS,

QUARTERMASTER MATERIAL, AND 12000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

- B. (U) ON 900413, XXXIV FARC WOUNDED TWO CNP IN CASACARA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 LOSING FOUR OF THEIR OWN KILLED IN ACTION (FIELD COMMENT: THIS MAY BE THE SAME ACTION AS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 1A ABOVE).

- C. (U) ON 900415, FARC DYNAMITED A VAN IN SAN JUAN DE ARAMA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 KILLING THE DRIVER AND A BODYGUARD AND NARROWLY MISSING THE TOWN'S MAYOR. THREE OTHER OFFICIALS WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT A POLICE FOLLOW VEHICLE.

- D. (U) ALSO ON 900415, TWO XXVIII FARC WERE KILLED BY CNP

DEFENDERS OF TAMARA (b)(3):10 USC 424 FIVE MORE WERE CAPTURED IN THE PURSUIT BY MEMBERS OF THE "GUIAS DE CASANARE".

- E. (U) THE NEXT DAY, COLAR COUNTER-GUERRILLA TROOPS SKIRMISHED WITH FARC NEAR MIRAFLORES. THE GUERRILLAS HAD TRIED TO TAKE GUANIA, WOUNDING FOUR CIVILIANS (FIELD COMMENT: THERE IS NO LISTING IN THE GAZETTEER FOR GUANIA AND MULTIPLE LISTINGS FOR MIRAFLORES).

- F. (U) ON 900417, SECOND DIVISION TROOPS DESTROYED TWO FARC

ARMS CACHES NEAR LA BELLEZA (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE SUPPLIES INCLUDED THREE PISTOLS, FOUR SHOTGUNS, A CARBINE, A FRAGMENTATION GRENADE, SEVEN MAGAZINES, AND 386 ROUNDS OF VARIOUS CALIBERS.

- G. (U) ON 900418, TWO COLAR AND SIX FARC WERE KILLED IN A FIGHT BETWEEN FOURTH BRIGADE TROOPS AND THE EIGHTH COMMISSION OF THE FIFTH FARC CUADRILLA. ONE OF THE DEAD GUERRILLAS WAS IDENTIFIED AS "EL PAISA". THE SKIRMISH TOOK PLACE NEAR VALDIVIA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 THREE COLAR WERE WOUNDED.

- H. (U) ALSO ON 900418, XIX FARC AND "DOMINGO ROJAS" EPL

DISTRIBUTED CIRCULARS NEAR THEIR SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA BASES CLAIMING THEY WOULD STOP ATTACKS ON THE CATTLE INDUSTRY.

- I. (U) ON 900419, FIRST MOBILE BRIGADE KILLED FIVE XXXVI FARC

NEAR PUERTO VALDIVIA (b)(3):10 USC 424

- J. (U) ON 900420, TWO FARC FRONTS (VIII AND XXIX) KILLED ONE

CNP AND WOUNDED ANOTHER IN AN ASSAULT ON EL TAMBO

(b)(3):10 USC 424 THE GUERRILLAS ESCAPED WITH 24 MILLION PESOS (USD 50,500), BREAKING INTO SMALL GROUPS TO COMPLICATE PURSUIT.

- K. (U) COLONEL RODRIGO ((ROJAS)) GUERRA, IDENTIFIED AS THE COMMANDER OF THE BARRANCABERMEJA GARRISON, SAID THAT COUNTER-GUERRILLA TROOPS OF "NUEVA GRANADA" BATTALION KILLED SEVEN FARC AND CAPTURED EIGHTEEN IN SEVERAL FIREFIGHTS OVER THE PAST WEEK.

FOUR COLAR SOLDIERS DIED IN THE ACTIONS AGAINST, ACCORDING TO

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SOURCE A, IVFARC. THE ACTIONS, WHICH TOOK PLACE NEAR SAN PABLO

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(b)(3):10 USC 424 ALSO NETTED 25 LBS. OF DYNAMITE, THREE RIFLES, TWO HAND-AND TWO RIFLE-GRENADES, 700 ASSORTED ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, AND UNSPECIFIED DOCUMENTS.

3. (U) ACTIVITIES OF THE EJERCITO POPULAR DE LIBERACION (EPL) WERE-

- A. (U) ON 900413, TWO EPL DIED IN A CLASH WITH THE FIFTH RIFLE BATTALION IN SAN ONOFRE (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE DEAD WERE IDENTIFIED AS "BEJUQUILLO" AND "LA GORDA". TWO OTHER GUERRILLAS WERE WOUNDED. THE BATTALION'S COMMANDER WAS IDENTIFIED AS CARLOS ((HERRARA)) GIRALDO.

- B. (U) ON 900418, MEMBERS OF THE FIRST MOBILE BRIGADE KILLED TWO EPL BETWEEN MONTLIBANO AND PUERTO LIBERATODOR. FOR MORE ON THIS RECENTLY-FORMED UNIT, (b)(3):10 USC 424
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- C. (U) ON 900419, THE NINTH COUNTER-GUERRILLA BATTALION "LOS PANCHES", PART OF THE FIRST MOBILE BRIGADE, DESTROYED A "FRANCISCO GARNICA NARVAEZ" CAMP. THERE WERE SIX EPL KILLED IN THE ACTION, AND TWO RIFLES, THREE PISTOLS AND TWO RADIOS WERE CAPTURED IN THE ACTION.

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