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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 **WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP** (900429-900504) (U)

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SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL TIEMPO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900430-900505. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL SIGLO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900430-900505. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (LA REPUBLICA), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900430-900505. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE.

SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900429-900504.

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

- A. ON 900429, FIFTH BRIGADE KILLED TWO ELN NEAR CHITAGA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER, AS THEY TRIED TO MINE THE PIPELINE. THE TROOPS CAPTURED A .30 CALIBER CARBINE, 180 ROUNDS, TWO HAND GRENADES, EXPLOSIVES, ELN FLAGS AND INSURGENT PROPAGANDA.

- B. ON 900501, AUTHORITIES ARRESTED GONZALO ((LIZARAZO)) TAVERA AT A BAR IN ARAUCA (b)(3):10 USC 424 LIZARAZO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCES OF AN ELN URBAN NET.

- C. ON 900502, ELN KIDNAPPED AND SET FREE THREE REPORTERS, A LAWYER, AND

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A TV CAMERAMAN. THE GROUP BROUGHT BACK A MESSAGE THAT THE INSURGENTS WERE DECLARING AN EIGHT-DAY TRUCE FOR THE 900527 ELECTIONS.

- D. THE SAME DAY, ELN ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF THE "FRENTE DE GUERRA NOROCCIDENTE MARTHA HELENA BARON" ("MARTHA HELENA BARON" NORTHWEST WAR FRONT). THE NEW UNIT IS TASKED TO DEFEND THE COFFEE CROP AND WILL OPERATE IN CALDAS, RISARALDA, AND QUINDIO DEPARTMENTS.

- E. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, "GARCIA ROVIRA" BATTALION TROOPS KILLED TWO "EFRAIN PABON PABON" ELN IN A SKIRMISH NEAR PAMPLONA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER. THE FIGHT LEFT TWO COLAR DEAD, ACCORDING TO SOURCE B. SOLDIERS CAPTURED A GALIL RIFLE, A CARBINE, A SHOTGUN, 170 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, AND FIVE MK GRENADES. SOURCE A SAYS THE INSURGENTS WERE FARC AND THAT THREE ADDITIONAL TROOPS WERE WOUNDED.

- F. STILL ON THE SAME DAY, COLONEL RAMON ((SANTANDER)), COMMANDER OF THE SECOND OPERATIONS GROUP IN ARAUCA, ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ELN WERE KILLED AND TWO CAPTURED IN A COMBINED OPERATION WITH VENEZUELA IN CUTUFI, VENEZUELA. A TWELVE-MAN GUERRILLA GROUP ASSAULTED A VENEZUELAN NATIONAL GUARD POST, PRECIPITATING THE COMBINED RESPONSE.

- G. ON 900502, ELN BLEW UP A TOLL BOOOTH ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF NEIVA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 THE REBELS ESCAPED WITH 60,000 PESOS (USD125) AND THE GUARD'S PISTOL.

- H. THE SAME DAY, DAS OPERATIVES ARRESTED AN ELN GUERRILLA SOMEWHERE IN CALDAS DEPARTMENT. THE DETAINEE WAS CARRYING EXPLOSIVES AND A LIST OF PROMINENT CALDAS CITIZENS WHO ARE, PRESUMABLY, ASSASSINATION TARGETS.

- I. ELSEWHERE, ELN KIDNAPPED TWO OILFIELD WORKERS NEAR BARRANCABERMEJA. LEFT PAMPHLETS AND A NOTE SAYING THAT THE PAIR WOULD BE RELEASED IN A FEW DAYS.

- J. ON 900504, "LUCIANO D'LUYER" BATTALION KILLED THREE ELN NEAR SAN VICENTE DE CHUCURI (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER.

2. (U) FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC) ACTIVITIES-

- A. ON 900429, SEVERAL ARMY-UNIFORMED FARC KILLED A JUDGE IN MIRAFLORES (b)(3):10 USC 424 GUAVIARE. THE VICTIM HAD BEEN RECEIVING THREATS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

- B. THE SAME DAY, VIII AND XXIX FARC KILLED TWO COLAR NEAR EL TAMBO (b)(3):10 USC 424 CAUCA. THE DEATHS OCCURRED DURING PURSUIT OPERATIONS FOLLOWING THE FARC'S ROBBERY OF EL TAMBO'S CAJA AGRARIA.

- C. ELSEWHERE, "SANTANDER" BATTALION CONFISCATED FARC COMMUNICATIONS GEAR NEAR SARDINATA (b)(3):10 USC 424

- D. STILL ON 900429, A FARC FORCE ATTACKED A NINE-MAN POLICE PATROL NEAR LEYVA (NOT LISTED IN GAZETTEER), NEIVA, KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING ANOTHER.

- E. ON 900430, FARC KILLED THREE AND WOUNDED ONE CAMPESINO AT A RANCH IN EL CASTILLO (b)(3):10 USC 424 META. THE FARC FORCE OF FIFTY MILITARY-UNIFORMED GUERRILLAS WITH FIVE HOODED CIVILIAN ACCOMPLICES

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TORTURED THE PEASANTS BEFORE EXECUTING THEM IN FRONT OF THEIR FAMILIES.

- F. ON 900502, AN XX FARC DESERTER TURNED HIMSELF IN TO A PATROL NEAR RIONEGRO (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER. THE SO-FAR-UNIDENTIFIED EX-GUERRILLA CLAIMS HE HAD BEEN MALTREATED AND LIED TO (NFI).

- G. ON 900504, POLICE RAIDED A FACTORY IN PLAYON

(b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER. THE FACTORY MADE POLICE AND MILITARY UNIFORMS FOR FARC AND EPL GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN THE AREA. AUTHORITIES ARRESTED JULIO AND ISMAEL ((VACCA)) SERRANO AND MARINA ((GOMEZ)) ESTEBAN.

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

- A. ON 900429, EPL BURNED A BANANA FARM SOMEWHERE IN URABA. THEY THREATENED TO DESTROY THIRTY-NINE MORE IF BANANA FARMERS DID NOT PAY A 50,000,000 PESO LEVY (USD1,000,000).

- B. ON 900430, EPL KIDNAPPED LIBERAL SENATOR ROMAN ((GOMEZ)) OVALLE IN VILLANUEVA (b)(3):10 USC 424 LA GUAJIRA. IN A COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY MARIO ((ZAPATA)), EPL COMMANDER, THE "ESTADO MAYOR REGIONAL DEL NORTE DEL EPL" (EPL NORTHERN REGION GENERAL STAFF) TOOK CREDIT, PROMISING TO RELEASE HIM SHORTLY WITH MESSAGES FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

- C. ON 900501, FIVE EPL KILLED A PEASANT AT HIS FINCA NEAR TIBU

(b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER.

- D. ON 900504, FIRST MOBILE BRIGADE TROOPS KILLED TWO EPL IN OPERATIONS NEAR TIERRALTA (b)(3):10 USC 424 CORDOBA.

4. (U) OTHER ACTIVITIES -

- A. ON 900430, UNIDENTIFIED GUERRILLAS KILLED A FARMER NEAR SAN VICENTE DE CHUCURI. HE WAS ACCUSED OF INFORMING TO THE ARMY.

- B. ON 900504, A POLICE ROADBLOCK NEAR LA HORMIGA (NOT LISTED IN GAZETTEER), PUTUMAYO, CAPTURED A YOUNG WOMAN WITH TWENTY-NINE KILOGRAMS OF DYNAMITE, FUSES, AND DETONATORS.

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