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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP (900602-900608) (U)

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SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL TIEMPO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA,
900602-900608. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL
SIGLO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900603-900609. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE.

SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN
COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900602-900608.

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

A. (U) GUERRILLAS OF THE CELL "ERNESTO 'CHE'
GUEVARA" ATTACKED AN AUTO ON
900603 THAT WAS TRANSPORTING THE FAMILY OF A PREVIOUSLY MURDERED POLICE
AGENT. THE CAR WAS ENROUTE FROM CARMEN DE ATRATO
(GEOCOORD UNKNOWN), CHOCO
DEPARTMENT, TO MEDELLIN. TWO POLICE AGENTS DIED, THREE MORE DISAPPEARED,
AND TWO OTHER PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE ATTACK.

B. (U) TO CONTINUE THEIR BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST THE CANO LIMON-COVENAS
OIL PIPELINE, GUERRILLAS OVERPOWERED A COMMERCIAL TRUCK ON 900603 TAKING
EIGHT BOXES OF EXPLOSIVE GELATIN. THE EXPLOSIVES WERE DESTINED FOR USE IN
COAL MINES. THE THEFT OCCURRED NEAR LA JAGUA DE IBIRICO
(b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR DEPARTMENT.

C. (U) ON 900604, TWO GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED BY TROOPS ON THE ARMY'S
SECOND DIVISION BETWEEN BARRANCABERMEJA AND BUCARAMANGA. THE GUERRILLAS
HAD PREVIOUSLY KIDNAPPED A BUSINESSMAN.

D. (U) THE 9TH COUNTERGUERRILLA BATTALION "PANCHES" ASSIGNED TO THE
SECOND OPERATIONS COMMAND MADE A SURPRISE ASSAULT ON A RESIDENCE IN FORTUL
(b)(3):10 USC 424 STATE OF ARAUCA, ON 900605. CAPTURED WERE FIVE
PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE ELN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE BELONGING TO THE DOMINGO
LAIN FRONT, SUBGROUP "TOMAS". THERE ARE NOW 35 ELN GUERRILLAS JAILED IN
ARAUCA.

E. (U) ON 900605, THE SUPPOSED CHIEF OF FINANCES
FOR THE CAPITAN PARMENIO
FRONT WAS ARRESTED IN SAN VICENTE DE CHUCURI (b)(3):10 USC 424
SANTANDER DEPARTMENT.

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F. ON THE EVENING OF 900605, ONLY SEVEN POLICE AND ONE NCO DEFENDED THEIR STATION FROM A HEAVY THREE HOUR ATTACK FROM THE JAIME BATEMAN AND ALFREDO GOMEZ FRONTS. THE ATTACK IN CHALAN (b)(3):10 USC 424 SUCRE DEPARTMENT, LED TO SIX CIVILIAN AND TWO POLICE CASUALTIES, AS WELL AS THREE GUERRILLAS DEAD AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF WOUNDED.

G. (U) TROOPS OF THE 13TH INFANTRY BATTALION "GENERAL CUSTODIO GARCIA ROVIRA", FIFTH BRIGADE, KILLED NINE GUERRILLAS IN MACARAVITA (b)(3):10 USC 424, SANTANDER DEPARTMENT, ON 900607. PATROLS WILL CONTINUE ON 900608 TO SEEK OUT THE REST OF THE GUERRILLA SQUAD.

H. (U) TROOPS OF THE SECOND OPERATIONS COMMAND CONTINUE THEIR "OPERATION SABLE" IN ARAUCA. ON 900607 IN FORTUL, THE REBEIZ PIZARRO BATTALION TOOK OVER AN ENCAMPMENT CONTAINING A FIELD HOSPITAL (WITH TWO SMALL SURGERY ROOMS AND AT LEAST EIGHT BEDS) AND A GUERRILLA TRAINING SCHOOL NAMED "CHE GUEVARA". THE ENCAMPMENT WAS TIED TO THE SIMACOTA COMPANY, A SUB-GROUP OF THE DOMINGO LAIN FRONT.

I. (U) IN THE TOWN OF AGUACHICA (b)(3):10 USC 424 FIFTH BRIGADE TROOPS CAPTURED A WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE THE CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION OF CESAR DEPARTMENT ON 900607.

J. (U) ON 900608 THE ELN SENT SENATOR ALVARO ((LEYVA)) DURAN A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THE ELN PROMISED TO RESPECT THE LIFE OF KIDNAPPED FRONTINO GOLD MINE EXECUTIVE FRANCISCO ((URIBE)) ECHEVERRY WHOM THEY KIDNAPPED 16 DAYS EARLIER.

K. (U) IN A FIVE HOUR BATTLE NEAR THE BURUGA RIVER IN MACARAVITA (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER PROVINCE ON 900608 NINE GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED BY THE COLAR 5TH BRIGADE. ACCORDING TO THE BRIGADE COMMANDER ANOTHER 20 GUERRILLAS WERE WOUNDED.

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

A. (U) ON 900603, A COMBINED PATROL OF NATIONAL POLICE AND ARMY MEMBERS WERE ATTACKED WHILE CONDUCTING A SEARCH INSIDE A DISCOTEQUE IN PUERTO RICO (b)(3):10 USC 424 DEPARTMENT OF META. THE ATTACK LED TO 17 INJURED, INCLUDING ONE OFFICER AND ONE SOLDIER.

B. (U) THE 4TH FRONT ATTACKED A FORWARD POST OF THE PICHINCHA DE CALI BATTALION ON 900605. THE INCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED IN TACUEYO (b)(3):10 USC 424 DEPARTMENT OF CAUCA, RESULTED IN ONE SOLDIER DEAD AND TWO OTHERS KIDNAPPED.

C. ON ROUTINE PATROLS IN LA BELLEZA (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER, SOLDIERS OF THE SUCRE BATTALION (1ST BRIGADE) DISCOVERED A SMALL WEAPONS CACHE OF THE 23RD FRONT. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED INCLUDED THREE 38 CAL REVOLVERS, TWO 9MM PISTOLS, A SHOTGUN AND RIFLE, AMMUNITION/MAGAZINES, AND A RADIO.

D. (U) ON 900608 8 SUPPOSED FARC GUERRILLAS KIDNAPPED JORGE ((DURAN)) SOLANO IN PUERTO SANTANDER (b)(3):10 USC 424

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E. (U) ON 900608 IN EL TAPICHE, CORINTO (b)(3):10 USC 424
CAUCA, UNITS OF THE 8TH INFANTRY BATTALION "PICHINCHA" CLASHED WITH THE VI
FARC FRONT. LATER THE BODIES OF TWO PREVIOUSLY KIDNAPPED SOLDIERS WERE
FOUND. THE SOLDIERS HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED ON 900604. (SEE PARA 2B).

F. (U) ALSO ON 900608 FARC UNITS KIDNAPPED THREE CIVILIANS IN THE LA
CALIZA ZONE NEAR POPAYAN (b)(3):10 USC 424 LATER THEY SENT A
MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNOR OF CAUCA STATING THAT THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF THE
THREE DEPENDED ON THE AUTHORITIES NOT SEARCHING FOR THEM AND THE
DEMILITARIZATION OF THE AREA.

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