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COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO).

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP (900630-900706) (U)

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SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL TIEMPO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900701-900707. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL SIGLO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900701-900707. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (LA REPUBLICA), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900701-900707. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE.

SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900630-900706.

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

- A. ON 900701, SOLDIERS OF THE FOURTH ENGINEER BATTALION "PEDRO NEL OSPINA" FOUND A "CARLOS ALIRIO BUITRAGO" ELN CAMP NEAR SAN CARLOS (b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTIOQUIA. ONE GUERRILLA, ID'D AS REINEL DE JESUS ((ARIAS)) GALLEG0, WAS KILLED. THE SOLDIERS CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND UNSPECIFIED WAR MATERIALS.
- B. ELSEWHERE, SECOND OPERATIONAL COMMAND TROOPS KILLED ONE "MARTA ELENA BARON" ELN AND WOUNDED ANOTHER NEAR TAME

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(b)(3):10 USC 424 ARAUCA. THE DEAD INSURGENT WAS ID'D AS GUILLERMO ((TORRES)) AKA "LLERMO" AND THE WOUNDED GUERRILLA AS LIGIA ((LOPEZ)) ROJAS. AUTHORITIES CONFISCATED A WINCHESTER CARBINE, A REVOLVER, A BOMB, ASSORTED FIELD GEAR, AND AN ELN FLAG.

- C. IN A SEPARATE ACTION NEAR TAME, SOLDIERS KILLED TWO OTHER GUERRILLAS FROM THE SAME ELN COLUMN. THE PAIR WAS ID'D AS WILLIAM ((LNU)) AKA "METRALLETA" AND ALEXANDER ((LNU)) AKA "COLMILLO". AUTHORITIES CAPTURED A MAUSER, A CARBINE, THREE FRAGMENTATION GRENADES, AND DYNAMITE.

- D. THE SAME DAY, ELN ROBBED A BANK IN ARGELIA //PROBABLE

(b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTIOQUIA, GETTING AWAY WITH NINE MILLION PESOS (USD18,000). TROOPS FROM THE THIRD INFANTRY BATTALION "BARBULA" CAUGHT UP WITH THE ELN COLUMN AND KILLED TWO, ONE OF WHOM WAS LEONEL ((ARISTIZABAL)). THE OTHERS ESCAPED.

- E. ON 900702, SEVEN ELN DRESSED IN COLOMBIAN ARMY (COLAR) UNIFORMS KIDNAPPED FIDEL ((QUINTERO)) SANCHEZ FROM HIS FINCA NEAR AGUACHICA (b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR.

- F. ELSEWHERE, OTHER ELN GUERRILLAS RELEASED DELFIN ((LAIN)) PONTON AND FERNANDO ((BELTRAN)) NAVARRETE. THE PAIR, RELEASED AFTER A RANSOM WAS PAID, HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED ON 900609.

- G. STILL ON 900702, AUTHORITIES ARRESTED TWO "CERRO AZUL" ELN NEAR ASTREA (b)(3):10 USC 424 CESAR. THE TWO, ID'D AS ISRAEL ((RIVERA)) DE ARCO AND EMILIO ((ARIAS)) RIOS, WERE EXTORTING CATTLEMEN IN THE AREA.

- H. ON 900703, ELN BLEW CANO LIMON-COVENAS OIL PIPELINE AT KM 431 NEAR CONVENCION (b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER. THE RESULTING OIL SLICK COVERED FIFTEEN KILOMETERS OF A NEARBY RIVER. ECOPETROL OFFICIALS ESTIMATED THAT 4,000 BARRELS WERE LOST.

- I. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, "REBEIZ PIZARRO" SOLDIERS CAPTURED PEDRO ((TARAZONA)) RUBIO OF "COMPANIA SIMACOTA" ELN IN SARAVERA, ARAUCA.

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

- A. ON 900701, TROOPS FROM "REBEIZ PIZARRO" BATTALION CAPTURED FOUR XXXXV FARC IN SARAVERA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ARAUCA. THE FOUR WERE ID'D AS LUIS ENRIQUE ((FUENTES)) JAIMES, NIEVES ((FUENTES)) HERNANDEZ, MARIA MAGDALENA ((GARCIA)) DE NUNEZ, AND GUILLERMO ((JIMENEZ)) SANDOVAL (FOR POSSIBLE DUPLICATIVE REPORTING, (b)(3):10 USC 424

- B. COMBAT CONTINUED IN THE SERRANIA DEL PERIJA ON 900702. THE SERIES OF ACTIONS BEGAN NEAR BECERRIL LAST WEEK (b)(3):10 USC 424

SO FAR, COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT HAVE BOMBARDED FIVE

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XXXXI FARC CAMPS, ALL OF WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RAZED BY TROOPS FROM THE SECOND ARTILLERY BATTALION "LA POPA" AND SECOND MECHANIZED CAVALRY GROUP "RONDON". THE INSURGENTS WERE FIRST THOUGHT TO BE ELN, BUT CAPTURED DOCUMENTS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE FARC. AT LEAST TWO GUERRILLAS HAVE BEEN KILLED, BUT EXACT INSURGENT CASUALTIES ARE NOT KNOWN. MILITARY SOURCES ID'D THE LEADERS OF XXXXI FARC AS SOLIS ((ALMEIDA)) AND RICARDO ((PALMERA)).

- C. ON 900705, "LA POPA" TROOPS OCCUPIED AND DESTROYED A SIXTH FARC CAMP ON THE CESAR (COLOMBIA)-VENEZUELA BORDER.

- D. ALSO ON 900705, FORTIETH INFANTRY BATTALION "LUCIANO D'LUYER" SOLDIERS KILLED "CESAR" OF XII FARC NEAR EL CARMEN, SANTANDER (THERE ARE MULTIPLE LISTINGS FOR EL CARMEN IN THE GAZETTEER). THE SOLDIERS CAPTURED A PISTOL, A REVOLVER, FIELD GEAR AND DOCUMENTS IN THE ENCOUNTER.

- E. ON 900406, V FARC MURDERED A MINE MANAGER AND KIDNAPPED A WORKER NAMED GABRIEL ((MENA)) MORENO. THE ACTION, NEAR LLORO

(b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] IN THE CHOCO, NETTED THE FARC SOME FOUR MILLION PESOS IN GOLD (USD8,000).

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