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

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 **WEEKLY GUERRILLA SITREP** (900707-900713) (U)

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

SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL TIEMPO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900709-900714. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (EL SIGLO), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900709-900714. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE. C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, (LA REPUBLICA), BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 900709-900714. CONSIDERED FAIRLY RELIABLE.

SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA FOR THE PERIOD 900707-900713.

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

- A. SECOND OPERATIONS COMMAND TROOPS KILLED THREE "COMISION CAMILO TORRES" ELN NEAR AGUACHICA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ARAUCA ON 900708. ONE SOLDIER WAS KILLED AS THE UNIT CAPTURED FOUR OTHER GUERRILLAS IDENTIFIED AS RODRIGO ((MONTAYA)), SORAIDA ((SANCHEZ)), AND THE BROTHERS ((CADENA)) CACERES - HERNANDO AND BAUTISTA. THE DEAD WERE IDENTIFIED AS JAIME ((PABON)) AKA "CHINCHE", JESUS ((ORTIZ)) VELANDIA AND AN UNKNOWN.

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- B. THE SAME DAY, A 150-MAN GROUP OF ELN MURDERED NINE PEOPLE NEAR LA HORMIGA (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER), PUTUMAYO. AUTHORITIES BLAMED A LOCAL GUERRILLA-NARCO DISPUTE FOR THE INCIDENT.
- C. STILL ON 900708, FIFTH BRIGADE SOLDIERS KILLED AN ELN NEAR ARENALES (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER) ON THE BOLIVAR-SANTANDER BORDER. AUTHORITIES CONFISCATED A RIFLE, AMMUNITION AND SEVERAL HAND GRENADES.
- D. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, ELN DYNAMITED A POLICE CHECKPOINT NEAR SANTA BARBARA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTIOQUIA. NO POLICE WERE INJURED AS THE INSURGENTS STOLE THEIR SIDEARMS AND BLEW UP THEIR SHACK.
- E. ON 900709, TWENTY "CLAUDIA ISABEL ESCOBAR" ELN KIDNAPPED THREE NATIONAL CUSTOMS AGENTS FROM THEIR BOOTH AT KILOMETER EIGHTEEN ON THE ROAD BETWEEN BUCARAMANGA AND PAMPLONA (b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER. THE THREE VICTIMS WERE ID'D AS ISMAEL BLANCO ((GUERRERO)) RINCON, CARLOS ((VELA)) BARAHONA, AND SEGISMUNDO ((BLANCO)) APARICO.
- F. ON 900711, "DOMINGO LAIN" ELN AMBUSHED A SECOND INFANTRY BATTALION "SUCRE" PLATOON AT THE BRIDGE OVER THE BOJABA RIVER NEAR SARAVERA (b)(3):10 USC 424 ARAUCA. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.
- G. ELSEWHERE, PRESUMED ELN GUERRILLAS KILLED SEVENTY MILK COWS NEAR PIVAJAY (b)(3):10 USC 424 MAGDALENA. THE RANCHOWNER HAD REFUSED TO PAY A "VACCINATION" OF TEN MILLION PESOS (USD 20,000).
- H. STILL THE SAME DAY, ELN BURNED A BUS NEAR PUERTO WILCHES (b)(3):10 USC 424 SANTANDER. ALL PASSENGERS WERE EVACUATED FIRST.
- I. PRESUMED ELN KIDNAPPED INDUSTRIALIST LUIS ((GARRIDO)) TOVAR AND CATTLEMAN JORGE ((VELEZ)) JARAMILLO NEAR YOTOCO (b)(3):10 USC 424 VALLE DEL CAUCA, ON 900711.
- J. ELSEWHERE THE SAME DAY, THREE ELN LIBERATED RANCHER FIDEL ((QUINTERO)) SANCHEZ NEAR OCANA (b)(3):10 USC 424 NORTE DE SANTANDER. HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED ON 900601.
- K. THE SAME DAY, SECOND DIVISION TROOPS KILLED AN ELN NEAR MORALES (b)(3):10 USC 424 BOLIVAR. MILITARY SOURCES SAID THAT THREE OTHER BODIES WERE CARRIED OFF BY THE INSURGENT FORCE.
- L. ON 900712, THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION "CODAZZI" SOLDIERS FOUND A DEAD ELN INSURGENT ID'D AS "CONRADO" OUTSIDE OF PALMIRA (b)(3):10 USC 424 NEARBY, THE TROOPS DISCOVERED THREE CARBINES AND AMMUNITION.
- M. ON 900713, ELN BLEW UP A CHECKPOINT ON THE BUCARAMANGA-BARRANCABERMEJA HIGHWAY, CLOSING THE ROAD FOR FOUR

HOURS. THE INSURGENTS ALSO BURNED AN OIL TANKER.

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

- A. COLOMBIAN ARMY (COLAR) TROOPS KILLED A FARC NEAR SUCRE

(b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] SANTANDER, ON 900708.

- B. ON 900710, PRESUMED FARC (DRESSED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS AND CARRYING A LIST) KILLED FIVE FARM WORKERS NEAR SANTANDER DE QUILCHAO (b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] CAUCA. ARMED WITH RIFLES AND .45 CALIBER PISTOLS, THE GROUP ALSO KILLED A COW.

- C. THE SAME DAY, XXXI FARC AMBUSHED A SECOND ARTILLERY BATTALION "LA POPA" PATROL, KILLING A SOLDIER, NEAR BECERRIL

(b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] CESAR. NEARBY, OTHER "LA POPA" SOLDIERS CONFISCATED SIXTY-FIVE KILOS OF DYNAMITE NEAR ESTADOS UNIDOS (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER).

- D. ELSEWHERE, FARC SENT A WRITTEN THREAT TO THE M-19 MAYORAL CANDIDATE FOR SAN ALBERTO (NOT LISTED IN THE GAZETTEER), CESAR. MANUEL ((LIZCANO)) IS RUNNING BECAUSE THE ELECTED MAYOR WAS KILLED IN A TRAFFIC MISHAP.

- E. ON 900712, TRUCK-BORNE FARC ATTACKED A FIRST ARTILLERY BATTALION "TARQUI" ROADBLOCK NEAR AQUITANIA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] ANTIOQUIA. TWO COLAR WERE WOUNDED AND A GUERRILLA CAPTURED IN THE ACTION.

- F. ELSEWHERE, XII FARC ATTEMPTED AN AMBUSH ON ELEMENTS OF THE FOURTEENTH ENGINEER BATTALION "CALIBIO" NEAR PUERTO PARRA

(b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] SANTANDER. A FARC DIED AND A SOLDIER WAS LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE INCIDENT.

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

- A. EPL NEGOTIATORS ANNOUNCED ON 900708 THAT THEY WERE REPLACING EPL COMMANDER FRANCISCO ((CARABALLO)) DUE TO HIS REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE PEACE PROCESS. A NATIONAL DIRECTORATE WILL TAKE OVER THE LEADERSHIP, THE FIRST TIME IN ITS 23-YEAR HISTORY THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE RUN BY COMMITTEE.

- B. ON 900709, EIGHTEEN EPL FRONT COMMANDERS CONTINUED THEIR TALKS IN PUEBLO NUEVO (b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] SOME 700 GUERRILLAS ARE NOW IN THE ENCAMPMENT.

- C. ON 900711, REGIONAL COMMANDER MARCOS ((JARA)) ORDERED HIS 500 GUERRILLAS TO CONCENTRATE IN JUAN JOSE

(b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] CORDOBA, AS PART OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

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