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DOCUMENT PROVIDING CONTEXT FOR ALIAS "MONO JOJOY" TARGETING OPERATION
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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.
ENCLOSURES

TEXT: 1. (U//~~FOUO~~) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. REPORT FORWARDS A 23 SEPTEMBER

2010-DATED DOCUMENT ENTITLED "OPERATION SODOM: GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CONTEXT". THE DOCUMENT WAS DISSEMINATED BY THE COLOMBIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2010. IT ADDRESSES THE RECENT AIR STRIKE ON REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC) SECRETARIAT MEMBER AND EASTERN BLOC COMMANDER ALIAS "MONO JOJOY"'S CAMP IN THE LA MACARENA REGION OF META DEPARTMENT, COLOMBIA. THE DOCUMENT IS 6 PAGES LONG AND DISSEMINATED IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND FRENCH. THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS FOUR SECTIONS ADDRESSING THE OPERATION'S CONTEXT AND IMPORTANCE, AS WELL AS THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE FARC AND THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S PLAN OF ACTION IN DEALING WITH THE FARC.

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3. (U//~~FOUO~~) THE FIRST SECTION OF THE DOCUMENT, "CONTEXT OF OPERATION SODOM", RECAPS THE OPERATION'S TIME LINES FROM 21-23 SEPTEMBER 2010. THIS SECTION SPECIFIES THAT THE OPERATION WAS JOINT IN NATURE AND INVOLVED THE COLOMBIAN NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND ARMY, AS WELL AS THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE. THIS SECTION CLAIMS ALIAS "MONO JOJOY" WAS KILLED IN THE OPERATION. (b)(3):10 USC 424; (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i) WHEN THIS DOCUMENT WAS DISSEMINATED ALIAS "MONO JOJOY"'S IDENTITY HAD NOT BEEN CONFIRMED THROUGH CONCLUSIVE FORENSIC TESTING. HOWEVER, AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS LOCAL ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2010, THE COLOMBIAN PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE FEATURING THE CHIEF OF COLOMBIAN MORTUARY AFFAIRS IN WHICH HE STATED THAT FORENSIC TESTING CONFIRMED THE FORMER GUERRILLA LEADER'S IDENTITY.) FINALLY, THIS SECTION CONFIRMS THAT A NUMBER OF COMPUTERS AND USB FLASH DRIVES WERE SEIZED FROM THE SITE; NO SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EACH IS PROVIDED.

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) THE SECOND SECTION OF THE DOCUMENT, "IMPORTANCE OF THE OPERATION", INDICATES THE OPERATION'S MAIN RESULT WAS THE DEATH OF ALIAS "MONO JOJOY". IT PROVIDES THUMBNAIL DETAILS OF HIS HISTORY AS A MEMBER OF THE FARC, HIGHLIGHTING THE NUMEROUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH ALIAS "MONO JOJOY" WAS INVOLVED. AMONG THESE WERE THE LARGE

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OFFENSIVES HE LED AGAINST COLOMBIAN MILITARY AND POLICE INSTALLATIONS IN THE MID-TO-LATE 1990S THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC FORCES CASUALTIES AND KIDNAPPINGS; THE 2000 ASSASSINATION OF THE HEAD OF THE COLOMBIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' PEACE COMMITTEE, DIEGO ((TURBAY)) COTE; THE 2003 EL NOGAL NIGHTCLUB BOMBING IN BOGOTA IN WHICH OVER 30 PEOPLE WERE KILLED; AND ALIAS "MONO JOJOY"'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE KIDNAPPING AND/OR ASSASSINATION OF COLOMBIAN CONGRESSPERSONS, JUDGES, MAYORS, STATE MINISTERS, AND BUSINESS SECTOR LEADERS OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES.

5. (U//~~FOUO~~) THE THIRD SECTION OF THE DOCUMENT, "CURRENT CONDITION OF THE FARC", PROVIDES THE COLOMBIAN MOD'S ANALYSIS ON THE DIFFICULT AND DECLINING SITUATION IN WHICH THE FARC FINDS ITSELF. THIS PART OF THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSES 10 KEY POINTS:

--THE FARC HAS LOST A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MID-TO-HIGH LEVEL LEADERS DUE TO KILL, CAPTURE, AND DEMOBILIZATION.

--THE FARC HAS SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT BLOWS TO ITS COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE, REFLECTED IN THE FARC'S DIMINISHED CAPABILITY "TO EXECUTE DECISIONS AND STRATEGIC ACTIONS."

--THE FARC FACES "DIMINISHED RESOURCES AND FINANCING", LARGELY DUE TO THE 50 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ACREAGE OF COCA LEAF PRODUCED IN COLOMBIA IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. FURTHER, THE FARC'S KIDNAPPING AND EXTORTION ACTIVITIES, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY OVER 90 PERCENT.

--THE FARC HAS SEEN AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ITS MEMBERS DEMOBILIZE IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. OF NOTE, THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THE RATE OF MID-LEVEL FARC COMMANDER DEMOBILIZATIONS ROSE FROM 4 TO 13 PERCENT DURING THIS PERIOD. OVER 22,000 FARC MEMBERS HAVE DEMOBILIZED.

--THE FARC HAS LOST INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND THE US, EUROPEAN UNION, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, AND CANADA ALL INCLUDE THE FARC ON THEIR LISTS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. THIS SECTION NOTES THE GROWING COOPERATION OF THE AUTHORITIES IN "OTHER COUNTRIES" IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FARC AND THE TRANSNATIONAL CRIME IT PROMOTES.

--FARC STRUCTURES HAVE GRADUALLY CRIMINALIZED, AND HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING AS WELL AS THE USE OF HIRED CRIMINAL GANG MEMBERS TO CARRY OUT ASSASSINATIONS.

--THE FARC HAS LOST POPULAR SUPPORT. THIS IS NOTED IN THE "NO MORE THAN 3 PERCENT FAVORABILITY" RATING AFFORDED THE FARC IN "OPINION POLLS CONDUCTED IN RECENT YEARS." ALSO NOTED ARE LARGE-SCALE POPULAR ANTI-FARC DEMONSTRATIONS IN FEBRUARY AND JULY 2008.

--THE FARC HAS BEEN FORCED TO RETURN TO GUERRILLA WARFARE. THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THIS IS "ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL INDICATORS OF THE MILITARY WEAKENING OF THE FARC" AND POINTS OUT THE GROUP IS UNABLE TO

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SUSTAIN MILITARY OFFENSIVES, INCREASINGLY RESORTING TO "RUTHLESS" ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS.

--THE FARC INCREASINGLY USES EXPLOSIVES, LIKE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND CYLINDER BOMBS, RATHER THAN ENGAGING IN FORCE-ON-FORCE CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY OR POLICE.

--FINALLY, THE FARC FORCIBLY RECRUITS CHILDREN, ATTRIBUTABLE TO ITS "MASSIVE LOSS" OF COMBATANTS TO DEMOBILIZATION, CAPTURE, AND/OR KILL.

6. (U//~~FOUO~~) THE FOURTH AND FINAL SECTION OF THE DOCUMENT, "WHAT AWAITS THE FARC", PROVIDES A BRIEF THREE-POINT PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT. FIRST, THE COLOMBIAN PUBLIC FORCES WILL MAINTAIN THEIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE FARC "WITHOUT TRIUMPHALISM". THE DOCUMENT'S STATES IN GENERIC TERMS THAT OPERATIONS AGAINST FARC HIGH-VALUE TARGETS, FINANCIAL STRUCTURES, AND "EVERY LINK IN THE CHAIN OF ITS MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME," NAMELY DRUG TRAFFICKING. SECOND, THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE PROMOTING THE DEMOBILIZATION OF FARC MEMBERS AND COLOMBIAN ILLEGAL ARMED GROUPS, STATING THAT DEMOBILIZATIONS/CAPTURES ARE PREFERABLE TO KILLS. THIRD AND FINALLY, THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT "WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS." IT WILL ONLY EXPLORE THE OPTION OF NEGOTIATION WITH THE FARC WHEN THE GROUP "IRREVOCABLY ABANDONS TERRORISM, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, WEAPONS, VIOLENCE, KIDNAPPING, DRUG TRAFFICKING, EXTORTION, AND INTIMIDATION."

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