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September 16, 2003

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TO: LTG John Craddock

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

SUBJECT: FBIS

Sir,
NMJIC ADDO Mis spoke -
There was no CIA involvement.
Contract is funded through
DOD/Navy Counter Narcotics
programs. vr

Colombia

This FBIS report says that these folks work for the State Department. I thought CDR Nosenzo they were DoD contractors. What is the truth?

Thanks.

Attach.

"Colombia: Cromos Magazine Reveals Photos of US Citizens Held by FARC," September 12, 2003.

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Please respond by 9/17/03

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If it is a
CIA contract
why do you call
them DoD contractors?

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Sir,
Per the NMJIC ADDO:
The hostages are DoD contractors
employed by Northrop Grumman
under a CIA contract for
Counter-Narcotics Operations.

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SecDef -
I talked to Gen Hill -
DoD contractors - State had
nothing to do w/ them. Another
mess maccanny.

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Colombia: Cromos Magazine Reveals Photos of US Citizens Held by FARC -- PHOTOS

LAP20030912000086 Bogota Caracol Television in Spanish 1730 GMT 12 Sep 03

[Corrected version: Adding closing bracket in jpg image notations; last minute news report; from the "Caracol News" program]

[FBIS Translated Text]

Good afternoon. Pay attention: Cromos magazine has disclosed the first proof of life in Colombia of the three US citizens who are in the hands of the FARC [Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia] after their plane fell in Caqueta on 12 February.

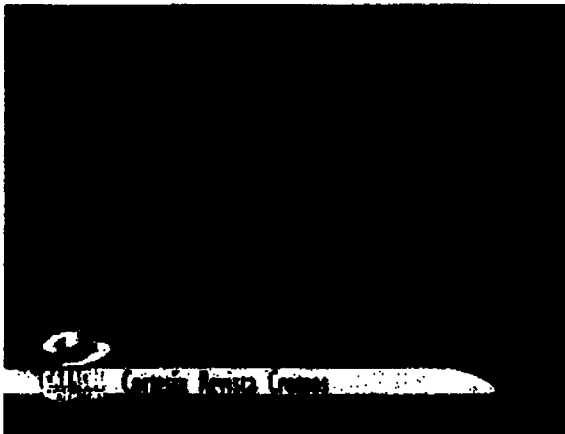


Photo of US hostages

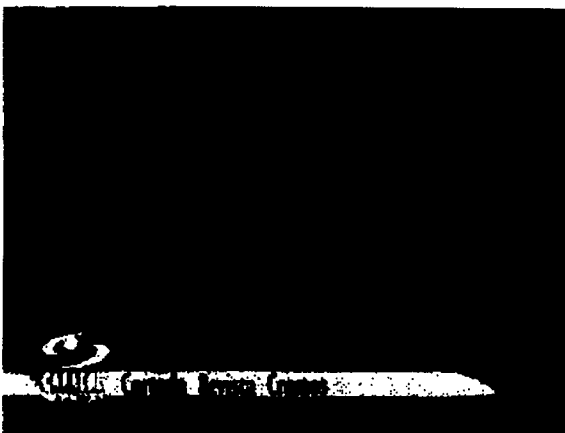


Photo of US hostages

The photos show the three US citizens dressed in fatigues. They appear to be in good health condition.

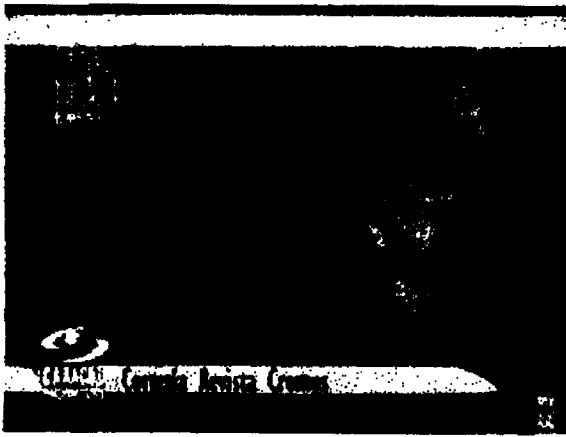


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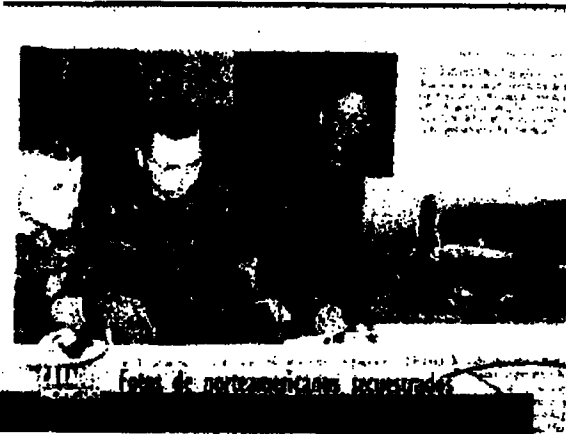


Photo of US hostages

The US citizens worked for the State Department in a mission of reconnaissance. The journalist who traveled to the area where they are being held captive said that the US citizens regularly send messages to their relatives.



Photo of US hostages

The US Government is preparing to make a pronouncement on this topic this very afternoon.

[Description of Source: Bogota Caracol Television in Spanish -- private television station owned by Bavaria Group and Santodomingo family]

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