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SUBJECT: Allegations of President Uribe's Ties to Narcotraffickers (U)

- (U) A recently declassified 1991 U.S. military intelligence report (Tab A) linked Colombian President Uribe to narcotraffickers, specifically Pablo Escobar, head of the Medellin Cartel.
- (U) On 2 August 2004, both the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* picked up the story. *Newsweek* subsequently posted a cover story on its Latin America web site (Tab B).
- ~~(C)~~ As of yet, there are no other (b)(1), 1.4(c) reports that corroborate the 1991 accusations.
- ~~(C)~~ Uribe almost certainly had dealings with the paramilitaries (AUC) while governor of Antioquia—it goes with the job. We have no reports to suggest that drugs were part of the picture.
- ~~(C)~~ Informal soundings with key Hill staffers indicate that they, too, doubt the allegations. They are, however, concerned, as are we, with the direction of Uribe's peace talks with the AUC.
- (U) While president, Uribe has extradited 160 suspected narcotics traffickers to the U.S. He has always vehemently denied ties to narcotraffickers.

Attachment:

Tab A: 1991 intelligence report

Tab B: Newsweek Article

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SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE MORE IMPORTANT COLOMBIAN MARCO-TRAFFICKERS CONTRACTED BY THE CARTELS FOR SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN BOTH THE US AND COLOMBIA. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ALSO CONTRACTED AS "HIT MEN" FOR ASSASSINATIONS BY THE CARTEL LEADERS.

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TEXT: (U)

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT FORWARDS PROFILES ON THE MORE IMPORTANT COLOMBIAN MARCO-TERRORISTS CONTRACTED BY THE COLOMBIAN NARCOTIC CARTELS FOR SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN BOTH THE US AND COLOMBIA. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ALSO CONTRACTED AS "HIT MEN" TO ASSASSINATE INDIVIDUALS TARGETED BY THE "EXTRADITABLES", OR INDIVIDUAL NARCOTIC LEADERS' AND TO PERFORM TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND GROUPS OF OTHER POLITICAL PERSUASION. ((SOURCE COMMENT) - THESE INDIVIDUALS FREQUENTLY TRAVEL TO COUNTRIES UNDER ASSUMED IDENTITIES, UTILIZING FALSE DOCUMENTS, OR ENTER COUNTRIES ILLEGALLY. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DATES OF BIRTH, THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED IN DATA BASES. IN SOME CASES IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN MADE VIA INTERFACES WITH OTHER AGENCIES). THE FOLLOWING CORRESPOND TO THE PHOTOS PROVIDED IN THE ENCLOSURE.

1. JHON JAIRO ((VELASQUEZ)) VASQUEZ - ALIAS "POFEYE", COLOMBIAN ID NO. 71 697 722 ISSUED IN MEDELLIN. INDIVIDUAL IS A MAJOR TERRORIST CHIEF IN THE SERVICE OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND IS A

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CONFIDANT OF PABLO ((ESCOBAR)) GAVIRIA. VELASQUEZ DIRECTED THE ASSASSINATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CARLOS MAURO ((BOYOS)) IN JANUARY 1988 IN MEDELLIN. SUBJECT ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF JOURNALIST AND BOGOTA MAYOR ANDRES ((PASTRANA)) IN JANUARY 1988. VELASQUEZ WAS CAPTURED DURING AN OPERATION CONDUCTED BY THE 4TH COLOMBIAN ARMY BRIGADE OF MEDELLIN AT THE "BIZCOCHO" FARM IN 1988, WHERE PABLO ESCOBAR ELUDED CAPTURE. VELASQUEZ WAS PLACED AT THE ORDERS OF A PUBLIC ORDER JUDGE IN MEDELLIN AND ALTHOUGH HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MASSACRES WAS PROVEN, HIS FREEDOM WAS OBTAINED BY MEANS OF WELL PLACED BRIBES. SUBSEQUENTLY, VELASQUEZ ALONG WITH "EL MONO", "EL ZARCO", AND "TYSON" CONTROLLED ALL TERRORIST ACTIONS AND CAR BOMBINGS IN MEDELLIN, BOGOTA, AND CALI. VELASQUEZ, WHO IS TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD, ALLEGEDLY HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLING OF 70 POLICEMEN IN MEDELLIN DURING 1990. IT IS BELIEVED THAT VELASQUEZ WAS SENT TO THE US WHERE HE IS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES.

2. LUIS FERNANDO ((LONDONO)) SANTAMARIA - ALIAS "EL TROMPAS" OR "EL TROMPON" HOLDS IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. 17 803 169 ISSUED IN RIO HACHA, COLOMBIA AND IS APPROXIMATELY 35 YEARS OF AGE. LONDONO IS A TERRORIST CHIEF FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND IS A FRIEND AND PERSONAL BODYGUARD OF PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA ALONG WITH "POPEYE", "EL CIEN", "EL ZARCO", "TYSON", ETC. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE 1988 ASSASSINATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CARLOS MAURO HOYOS. LONDONO WAS CAPTURED IN APRIL 1988 BY THE 4TH COLOMBIAN ARMY BRIGADE AT THE "BIZCOCHO" FARM, WAS PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF PUBLIC ORDER AND WAS ALSO RELEASED WHEN BRIBES WERE PAID. THIS ASSASSIN ALONG WITH "POPEYE" AND OTHERS PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS MURDERS OF MEMBERS OF THE CALI CARTEL IN MEDELLIN, AND WAS INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS MURDERS OF MEDELLIN POLICEMEN WHERE IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 190 POLICEMEN WERE KILLED. AT LEAST 70 OF THESE MURDERS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO ORDERS OF MEDELLIN CARTEL CHIEFS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT LONDONO IS CURRENTLY IN THE US.

3. GUILLERMO OSWALDO ((SANTANA GAITAN)) - A MEDELLIN CARTEL TERRORIST WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AND CAPTURED IN BOGOTA ON FEBRUARY 12, 1990 ALONG WITH TEN MISSILES THAT HE HAD PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT BUSH DURING THE CARTAGENA SUMMIT WHICH OPENED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1990. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS CAPTURED WITH ANOTHER TERRORIST (MFI) WHOSE ITINERARY WAS TO TRAVEL TO DORADAL, COLOMBIA, AND LATER VIA AIRCRAFT TO BARRANQUILLA OR TO CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, WHERE THEY WOULD PLAN THE ATTACK WHICH INCLUDED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT BUSH AND OTHER PRESIDENTS ATTENDING THE SUMMIT. THE MISSILES WERE OF FRENCH MANUFACTURE (MFI). THIS OPERATION WAS COORDINATED BY "EL MONITO" OR "EL CIEN". SANTANA HAD ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE DEATH OF NEWSPAPERMAN JORGE ENRIQUE ((PULIDO)) AS WELL AS OTHER MURDERS AND TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BOGOTA.

4. OCTAVIO ((PINEDA GALVIS)) - A MEDELLIN CARTEL TERRORIST AND ASSASSIN WHO WAS CAPTURED IN BOGOTA ALONG WITH GUILLERMO SANTANA GALVIS AND THE FRENCH MISSILES WHICH WERE PLANNED TO BE USED AGAINST PRESIDENT BUSH. PINEDA HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS KILLINGS AND TERRORIST ACTIONS IN BOGOTA.

5. DAVID RICARDO ((FRISCO LOPERA)) - ALIAS "RICHARD"/"CHINO". CHIEF OF AN ASSASSIN GANG WORKING FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL CALLED "LOS FRISCOS" WHICH IS COMPRISED OF OVER ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS. VARIOUS BROTHERS OF FRISCO HAVE BEEN KILLED. ONE BROTHER, RODOLFO

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PRISCO, DIED IN A SHOOTOUT WITH THE COLOMBIAN SECRET SERVICE (DAS) IN BOGOTA IN AUGUST 1987. THE PRISCOS GANG REPLACED THE "BANDA DEL BOMBO" (BDR) GANG AFTER 9 MEMBERS OF BDR WERE CAPTURED IN MEDELLIN. "RICHARD" AND ANOTHER BROTHER DIED IN A POLICE SHOOTOUT ON JANUARY 15, 1991. THE PRISCOS GANG BECAME THE ARMED WING OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL IN 1986. THEY HAVE COMMITTED MANY MURDERS IN COLOMBIA TO INCLUDE THAT OF MAGISTRATE HERNANDO ((BAQUERO BORDA)), TULIO MANUEL ((CASTRO GIL)), CORONEL JAIME ((RAMIREZ GOMEZ)), MAGISTRATES ALVARO ((MEDINA OCHOA)), AND GUSTAVO ((ZULUAGA SERNA)). THE GANG WAS INVOLVED IN THE EXECUTION OF SOME 70 MEDELLIN POLICEMEN DURING 1990 AND HAS COMMITTED NUMEROUS TERRORIST ATTACKS. DURING 1990 THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLING OF BERNARDO ((JARAMILLO OSSA)) AND CARLOS ((PIZARRO LEON GOMEZ)) BOTH LEFTIST POLITICAL CANDIDATES.

6. OTOMIEL ((GONZALEZ FRANCO)) - ALIAS "OTTO". A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER AND ASSASSIN FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. A LARGE SCALE TRAFFICKER WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF MOUNTING TERRORIST ATTACKS IN MEDELLIN, CALI AND BOGOTA. HE WAS ALSO COMMISSIONED TO SUPPLY WEAPONS TO VARIOUS TERRORIST GROUPS. "OTTO" HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD AND HE IS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE US. DATE OF BIRTH - 090556.

7. JHON JAIRO ((ARIAS TASCON)) - ALIAS "EL CIER", "EL MONITO", OR "EL PININA". HE IS A 28 YEAR OLD EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CRIMINAL WHO WAS CHIEF OF SECURITY (BOYSGUARDS) FOR PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA. ARIAS TASCON HAS PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS ASSASSINATIONS IN COLOMBIA, ORDERED BY THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND IN 1984 HE PARTICIPATED IN THE MURDER OF RODRIGO ((LARA BONILLA)). THIS INDIVIDUAL COORDINATED WITH ASSASSIN CHIEFS "LOS PRISCOS", "POPEYE", "EL TROMPAS", "TISON", ETC. FOR MEDELLIN CARTEL ATTACKS AGAINST THE POLICE AND TERRORIST ATTACKS IN DIFFERENT CITIES OF COLOMBIA. ARIAS TASCON WAS KILLED IN A POLICE SHOOTOUT JULY 13, 1990.

8. WILLIAM ((INFANTE)) - AN ASSASSIN WHO WORKED FOR "EL MEJICANO", GONZALO ((RODRIGUEZ GACHA)) AND THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. ALLEGEDLY, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING UNION PATRIOTICA (COMMUNIST PARTY), LEADER JAIME ((PARDO LEAL)). THEN HE CHANGED HIS IDENTITY AND ALLEGEDLY DIRECTED A NARCOTICS DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. INFANTE WAS CAPTURED IN MIAMI IN DECEMBER 1988 WITH A LOAD OF NARCOTICS AND IS CURRENTLY IN PRISON. HIS CRIMINAL ASSOCIATES WERE BEYER YESID ((BARRERA RAMIREZ)) AND A RELATIVE OLIVERIA ((ACUNA INFANTE)). INFANTE IS SAID TO HAVE ALSO PRESSURED COLOMBIAN NEWSPAPERMAN GERARDO REYES, THROUGH HIS LAWYER, IN ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN REPATRIATION TO COLOMBIA.

9. BEYER YESID ((BARRERA RAMIREZ)) - A CRUEL ASSASSIN WHO WORKED FOR GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA AND THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. HE ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLING OF UNION PATRIOTICA CHIEF JAIME PARDO. DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS BARRERA RAMIREZ HAS OPERATED IN THE MAGDALENA MEDIO REGION OF COLOMBIA CARRYING OUT MASSACRES AND TERRORIST ATTACKS. HE WAS CAPTURED IN EARLY 1990 AND IS SERVING A 25 YEAR SENTENCE IN A PRISON IN BOGOTA.

10. PABLO ALBERTO ((ZAMORA RODRIGUEZ)) - ALIAS "EL ROLO". A HIGHLY DANGEROUS ASSASSIN BELONGING TO THE LOS PRISCOS GANG. ZAMORA RODRIGUEZ WAS IDENTIFIED AS PARTICIPATING IN NUMEROUS MURDERS AND IS ACCUSED OF BEING ONE OF THE PERPETRATORS IN THE MURDER OF GUILLERMO ((CAMO)), DIRECTOR OF THE "EL ESPECTADOR"

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DAILY NEWSPAPER. HE HAS BEEN WORKING FOR PABLO ESCOBAR FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS.

11. JAIME ALBERTO ((MEÑEZES SERNA)) - A MEMBER OF THE LOS PRISCOS GANG AND A PRINCIPAL IN THE MURDER OF GUILLERMO CAMO. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS MURDERS OF HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT. HE WAS DETAINED IN THE PASSPORT OFFICE OF BOGOTA WITH A FALSE IDENTIFICATION CARD WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT, UNDER A FALSE NAME, IN ORDER TO TRAVEL TO THE US. HE IS BELIEVED TO LEAD AN ASSASSIN NETWORK IN THE US.

12. JORGE RALPH ((ABRAHAMSON MANCHEIN)) - A 44 YEAR OLD ECUADORAN, BORN IN AMBATO, ECUADOR WHO IS A MAJOR GROUP CHIEF FOR MEDELLIN CARTEL OPERATIONS IN ECUADOR. ABRAHAMSON IS CURRENTLY A FUGITIVE FROM ECUADORAN JUSTICE RELATING TO HIS LARGE SCALE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES TO THE US. IN 1987 A NARCOTICS LOAD CONCEALED IN BERSMAX DISTRIBUTED BY THE CINTI SHIPPING FIRM WAS SENT FROM AMBATO AND SEIZED IN THE EVERGLADES, FLORIDA. ECUADORAN AUTHORITIES SEIZED DRUGS AND PROPERTIES BELONGING TO ABRAHAMSON BUT, HE REPORTEDLY, BRIBED THE JUDGES, ESCAPED FROM JAIL AND IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE LIVING IN EITHER COLOMBIA, PANAMA, OR THE US.

13. OLIVIERA ((ACUMA INFANTE)) - A RELATIVE OF WILLIAM INFANTE WHO WAS CAPTURED IN FLORIDA. THIS WOMAN BELONGS TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND WORKED FOR GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA. SHE ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE MURDER OF JAIME PANDO LEAL, PARTY CANDIDATE FOR THE UNION PATRIOTICA, BUT WAS SET FREE THROUGH BRIBERY OF JUDGES. OLIVIERA IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND CURRENTLY HEADS THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING NETWORK OF JUSTO ((PASTOR RODRIGUEZ)). SHE ALSO WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF THE DECEASED TRAFFICKER VICTOR MANUEL ((LINARES)). SHE IS BELIEVED TO TRAVEL IN AND OUT OF THE US.

14. ELICIA ((TORRES)) - FRONT PERSON AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER FOR GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA. ELICIA HAS PARTICIPATED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BOGOTA.

15. JAIME ((RODRIGUEZ TORRES)) - AN ASSASSIN AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER WHO OPERATES IN BOGOTA AND IS AN ASSOCIATE OF JUSTO PASTOR RODRIGUEZ GACHA. JAIME HEADS A TRAFFICKING NETWORK BETWEEN BOGOTA AND THE US. HE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO THE US AND CONTINUE HIS TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS. DATE OF BIRTH - 030252.

16. DANDENIS ((MUNOZ MOSQUERA)) - ALIAS "LA QUICA OR KIKI". AN ASSASSIN AND LEADER OF AN ASSASSIN GANG IN MEDELLIN WHOSE CENTER OF OPERATIONS IS LOCATED IN THE BARRIO CASTILLA OF MEDELLIN. DANDENIS WAS A DESERTER FROM THE COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES AT THE AGE OF 17 WHO FLED WITH HIS ASSIGNED WEAPON. HE SUBSEQUENTLY FORMED AN ASSASSIN AND BANK ROBBERING GANG AND WAS INVOLVED WITH KILLING OF NUMEROUS POLICEMEN BETWEEN 1983 AND 1990. DANDENIS WAS CAPTURED IN 1986, ACCUSED OF MORE THAN TWENTY MURDERS, NUMEROUS BANK ROBBERIES, AND THE KILLING OF MORE THAN TEN POLICEMEN. HE WAS TURNED OVER TO A MEDELLIN JUDGE, WHO AFTER BEING PAID A TWO MILLION PESO BRIBE RELEASED HIM. HE WAS RECAPTURED AND TURNED OVER TO THE ARMED FORCES TO PAY FOR THE CRIMES OF DESERTION AND THEFT OF A MILITARY WEAPON; HOWEVER, HE MYSTERIOUSLY WAS SET FREE. IN 1987, IT WAS LEARNED THAT MUNOZ MOSQUERA WORKED FOR THE LOS PRISCOS GANG AND FOR PABLO ESCOBAR. THIS GANG CURRENTLY COMPRISES APPROXIMATELY 100 CRIMINALS. DANDENIS ALSO HAS BROTHERS WHO WORK IN THE GANG. LA KIKI/QUICA IS CURRENTLY 25 YEARS OLD HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY PABLO ESCOBAR TO WORK IN THE US TO COMMIT

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17. BRACE ((MUNOZ MOSQUERA)) - ALIAS "TYSON OR TAYSON". BROTHER OF LA KIKI WHO ALSO GOES BY THE FIRST NAME OF TILTON, IS A TERRORIST AND A HIRED ASSASSIN WHO WITH LA KIKI FORMED GANGS AND PARTICIPATED IN ASSASSINATIONS. AT PRESENT HIS CENTER OF OPERATIONS IS IN THE BARRIO LA AMERICA OF MEDELLIN FROM WHERE HE HAS COORDINATED NUMEROUS KILLINGS OF POLICEMEN IN 1990. BRACE HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSASSINATIONS OF VARIOUS COLOMBIAN POLITICIANS, THE MURDER OF NUMEROUS INNOCENT PERSONS, AND THE SELECTIVE KILLING OF MEDELLIN POLICEMEN. "TYSON" IS APPROXIMATELY 23 YEARS OLD, 70 INCHES IN HEIGHT, HAS DARK SKIN AND CURLY HAIR. HE CURRENTLY HEADS PABLO ESCOBAR'S ARMED WING.
18. CARLOS ((AGUILAR GALLEGO)) - ALIAS "EL MUGRE". CARLOS IS CHIEF OF AN ASSASSIN GANG EMPLOYED BY PABLO ESCOBAR. CURRENTLY, AS CHIEF OF PABLO ESCOBAR'S BODYGUARDS HE PROVIDES BOTH PROTECTION AND SECURITY SERVICES. "EL MUGRE", IN CONCERT WITH OTHER TERRORISTS, HAS CARRIED OUT ATTACKS, MASSACRES AND MURDERS AGAINST POLICEMEN AND INNOCENT PERSONS.
19. GUSTAVO ADOLFO ((MESA MENESES)) - ALIAS "EL SARCO OR SARCO". A CRUEL ASSASSIN GANG LEADER EMPLOYED BY PABLO ESCOBAR WHOSE CENTER OF OPERATIONS WAS IN THE BARRIO NOGAL AND BARRIO LAURELES. MESA MENESES CONTROLLED MILLION DOLLAR ACCOUNTS USED TO PAY FOR ASSASSINATIONS, BRIBERY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ETC. HE IS 24 YEARS OLD, DARK SKINNED, AND HAS PERFORMED NUMEROUS SERVICES FOR THE CHIEFS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.
20. JOSE ((ANCIZAR ARBOLEDA)) - AN ASSASSIN IN THE EMPLOY OF PABLO ESCOBAR IN ENVIGADO, COLOMBIA WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE MURDER OF MORE THAN 400 PERSONS IN THE ENVIGADO AREA. HIS SYSTEM CONSISTED IN ASSASSINATING PEOPLE THAT WERE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS TO PABLO ESCOBAR OR FOR THE TOWN OF ENVIGADO. ANCIZAR ARBOLEDA BELONGED TO THE SECURITY AND CONTROL DEPARTMENT OFFICE (DSC) FOR THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF ENVIGADO WHOSE FUNCTION WAS TO CONTROL PRICES AND OCCASIONALLY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE POLICE IN THE CAPTURE OF CRIMINALS.
21. SAMUEL ((ESCOBAR ARBOLEDA)) - MEMBER OF A GROUP OF ASSASSINS IN THE SECURITY AND CONTROL DEPARTMENT (DSC) IN THE SERVICE OF PABLO ESCOBAR WORKING UNDER ORDERS FROM "PIQUINA", "BALAZO", AND "PETETE". SAMUEL IS ACCUSED OF KILLING MORE THAN 400 PERSONS IN ENVIGADO.
22. CARLOS ((PEREZ GARCIA)) - EX-AGENT OF THE DSC ACCUSED IN THE MURDER OF MORE THAN 400 PERSONS IN ENVIGADO UNDER ORDERS OF "PIQUINA", "BALAZO", AND "PETETE" CONFIDANTS OF PABLO ESCOBAR.
23. LUIS GONZALO ((PABON)) - EX-AGENT OF THE DSC ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MURDERS OF OVER 400 PERSONS IN ENVIGADO.
24. NERMAN ((VALENCIA LOTERO)) - CHIEF OF THE DSC IN ENVIGADO. HE RECEIVED ORDERS FROM "PETETE" FOR THE INDISCRIMINATE KILLING OF MORE THAN 400 PERSONS.
25. JULIO DAVID ((SANCHEZ)) - EX-AGENT OF THE DSC OF ENVIGADO ACCUSED IN THE KILLING OF MORE THAN 400 PERSONS.
26. DUBAN DARIO ((CORREA)) - EX-AGENT OF THE DSC IN ENVIGADO ACCUSED OF KILLING MORE THAN 400 PERSONS UNDER ORDERS FROM PABLO ESCOBAR.
27. JORGE IVAN ((RIVERA)) - EX-AGENT OF THE DSC IN ENVIGADO ACCUSED OF KILLING MORE THAN 400 PERSONS.
28. JUAN CARLOS ((LONDONO)) - EX-AGENT OF THE DSC IN ENVIGADO

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ACCUSED OF THE MURDER OF 400 PERSON IN ENVIGADO UNDER THE ORDERS OF PABLO ESCOBAR.

((FIELD COMMENT) - THESE DSC ASSASSINS ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED 100,000 PESOS PER HEAD FOR THESE MURDERS. THEY ASSASSINATED ORPHANS, DRUG ADDICTS AND PERSONS WHOM THEY SUSPECTED OF BEING IN THE SERVICE OF THE CALI CARTEL, WHO ALLEGEDLY ARRIVED IN ENVIGADO TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON PABLO ESCOBAR. MANY OF THESE VICTIMS WERE INTERROGATED AND TORTURED USING THE "TOWEL" METHOD BY WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL'S FACE WAS COVERED WITH A WET TOWEL KEPT SATURATED WITH WATER SO BREATHING IS VERY DIFFICULT. THEY WERE THEN TAKEN SEPARATELY TO PLACES WHERE THEY WERE EXECUTED BY EITHER SHOOTING, OR QUARTERING WITH A MACHETE OR AXE).

29. LUIS JAVIER ((MANUEN)) - RETIRED COLOMBIAN ARMY CAPTAIN WITH ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE AND GOVERNMENT LEVEL DOCUMENTS THROUGH BRIBERY OF ACQUAINTANCES PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. HE ALSO ASSISTED IN THE PLANNING OF THE ATTACK AGAINST SECRET POLICE CHIEF GENERAL ((MAZA)) IN 1989.

(NOTE - THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS NUMBERED 30 THROUGH 46 ARE ALL ECUADORAN CITIZENS WHO ALLEGEDLY ARE PART OF AN ECUADORAN INTERNATIONAL COCAINE TRAFFICKING NETWORK HEADED BY RALPH ABRAHAMSON MANCHEIN WHO REPRESENTS THE MEDELLIN CARTEL INTERESTS IN ECUADOR).

30. JACINTO ((QUIROZ BRAVO))

31. HILDA ((GONZALEZ))

32. NEWTON ((PACBAY MEDINA)) - ECUADORAN HEAD OF A LARGE SCALE COCAINE TRAFFICKING NETWORK IN ECUADOR.

33. ISADEL ((LLAGUNO MENDOZA))

34. EDGAR ((CAICEDO QUINTERO))

35. LOIS ((CAJIAS SOLIS))

36. RALPH ((ABRAHAMSON MANCHEIN)) - ECUADORAN HEAD OF AN INTERNATIONAL COCAINE TRAFFICKING NETWORK. MORE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND UNDER ITEM 12.

37. CARLOS ((CARVAJAL))

38. MARIA ((DELGADO))

39. HUMBERTO ((SAMDOVAL ANDRADE))

40. ELADIO ((BARAHONA)) - DOB 270625.

41. CARLOS ((CORNEJO)) - DOB 360418.

42. YOLANDA ((IRREMO DE HERNANDEZ))

43. OCTAVIO ((BARAHONA))

44. CAMILO ((HERRERA)) - DOB 580114, A PILOT.

45. ARIEL ((BURBANO)) - DOB 620929, A PILOT.

46. EDGAR ((SALAZAR ORTIZ)) - DOB 490824.

47. AUGUSTO ((PEINADO NAVARRO)) - A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER AND FRONT MAN FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. PEINADO WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF HERRAN ((BOTERO MORENO)) WHO WAS EXTRADITED TO THE US AND SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS IN PRISON. PEINADO LIVED IN MEDELLIN AND WAS A PAINTER BY PROFESSION. PREVIOUSLY, HE HELD INTERESTS IN THE NOTISARA HOTEL IN MEDELLIN. HE HAD MAINTAINED RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND HIS PRINCIPAL DUTIES WERE THE LAUNDERING OF MONEY.

48. EDUARDO ((MARTINEZ MONERO)) - A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER WHO IS AN ECONOMIST BY PROFESSION AND WAS THE PRINCIPAL FRONT MAN AND MONEY LAUNDERER FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. MARTINEZ OPERATED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN PANAMA WHERE HE EVADED A US DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) SEARCH AND TOOK REFUGE IN THE ATLANTIC

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COASTAL REGION OF COLOMBIA. IN 1989 HE WAS CAPTURED IN COLOMBIA AND WAS EXTRADITED TO THE US WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY SERVING A PRISON SENTENCE. DOB 531111.

49. LOIS ((SANTACRUZ ECHEVERRI)) - ALIAS "LOCHO". A CALI CARTEL CHIEF, WHO IS THE HALF-BROTHER OF JOSE ((SANTACRUZ LONDONO)) ANOTHER CALI CARTEL LEADER. SANTACRUZ REPRESENTED CALI CARTEL INTERESTS IN THE US AND WAS ARRESTED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA IN MAY 1989, AND SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IN PRISON IN 1990 FOR NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES. EVER SINCE HE WAS ARRESTED, A CARTEL SPONSORED ASSASSIN GROUP CALLED "LOS PALESTINOS" HAS BEEN PLANNING TO ARRANGE FOR HIS ESCAPE. LOS PALESTINOS OPERATE IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE US ACTING AS COLLECTORS AND ENFORCERS FOR THE CARTELS. LOIS SANTACRUZ REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CALI CARTEL LEADERS DETAINED IN US PRISONS. DOB 530904.

50. JESUS HUMBERTO ((VEGA ESCOBAR)) - ALIAS "EL RONCO", ALSO USES THE NAMES HUMBERTO VEGA POSADA AND DAVID POSADA, IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. 824 94 99 ISSUED IN MEDELLIN. VEGA HELD AN IMPORTANT POSITION WITHIN THE MEDELLIN CARTEL DIRECTING VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE LARGE SCALE TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFICKING OF COCAINE. "EL RONCO" WAS ARRESTED IN 1990 AND LATER EXTRADITED TO THE US FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES.

THE FOUR FOLLOWING COLOMBIANS COMPRISED AN ASSASSIN GROUP IN THE SERVICE OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL WHO WERE CAPTURED BY COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES. THIS GROUP PLANNED TO STRIKE A MAJOR BLOW PRIOR TO AUGUST 07, 1990 WHEN PRESIDENT GAVIRIA TOOK OFFICE. THIS GROUP WAS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT A LARGE SCALE ATTACK IN BOGOTA. THEY WERE ARRESTED IN A RAID IN THE BARRIO MANDALAY IN BOGOTA ON AUGUST 06, 1990. SEVERAL CARBINES, SILENCERS, AMMUNITION AND OTHER WAR MATERIALS WERE CONFISCATED (NFI).

51. NELSON ((GARCIA ROMERO))

52. CRUZ MARY ((GOMEZ DE CASTAÑO))

53. MARIO FRANCINE ((VILLARRAGA))

54. FABIO NERHES ((PENA GARZON))

55. ANTONIO ((CEBOLLERO Y CANFOS)) - A SPANISH NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER ARRESTED IN SPAIN BECAUSE HE WAS ONE OF THE CHIEFS OF THE GALICIA CARTEL OF SPAIN WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEDELLIN CARTEL OF COLOMBIA FOR COCAINE TRAFFICKING AND DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE. CEBOLLERO SERVED TIME IN COLOMBIA FOR THE THEFT OF 13.5 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT (NFI).

56. ROBERTO ((CABALLERO RANGEL)) - A COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER WHO WAS ARRESTED IN COLOMBIA AND EXTRADITED TO THE US IN 1990 AT THE REQUEST OF THE US GOVERNMENT. CABALLERO RESIDED IN BUCARAMANGA, COLOMBIA.

57. VICTOR EDUARDO ((MERA MOSQUERA)) - A COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER ARREST IN COLOMBIA AND EXTRADITED TO THE US FOR VARIOUS DRUG OFFENSES IN 1990. MERA HEADED AN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS NETWORK FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN NEW YORK WHERE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY FLED FROM COLOMBIA. DOB 082953.

58. EVARISTO ((PORRAS ARDITA)) - A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER BELONGING TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL WHO, ALONG WITH HIS BROTHERS, HEADS THREE TRAFFICKING NETWORKS. HE IS IN CHARGE OF A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING GROUP OPERATING OUT OF SAN ANDRES ISLAND WHICH IS MANAGED BY HIS BROTHER. HE HEADED ANOTHER NETWORK BASED IN LETICIAS, COLOMBIA. PORRAS WAS ARRESTED IN ECUADOR, WHERE ALONG WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, HE WAS RUNNING VARIOUS ENTERPRISES THROUGH WHICH HE

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WAS LAUNDERING MONEY FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. ECUADOR EXTRADITED HIM TO COLOMBIA WHERE HE IS SERVING A 14 MONTH PRISON SENTENCE. IN ECUADOR HE MANAGED THE ECU MER IMPORT AND EXPORT ENTERPRISE WHICH WAS DEDICATED TO FOREIGN COMMERCE. DOB 480731.

59. EDGAR ROBERTO ((ESCOBAR TABORDA)) - ALIAS "EL POETA", A NEWSPAPERMAN WHO PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE FROM PABLO ESCOBAR AND DIRECTED VARIOUS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BESIDES PUBLISHING PAMPHLETS FOR THE "EXTRADITABLES". PREVIOUSLY ESCOBAR TABORDA OWNED VARIOUS PUBLICITY ENTERPRISES AND PORNOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE PUBLISHING ENTERPRISES. UTILIZING THESE ASSETS HE WAS ABLE TO PUBLISH ALL TYPES OF PAMPHLETS USED TO THREATEN JUDGES AND OTHER AUTHORITIES IN COLOMBIA. "EL POETA", A PERSONAL FRIEND OF PABLO ESCOBAR, USED THE IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. 70 551 952 ISSUED IN ENVIKADO, COLOMBIA. HE OWNS "TROPICOS PRODUCCIONES" AND "E. K. PRODUCCIONES".

60. MANUEL JULIAN ((PALMA MOLINA)) - A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER WHO HEADS A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING NETWORK IN COLOMBIA AND THE US. HE WAS ARRESTED AND WAS EXTRADITED TO THE US FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING. DOB 400101.

61. ROGER JAMES ((SOKOLOWSKI SALAH)) - A COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER ARRESTED IN COLOMBIA WHO WAS EXTRADITED TO THE US. DOB 601006.

62. JACOBO MARIANO ((MENDEZ CAMPO)) - A POLITICIAN FROM THE NORTHERN COAST OF COLOMBIA WHO IS WANTED BY US AUTHORITIES FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. HE IS BEING HELD IN COLOMBIA FOR POSSIBLE EXTRADITION. DOB 481017.

63. JUAN MARIA ((OYARBIDE)) - AN ETA (BASQUE FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY) TERRORIST WHO OPERATES IN SPAIN AND PRESENTLY IS A CONSULTANT TO THE ELN (COLOMBIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY) AND TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. HE IS IDENTIFIED IN SPAIN AS A TERRORIST OF SPANISH ORIGIN.

64. MANUEL ((URRIONABASCREA)) - A SPANISH TERRORIST BELONGING TO THE ETA MOVEMENT WHO HAS COLLABORATED ON TERRORIST ATTACKS CARRIED OUT IN COLOMBIA. THE ETA WERE CONSULTANTS TO THE ELN GUERRILLA GROUP THAT OPERATES IN COLOMBIA. THE ETA HAS ALSO ADVISED THE MEDELLIN CARTEL ON CARRYING OUT TERRORIST ACTIONS.

65. LEONE ((MARTINEZ)) - A CUBAN LIVING IN MIAMI WAS DECLARED GUILTY OF LARGE SCALE COCAINE TRAFFICKING IN THE US AND SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON. HE IS ALSO TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER/ASSASSINATION. MARTINEZ BECAME A MILLIONAIRE THROUGH NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND HAS CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS WITH MIAMI POLITICIANS. MARTINEZ PURCHASED TONS OF COCAINE FROM COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS. ((FIELD COMMENT)) - THIS CASE WAS WELL PUBLICIZED IN THE MEDIA. DOB 301027.

66. MANUEL ANTONIO ((MORIEGA)) - NATIONAL GUARD GENERAL/EX-PRESIDENT OF PANAMA WHO ALLEGEDLY WORKED FOR THE DRUG CARTELS TO WHOM HE ALLEGEDLY SOLD PANAMANIAN PASSPORTS AND PROVIDED POLICE PROTECTION FOR TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES. REPORTEDLY, MORIEGA ACTED A PROTECTOR OF THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO LAUNDER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH PANAMANIAN BANKS. MORIEGA IS NOW IN FLORIDA WHERE HE AWAITS TRIAL ON DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES.

67. LOIS ((HAVE HUNGAL)) - A PERUVIAN WHO HAS RESIDED IN MEXICO FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1990 WAS LEADER OF A COCAINE TRAFFICKING GROUP TRANSPORTING MEDELLIN CARTEL COCAINE

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THROUGH MEXICO INTO THE US.

68. PRITAM ((SINGH KAUR)) - A HINDU TRAFFICKER WHO, AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1990 HEADED A TRAFFICKING GROUP WHICH TRANSPORTED MEDELLIN CARTEL COCAINE THROUGH MEXICO INTO THE US. DOB 471212.

69. ADNAN ((KHASHOGI)) - AN INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRAFFICKER WHO ALLEGEDLY HAS SOLD ARMS TO THE COLOMBIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS, ESPECIALLY TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

70. FIDEL ((CASTRO MEJIA)) - ALIAS "RAMBO". CHIEF OF AN ASSASSIN GANG WHICH OPERATED IN COLOMBIA IN THE SERVICE OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL, IS LINKED TO VARIOUS MASSACRES IN ANTIOQUIA, CORDOBA, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE MAGDALENA MEDIO REGION OF COLOMBIA.

71. LOIS ARTURO ((FONTECHA CAMACHO)) - AN EX-DAS AGENT WAS SENT BY DAS TO ATTEND A PERSONAL SECURITY COURSE AT THE FBI ACADEMY IN THE US. IN 1983, IN MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA, FONTECHA MURDERED TWO DAS AGENTS TO AVOID EXPOSURE OF HIS TIES TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. ON JULY 32, 1988 HE WAS ARRESTED IN BOGOTA AT A HEROIN LABORATORY AFTER HAVING FLED FROM MEXICO WHERE HE KILLED TWO MEXICAN BORDER POLICEMEN. THE FOLLOWING 7 INDIVIDUALS ARE MEMBERS OF FONTECHA'S GANG.

72. HARVEY ((CANO)).

73. ARNULFO ((GONZALEZ)).

74. JOSE GUILLERMO ((QUINONES)).

75. ELIAS ((CROZ CIFUENTES)).

76. MARIO SILVESTRE ((LOZANO CASTANO)).

77. OMAR ((HERRERA)).

78. ALVARO ((ORIVE ARAQUE)).

79. PABLO ((ESCOBAR GAVIRIA)) - THE MAXIMUM CHIEF OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL WHO BEGAN AS AN ASSASSIN AND NOW IS IN CHARGE OF THE BIGGEST MULT-NATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. ESCOBAR IS WANTED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND THE US HAS REQUESTED HIS EXTRADITION FOR MULTIPLE CRIMES. ESCOBAR HAS REPORTEDLY PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS MURDERS OF HIGH RANKING COLOMBIAN PERSONALITIES SUCH AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CARLOS MAURO HOYOS, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE RODRIGO ((LARA BONILLA)), DIRECTOR/EDITOR OF THE "EL EXPECTADOR" NEWSPAPER, GUILLERMO ((CANO)) AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS CARLOS ((GALAN)). DOB 491201.

80. YAIR ((KLEIN)) - RETIRED ISRAELI ARMY COLONEL, MERCENARY AND EXPERT IN MILITARY TACTICS. KLEIN SENT ADVISORS TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL TO TRAIN THE CARTEL PARAMILITARY FORCES AND SELECTED ASSASSIN TEAM LEADERS ON HOW TO UNLEASH WAVES OF TERRORISM IN COLOMBIA TO DESTROY LAW, ORDER, AND UNDERMINE DEMOCRACY WITH THE MULTIPLE MURDERS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN COLOMBIA. KLEIN ALSO FACILITATED THE TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION, TO THE CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN AREAS, WHICH EVENTUALLY SURFACED IN THE POSSESSION OF THE COLOMBIAN CARTELS AND COLOMBIAN GUERRILLA FORCES.

81. BERTA INEZ ((MEJIA DE SERNA)) COLOMBIAN POLITICIAN AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN FROM ENVIGADO, COLOMBIA WHO WAS ARRESTED IN 1990 FOR RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. THIS POLITICIAN IS A DIRECT COLLABORATOR WITH PABLO ESCOBAR.

82. ALVARO URIBE VELEZ - A COLOMBIAN POLITICIAN AND SENATOR DEDICATED TO COLLABORATION WITH THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AT HIGH GOVERNMENT LEVELS. URIBE WAS LINKED TO A BUSINESS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN THE US. HIS FATHER WAS MURDERED IN COLOMBIA FOR HIS CONNECTION WITH THE NARCOTIC TRAFFICKERS. URIBE

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HAS WORKED FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND IS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN ESCOBAR'S POLITICAL CAMPAIGN TO WIN THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PARLIAMENTARIAN TO JORGE (ORTEGA). ORIBE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE POLITICIANS, FROM THE SENATE, WHO HAS ATTACKED ALL FORMS OF THE EXTRADITION TREATY.

83. ALVASSO DIEGO ((MONTAYA)) - A POLITICIAN AND INDUSTRIALIST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUIA HAS BEEN LINKED TO PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA. HE HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED FOR SUCH LINKS AND HAS ACTED AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA.

84. GUIDO ((PARRA MONTAYA)) - A CARTEL LAWYER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUIA, COLOMBIA AND FRIEND OF PABLO ESCOBAR. THIS LAWYER HAS SERVED AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE "EXTRADITABLES" AND HAS ALSO FOUGHT AGAINST THE EXTRADITION OF COLOMBIANS TO THE US. HE WAS DETAINED BY THE COLOMBIAN 4TH ARMY BRIGADE DUE TO HIS LINKS TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

85. SANTIAGO ((LONDONO WHITE)) - INDUSTRIALIST AND POLITICIAN FROM ANTIOQUIA, COLOMBIA WHO IS A FRIEND OF PABLO ESCOBAR. LONDONO AND HIS BROTHER BECAME FAMOUS FOR BECOMING MILLIONAIRES BY MEANS OF CONSTRUCTING MANSIONS FOR THE MEDELLIN DRUG LORDS. HE HAS SERVED AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE CARTELS AND THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT.

86. DIEGO ((LONDONO WHITE)) - INDUSTRIALIST, ARCHITECT, AND POLITICIAN FROM ANTIOQUIA, COLOMBIA WHO BECAME A MILLIONAIRE CONSTRUCTING MANSIONS FOR THE MEDELLIN DRUG LORDS. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE NAME OF THE "EXTRADITABLES". DIEGO WAS ALSO INVESTIGATED BY THE COLOMBIAN 4TH ARMY BRIGADE OF MEDELLIN FOR HIS TIES TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. HE AND THOSE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED WERE NEGOTIATORS FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE SON, DIEGO ((MONTAYA)) OF PRESIDENT BARCO'S SECRETARY, GERMAN ((MONTAYA)).

87. JOSE ((GALINDO ESCOBAR)) - NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER AND PILOT FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL WHO HEADS A LARGE SCALE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING NETWORK IN MONTREAL, CANADA. HE WAS ARRESTED THERE IN 1989 AND SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS IN PRISON. ALSO CAPTURED WERE A GROUP OF ASSASSINS SENT TO CANADA TO RESCUE GALINDO. DOB 511122.

88. FERNANDO ((MENDOZA JARAMILLO)) - A COMPANION OF JOSE GALINDO. HE WAS ALSO A PILOT WHO TOGETHER WITH JOSE GALINDO HEADED A LARGE SCALE NARCOTIC RING IN CANADA. HE WAS ARRESTED AND SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS IN PRISON IN CANADA.

89. CARLOS ((VIVES)) - A COLOMBIAN ACTOR INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING WHO HAS WORKED WITH HIS UNCLE, IGNACIO ((VIVES ECHAVARRIA)), A POLITICIAN AND THE CURRENT (1990-1992) MAYOR OF SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA. IGNACIO VIVES WAS PREVIOUSLY SENTENCED FOR CORRUPTION AND IS A WELL KNOWN NORTH COAST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER IN THE SERVICE OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

90. ALONSO DE JESUS ((VAQUERO)) - ALIAS "VLADIMIR". HE IS CHIEF OF A SELF-DEFENSE GROUP AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS MASSACRES IN COLOMBIA. VAQUERO HAS KILLED LEFTIST SYMPATHIZERS IN COLOMBIA AND HAS CARRIED OUT VARIOUS MURDERS IN THE SERVICE OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

91. JAIME EDUARDO ((REUDA ROCHA)) - AN EX-FARC (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA) GUERRILLA. AFTER TAKING CONTROL OF THE MONEY OF THE SUBVERSIVE GROUP, HE ABANDONED THE GROUP AND ASKED

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FOR PROTECTION FROM GONZALO ((RODRIGUEZ GACHA, "EL MEJICANO" (NOW DECEASED)). HE BEGAN WORKING FOR GACHA COMMITTING SELECTIVE MURDERS. RUEDA WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPALS IN THE MURDER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS CARLOS GALAN. HE WAS CAPTURED, BUT HE ESCAPED FROM JAIL IN SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH FALSE DOCUMENTS ACCREDITING HIM AS A LAWYER.

92. GONZALO ((PINZON LAGOS)) - BELONGS TO A FAMILY OF TERRORISTS IN THE SERVICE OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL WHO HAS CARRIED OUT NUMEROUS ATTACKS IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA. GONZALO, A BROTHER, AND HIS FATHER HAVE BEEN LINKED TO TERRORIST ATTEMPTS.

93. LOIS ((CABARCAS ACOSTA)) - A NORTH COAST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER WHO WAS CAPTURED AND EXTRADITED TO THE US IN 1990.

94. ALBERTO ((HUBIZ HAZBUN)) - WAS ARRESTED IN COLOMBIA FOR HIS CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS CARLOS GALAN. HE IS OF ARAB EXTRACTION.

95. FEDERICO ((TORRES DONADO)) - A POLITICIAN AND LAWYER WHO WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WHO WAS DISMISSED WHEN IT WAS LEARNED THAT HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. IN 1990 HE WAS ELECTED TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INSTRUCTION, BUT DAS GENERAL ((MARRA)) SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKED HIS APPOINTMENT TO THAT POST.

96. VICTOR ((POLAY)) - THE PERUVIAN LEADER OF THE "TUPAC AMARU" GUERRILLA GROUP WHICH OPERATES IN PERU AND WHICH FINANCES ITS REVOLUTION WITH THE CULTIVATION AND SALE OF COCA LEAVES FOR EVENTUAL PROCESSING. THE TUPAC AMARU PROTECTS THE NARCOTIC TRAFFICKERS OPERATING IN PERU'S ALTO HUALLAGA (UPPER HUALLAGA) REGION PROVIDING COCAINE BASE TO BOTH THE MEDELLIN AND CALI CARTELS.

97. EDGAR ROBERTO ((TABORDA ESCOBAR)) - ALIAS "EL POETA". REPEAT PHOTO (SEE NUMBER 59 OF THE ENCLOSURE).

98. MIKE ((TSALICKIS)) - A NORTH AMERICAN OF GREEK ORIGIN, WHO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSORTIUM, WHICH OPERATED THE FLORIDA AMAZONIC TRADER ENTERPRISE, WHICH WAS UTILIZED TO INTRODUCE TONS OF COCAINE INTO THE US. TSALICKIS WORKED FOR THE CALI CARTEL AND SPECIFICALLY FOR GILBERTO ((RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA)). HE ALSO WORKED FOR THE AMAZONAS DEPARTMENT OF COLOMBIA. IN MAY OF 1988, HE WAS ARRESTED IN TAMPA, FLORIDA WITH 8,700 POUNDS OF COCAINE CONCEALED IN A SHIPMENT OF WOOD. DOB 270615.

99. LEON ((TARAZONA)) - AN EX-CAPTAIN IN THE COLOMBIAN ARMY WHO WAS DISCHARGED FOR BAD CONDUCT (MTI). HE IS ALSO KNOWN AS LUIS ((RAMIREZ)), AND IS THE CHIEF OF A SELF-DEFENSE GROUP WHICH HAS COMMITTED MURDERS IN THE MAGDALENA MEDIO AREA OF COLOMBIA. HIS GROUP HAS BEEN FINANCED BY THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

100. SALOMON ((SHUTTER)) - A NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER LIVING IN THE NORTH COAST AREA OF COLOMBIA, WHOSE EXTRADITION HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE US. HE WAS ARRESTED IN COLOMBIA AND PLACED IN THE EXTRADITION PROCESS; HOWEVER, DUE TO KIDNAPPINGS, THREATS, AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT THE EXTRADITIONS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

101. FERNANDO ((GUTIERREZ PEREZ)) - A COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER WHO WAS CAPTURED AND EXTRADITED TO THE US IN 1990 FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING. HIS TRIAL IS IN PROCESS. DOB 500127.

102. PAULA ANDREA ((MENDOZA LONDOÑO)) - A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) TERRORIST WHICH OPERATES IN THE VARIOUS PARTS OF COLOMBIA. MENDOZA BELONGS TO AN URBAN GUERRILLA CELL.

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103. MARIO ((ESCOBAR VILLEGAS)) - CHIEF OF AN ELN TERRORIST NET. HE LEADS AN URBAN TERRORIST GROUP AND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA.

104. LUIS FERNANDO ((GARCIA GOMEZ)) - A TERRORIST BELONGING TO AN ELN URBAN TERRORIST GROUP. HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ALONG WITH MARIO ESCOBAR AND PAULA MEMOZA AS BEING IN THE MEDELLIN AREA. THEIR GROUP IS IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING SELECTIVE ATTACKS WITH DYNAMITE BOMBINGS OR HOMICIDES.

(NOTE - NO PHOTOGRAPHS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING LISTED INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED).

A. FRANCISCO HUMBERTO ((ZULUAGA PINEDA)) - ALIAS "LA PULGA". HEIGHT - 69 INCHES, WEIGHT - 160 POUNDS, WAVY BROWN HAIR, APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS O D. HIS CURRENT RESIDENCE AND CENTERS OF OPERATIONS ARE IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, MIAMI, AND NEW YORK. ZULUAGA WAS RAISED IN THE BARRIO MANRIQUE OF MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA, AND AT AN EARLY AGE HE BEGAN AS A PICKPOCKET, A ROBBER, AND AUTO THEIF. IN 1977 HE TRAVELED TO THE US WITH FALSE DOCUMENTS AND SERVED AS A COLLECTOR OF THE NARCOTIC TRAFFICKERS. HE WAS ARRESTED BY US IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, GAVE A FALSE NAME, WAS SENTENCED AND SERVED TIME IN A US PRISON. HE WAS DEPORTED BACK TO COLOMBIA CIRCA 1984. IN MEDELLIN HE ALLIED HIMSELF WITH PABLO ESCOBAR AND BECAME AN ASSASSIN GANG CHIEF. CURRENTLY, USING HIS REAL NAME HE OBTAINED A VISA (B-1, B-2, OR A BUSINESS VISA) WITH WHICH HE CAN PERMANENTLY TRAVEL TO THE US. HE HAS ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO TRAVEL OFTEN TO COSTA RICA AND WAS COMMISSIONED BY PABLO ESCOBAR TO HEAD AN IMPORTANT TRAFFICKING RING THERE AND IN THE US. REPORTEDLY, ZULUAGA WAS IN CHARGE OF EXECUTING ARIK ((AREC)), AN ISRAELI CITIZEN WHO WORKED WITH YATA KLEIN AND COLLABORATED WITH THE CARTEL ARMY. ZULUAGA ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL IS IN CHARGE OF A CARTEL ASSASSINATION GROUP IN THE US. HE HAS VARIOUS FALSE IDENTITIES WHICH HE UTILIZES IN TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. HE TRAVELS FROM BOGOTA, COLOMBIA TO COSTA RICA AND THE US EVERY MONTH WHERE HE HAS ORGANIZED ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GROUPS IN THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. ZULUAGA IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF JOSE ((OCAMPO OBANDO)), ALIAS "PELUSA" WHO ALSO WAS RAISED IN THE MANRIQUE BARRIO OF MEDELLIN. ZULUAGA IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF BUYING WEAPONS IN COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA AND IN THE US FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

B. DIEGO ALEXANDER ((OCAMPO BERRIO)) - ALIAS "DIEGO OCAMPO DEL RIO" AND "VICTOR ALEXANDER OCAMPO DEL BARCO". HE IS THE NEPHEW OF JOSE OCAMPO, "PELUSA", WHO IS ALLEGED TO BE THE FOURTH RANKING MEMBER OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. DESPITE BEING ONLY 23 YEARS OF AGE, HE IS AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL WHO HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE CARTEL TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTIONS IN MEDELLIN AND BOGOTA, COLOMBIA SINCE THE DECLARATION OF WAR WITH THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 18, 1990. IN THE US DIEGO OCAMPO LEADS A GROUP OF TERRORISTS (LOS PALISTINOS) CONTRACTED BY THE MEDELLIN CARTEL TO RESCUE IMPRISONED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS IN US JAILS. OCAMPO TRAVELED TO THE US IN NOVEMBER 1989 ON A BUSINESS VISA AND HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT CRIMES AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK AND MIAMI. HE HAS ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE WORKED IN EUROPEAN GROUPS REPRESENTING THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. HE SPECIALIZES IN EXPLOSIVES AND IN THEIR FABRICATIONS BEING TRAINED IN TERRORISM BY THE MERCENARIES WHO OPERATED IN COLOMBIA BETWEEN 1984 AND 1990. HE IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF DOING

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**Uribe's War: Is Colombia's President Letting
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U.S. officials are worried that Uribe may let paramilitary drug kingpins go free

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Aug. 9 Issue - The swarthy, 65-year-old warlord cut an odd figure in his dark business suit, white dress shirt and red striped tie. And when it was time for Ramon Isaza to address a session of the Colombian Congress last week, the paramilitary supremo asked a lawmaker to deliver his prepared remarks. But the significance of the occasion was in no way diminished: Isaza, who is wanted for drug trafficking in Colombia, and two fellow paramilitary leaders, accused of murder in their native land, had been allowed to visit the capital city of Bogota on a 48-hour safe-conduct pass issued by the government of President Alvaro Uribe. Only a week prior to their appearance—where they asked for immunity from prosecution and extradition in exchange for pacifying their militias—a force of 50 U.S.-trained anti-narcotics policemen had raided a cocaine lab allegedly belonging to Isaza and seized 850 kilos of the drug. But that in no way dampened the enthusiasm of some pro-Uribe lawmakers over the paramilitary leaders' unprecedented visit. "This country is bleeding to death," said Congresswoman Eleanora Pineda. "What it wants is peace." But at what price? That's a question that some Colombians and not a few U.S. officials are asking themselves as the Uribe government completes its second year in office. Until the fairly recent past, the Colombian president had been receiving rave reviews within the Bush administration as the exterminating angel of the Washington-financed war on drugs. It wasn't always so: for years Uribe was dogged by accusations of links to drug traffickers—a charge he's denied in the past—and his name surfaced in a 1991 U.S. military-intelligence report about Colombia's notorious Medellin cartel (attached). But a record 140 suspected narcotics traffickers have been extradited

to the United States since Uribe was sworn in as president, and a massive aerial-fumigation program destroyed 30,000 hectares of planted coca fields between 2002 and last year. Last month Colombian police seized eight tons of cocaine with a U.S. street value of \$160 million—their biggest haul in six years—and the eradication campaign also reduced opium-poppy cultivation by 15 percent in 2003.

Uribe's decision to begin peace talks with right-wing militias, however, has gone over badly with some U.S. officials. Some of the groups' senior commanders have been indicted by federal prosecutors on charges of drug trafficking, and last week's televised spectacle in Congress only seemed to make matters worse. "It's a bit strange," said U.S. Ambassador to Colombia William Wood, "that in Congress, where they write the laws, approve the laws and defend the laws, you would also find those who break the laws."

Bogota's policy of seeking a negotiated settlement with the paramilitary Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC) comes as no surprise to longtime Uribe watchers. When he was governor of Antioquia department in the mid-1990s, right-wing militias operated with virtual impunity in rural areas and killed dozens of trade unionists and suspected sympathizers of Marxist guerrilla movements. Paramilitary chieftain Salvatore Mancuso publicly hailed Uribe's victory in the 2002 presidential election, and he was one of the three warlords invited to speak before Congress. Mounting evidence of the para-military forces' involvement in drug trafficking has led U.S. officials to seek the extradition of Mancuso and four of his comrades in arms. But that has not deterred Uribe from ceding a zone of land to paramilitary forces, where they are immune from extradition so long as they continue talking with his government. "A peace process is worth the trouble if there is an intention to reform," Uribe said in a recent radio interview. "[That] must represent a severing of all activities connected to drug trafficking."

That may prove to be an impossible demand to fulfill in practice. Uribe may talk tough on the subject of drugs, but he appears quite prepared to countenance some pretty shady characters if they are allied with the far right wing of Colombia's political spectrum. Consider the case of Diego Fernando Murillo, allegedly a onetime leader of an assassins' gang in Medellin who's been accused of overseeing much of the cocaine trade in western Colombia. He was indicted recently in New York on two counts of conspiracy to traffic drugs, and Murillo's deep involvement with Mancuso's right-wing militias is spelled out by federal prosecutors. The indictment describes Murillo as "the de facto leader of the AUC," and says he "has maintained his power in the AUC in part from the proceeds of his drug-trafficking activities."

Yet despite such an unsavory reputation, Murillo was on hand for the formal opening of peace talks between the paramilitary forces and the Uribe government earlier this year. The AUC's team of negotiators includes a former associate of convicted drug trafficker Alejandro Bernal named Ramiro Vanoy, whose extradition is being sought by prosecutors in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. "Some of these people don't even have antiguerrilla credentials," says Adam Isacson, a Colombia expert at the Washington-based Center for International Policy. "They're just drug traffickers who've bought their way into the paramilitary movement as a way to claim political status, legitimize their fortunes and walk free."

That gets to the heart of the growing U.S. concern about Uribe's peace process. Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry takes a dim view of Colombia's paramilitary forces; he was one of 23 U.S. senators who signed a letter to Uribe dated July 26 urging him to prosecute any military or civilian officials of his government who have collaborated with AUC units. But the Bush administration must tread more carefully. At a time of surging anti-Americanism, the 52-year-old Uribe stands out as one of Washington's few staunch friends in Latin America. He backed the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and he has pushed through new laws in the energy sector to facilitate investment by U.S. and other foreign oil corporations. In exchange, Colombia has preserved its privileged status as the biggest recipient of U.S. foreign aid outside the Middle East. "This is probably one of the most pro-American presidents in Latin America's entire history," says Isacson. "Among administration officials and on [Capitol] Hill, you hear people compare him to Winston Churchill and Abraham Lincoln."

That may be a stretch, but millions of Colombians seem to feel the same way about their president. They elected Uribe on a promise to crack down on the country's Marxist guerrilla armies, and his tough law-and-order policies have driven down homicide and kidnapping rates during the last two years. All available evidence points to Uribe's remaining in the presidential palace for some time: his current term ends in 2006, and with his approval ratings hovering above 70 percent, he stands a good chance of pushing through a constitutional amendment later this year that would allow him to seek re-election to a second four-year term. For better or worse, Alvaro Uribe will be Washington's go-to man in Bogota for the foreseeable future, whether or not he cuts a peace deal with alleged drug traffickers whom U.S. officials would rather put behind bars.

A Harsh Light On Associate 82

A declassified Pentagon report claims Uribe once worked for Pablo Escobar

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Aug. 9 Issue - In September 1991 the U.S. Department of Defense compiled a list of individuals believed to be associated with Colombia's notorious Medellin drug cartel. There are 106 names on the newly declassified intelligence document, and they read like a who's who of thugs, assassins, midlevel traffickers and crooked attorneys. The cartel's ruthless kingpin, Pablo Escobar, was prominent on the list, of course, along with the former Panamanian dictator Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega. But the real head turner is item No. 82, which reads as follows: "Alvaro Uribe Velez—a Colombian politician and senator dedicated to collaboration with the Medellin cartel at high government levels. Uribe was linked to a business involved in narcotics activities in the U.S.... Uribe has worked for the Medellin cartel and is a close personal friend of Pablo Escobar Gaviria."

The Pentagon report portrays Uribe in a light sharply at variance with his current image as Washington's main ally in the U.S.-financed war on drugs in South America. But in those days, he was among dozens of Colombian politicians who openly opposed the extradition of their drug-trafficking countrymen. Uribe has since changed his views—and, in fact, his government has sent scores of drug traffickers to the United States for prosecution since he took office.

The report was obtained by the National Security Archive, a Washington-based nongovernmental research group. The identity of the document's author was removed by Pentagon censors. The detailed thumbnail descriptions of the Medellin cartel's associates suggest that the data came from Colombian or U.S. counter-narcotics officials, and the text states at the beginning that the report "forwards profiles on the more important narco-terrorists contracted by the Colombian narcotic cartels." It is stamped CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN WINTEL, meaning that its contents shouldn't be shared with foreign nationals. The U.S. ambassador to Colombia in 1991, Morris Busby, does not recall the document, and efforts to reach the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency liaison officer in Bogota in 1991, retired Army Col. James S. Roche Jr., failed to elicit a response. In a two-page written statement, the office of the Colombian president denied that Uribe had links of any kind to a business in the United States as asserted in the 1991 report.

But the statement did not address the allegations that Uribe had worked for the Medellin cartel and was a close friend of Escobar, who was killed in a 1993 police raid.

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