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

**SUBJ: IIR, DRUG CULTIVATION AND GUERRILLA SUPPORT (U)**

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SUMMARY: [Blank] This report outlines the areas in which the insurgents have been involved with the cultivation of cocaine, marijuana, and opium poppy, and identifies the specific FARC front involved. ENCLOSURE.

. Operations against narco trafficking have been conducted since 1982 when the biggest bosses of the cocaine cartels reached an agreement with the guerrilla leaders with the purpose of extensively cultivating coca in the areas where the guerrilla fronts had a presence and exerted influence.

. In this manner in the Eastern Plains, in the department of Meta, the Intendencia of Casanare, and the Comisarías of Vichada, Guaviare and Guainía the coca cultivations were established, as were the clandestine runways and cocaine processing labs.

. A similar process took place in the departments of Cauca and the Intendencia of Putumayo, and also in the northwest of the country in the sector of Uraba Chocoano.

. In each of these areas the presence and close relationship of the narco traffickers and the guerrilla fronts is demonstrated by the following chart--

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5. Additionally there are other areas where the growing of marijuana predominates in areas of guerrilla influence and control.

Political Division

Guerrilla Fronts (FARC)

Cesar

31st, 40th, 44th

38th, 39th

16th, 43rd

1st

14th, 15th

13th, 32nd

30th

5th, 34th, 48th

33rd

41st
AND FINALLY WITH RELATION TO THE RECENT APPEARANCE OF
THE CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPIES THE FOLLOWING
RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ITS
CULTIVATION AND GUERRILLA FRONTS.

POLITICAL DIVISION

AGDALENA

OLIVAR

19TH

24TH

GUERRILLA FRONTS
(FARC)

JALLE

VALLE

6TH, 8TH AND
TWO ELN FRONTS

TOLIMA

9TH, 21ST

HUILA

17TH FARC AND
ONE FRONT OF ELN

CAUCA

30TH FARC AND
ONE FRONT OF ELN

7. BASED ON THE ABOVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NARCO TRAFFICKERS AND THE GUERRILLAS IS EVIDENT, NOT WITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE GUERRILLA RING LEADERS HAVE TRIED TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE RELATIONSHIP DOES NOT EXIST. FOR THAT REASON THE TRAFFICKERS HAVE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GUERRILLAS INVOLVED WITH THE CULTIVATION AND COLLECTION OF THE COCA LEAF NOT TO CARRY EQUIPMENT OR DOCUMENTS THAT COULD ESTABLISH THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE GUERRILLA GROUPS.

8. IN SPITE OF THAT, DURING ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS BOTH POLICE AS WELL AS THE ARMY HAVE FOUND DOCUMENTS, WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT OF THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION. IT IS A FACT THAT THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO LINK CAPTURED OR KILLED OUTLAWS WITH THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS.

9. UTILIZATION OF MILITARY AID OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCO TRAFFICKING—GIVEN THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBVERSION AND NARCO TRAFFICKING IT
S: NOT POSSIBLE TO DIFFERENTIATE EXACTLY WHICH THE ARMY MITS ARE ATTACKING.

0. FOR THAT REASON, SINCE 1982 THE NATIONAL ARMY HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS AGAINST THE TWO THREATS; CONTINUALLY FINDING EVIDENCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE GUERRILLAS IN NARCO RAFFICKING, THAT ARE SO EXTENSIVE THAT IT IS NO XAGGERATION TO SAY THAT THE FARMS IS AN INDEPENDENT CARTEL.

1. THIS PERMITS THEM (THE GUERRILLAS) TO CONTROL ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE COCA CULTIVATIONS, WHERE THE PRINCIPAL PROCESSING LABORATORIES AND CLANDESTINE LANDING STRIPS FOR THE EXPORTATION OF THE ALKALOIDS ARE ALSO LOCATED. (COCAINE, OPIUM POPPY AND MARIJUANA).

COMMENTS: 1. THERE IS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NARCOS AND
ARIOUS GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS, AND THAT PROFITS FROM ARCO TRAFFICKING SUPPORT THE COLOMBIAN INSURGENT MOVEMENT. THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY FORCES ARGUMENT FOR UPDATING THE LEVELS OF USG MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN THAT THE NARCO GUERRILLA RELATIONSHIP MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COMBAT NARCOS WITHOUT FIGHTING THE GUERRILLAS AT THE SAME TIME.

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