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SUBJECT: THE HUNT FOR ESCOBAR: NEXT STEPS

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR BUSBY OR DCM JOHN CRAIG ONLY.

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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. BECAUSE OF DEBATE HERE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR "HUNT FOR PABLO ESCOBAR" OPERATIONS IN COLOMBIA, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE VALUE OF EACH CONCERNED [REDACTED] AND OTHER SPECIAL SUPPORT ELEMENT (IN SOME CASES THAT WILL INVOLVE [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] TO THAT MISSION. THE ANALYSIS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L. MILLS
DATE/CASE ID: 29 AUG 2001 200100592

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: APPEALS REVIEW PANEL
APPEAL ACTION: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELEASED
REASON(S): B1, 1.4(A), 1.4(C), 1.4(D), B7(C), B7(D)
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SHOULD FOCUS NOT ONLY ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH TODAY BUT IT SHOULD ALSO PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE THE EVOLUTION OF OUR PARTICIPATION AND THE COLOMBIAN EFFORT. SPECIFICALLY, DEPARTMENT NEEDS THE AMBASSADOR'S DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATE THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF [REDACTED]

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3. WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF [REDACTED] INVOLVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

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FURTHER, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE AMBASSADOR IS THEREFORE INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST OF PRESIDENT GAVIRIA [REDACTED] IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM DUTY WITH THE ESCOBAR TASK FORCE PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

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4. EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS SHOULD ARRIVE IN THE DEPARTMENT
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