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SUBJ: USSOUTHCOM INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 057-98 (26 FEBRUARY 1998)

USSOUTHCOM INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. (S) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. A. (E) COLOMBIA: MAYOR'S ALLEGATIONS OVERBLOWN AMEMB REPORTS ALLEGATIONS MADE PUBLIC BY MAYOR OF PUERTO ASIS, PUTOMAYO, ARE EXAGGERATED AND MAY BE THE RESULT OF COERCION BY INSURGENTS. MAYOR NESTOR HERNANDEZ HAD ALLEGED THAT PARAMILITARY ATTACKS IN PUERTO ASIS HAD RISEN SHARPLY IN LATE JAN - EARLY FEB 98, AND THAT THE PARAMILITARIES WERE AIDED BY COLOMBIAN ARMY (COLAR) HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION. COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE (CNP) REPORT THAT THEIR RECORDS FOR PUERTO ASIS SHOW 35 VIOLENT DEATHS IN JAN-FEB 97 COMPARED WITH 32 IN JAN-FEB 98, CONTRADICTING HERNANDEZ' REPORT OF A SHARP INCREASE. HERNANDEZ WAS REPORTEDLY KIDNAPED IN EARLY JAN 98 BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC), HELD FOR 11 DAYS, AND RELEASED WHEN AN UNNAMED "FRIENDLY BUSINESSMAN" CONTRACTED TO PAY USD 37,000 PER MONTH INDEFINITELY ON HERNANDEZ' BEHALF. THAT HERNANDEZ' ALLEGATIONS MAY BE DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT THE COLAR WITH IMPLICATIONS THAT THEY SUPPORT THE PARAMILITARIES, WHICH COULD HAMPER COLAR EFFECTIVENESS IN THE REGION

UNDER THE ABOVE SCENARIO THE PROTECTION/RANSOM IS PAID TO THE FARC BY NARCOTICS PRODUCERS (80% OF PUERTO ASIS' ECONOMY IS REPORTEDLY BASED ON THE COCA TRADE) AND BOTH GROUPS PROFIT FROM THE MISFORTUNE OF THE COLAR.

PUERTO ASIS IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 25 KM NORTH OF THE ECUADORIAN BORDER.

B. (C) COLOMBIA: WEALTHY PARA SPONSOR ARRESTED ON 24 FEB, CO LEGAL AUTHORITIES IN BOGOTA ARRESTED EMERALD MINING KINGPIN AND LONGTIME PARAMILITARY CHIEFTAIN VICTOR CARRANZA, FOR WHOM AN ARREST WARRANT HAD BEEN ISSUED DEC 97. CARRANZA, REPORTEDLY ONE OF CO'S RICHEST AND LARGEST LANDOWNERS, IS CHARGED WITH SPONSORING ILLEGAL PARAMILITARY GROUPS. A SIMILAR CHARGE AGAINST CARRANZA WAS DISMISSED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE IN THE EARLY 1990'S; CO IS ALSO PREPARING A HUMAN RIGHTS CASE AGAINST HIM. THIS ARREST IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF CO'S APPARENT DETERMINATION TO COMBAT THE PARAMILITARIES. CARRANZA IS EXPECTED TO EXERT HIS CONSIDERABLE POWER AND INFLUENCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID INCARCERATION.

С. (S) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

 (1) _(C) _ CENTRAL AMERICA.
 (A) (U) GUATEMALA: GOVERNMENT EXTENDS CUBAN RAFTERS TEMPORARY PERMIT (PARIS AFP 2501412)

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(2) -(S) SOUTH AMERICA. COLOMBIA: EX-ISRAELI OFFICERS ACCUSED OF TERRORISM (A) (U) (REUTERS 251812Z) (B) (U) COLOMBIA: INITIATIVE TO GRANT MORE POWER TO MILITARY ANNOUNCED (MEXICO CITY NOTIMEX 250726Z) (C) -(C) - COLOMBIA: CO NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS CHIEF SPELLS OUT PLANS FOR 1998, PREPARES FOR SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN (D) (U) PERU: FUJIMORI DOWNPLAYS EL NINO, ASIAN CRISIS (LIMA AMERICA TELEVISION 240100Z) (3) -(C)- CARIBBEAN. (U) CUBA: CASTRO DARES US TO DESTROY REVOLUTION BY (A) LIFTING EMBARGO (PARIS AFP 2502332) (B) (U) CUBA: ROBAINA DENIES CUBA TO GRANT MORE PARDONS (MEXICO CITY NOTIMEX 250436Z) (U) CUBA: CASTRO RE-ELECTED, VOWS SOCIALISM WILL OUTLIVE (C) HIM (AP 251728Z) (D) - (C) HAITI: DEPUTIES WORK TOWARD AGREEMENT . (C) HAITI: (E) BP-OPL, ANTINEOLIBERAL BLOC REACH ACCORD (PORT-AU-PRINCE RADIO 251200Z) 2. (S) OVERALL MILITARY MOVEMENTS SINCE 24 FEB. A. -(S) CUBA. (1) (U) ARMY ACTIVITY.NSTR. (2) (S) NAVY ACTIVITY (3) (S) AIR FORCE ACTIVITY -(5)- SOUTH AMERICA. в. (1) (U) ARMY ACTIVITY.NSTR. (2) (S) NAVY ACTIVITY BR (3) (S) AIR ACTIVITY EC: 1. S. S. S. A. PE . с. (U) CENTRAL AMERICA/CARIBBEAN. (1) (U) ARMY ACTIVITY. NSTR. (2) (U) NAVY ACTIVITY. NSTR. (3) (U) AIR FORCE ACTIVITY. NSTR. 3. (S) WATCH CONDITION (WATCHCON)/TERRORIST THREAT LEVEL STATUS. (*) DENOTES CHANGE. tsl KEY: WAICH CONDITIONS: WATCHCON I = IMMINENT CRISIS WATCHCON II = PROBABLE CRISIS SECRETUS ONLY SECTION 2 OF 2 QQQQ SUBJ: USSOUTHCOM INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 057-98 (26 FEBRUARY 1998) WATCHCON III = POTENTIAL CRISIS SECRET

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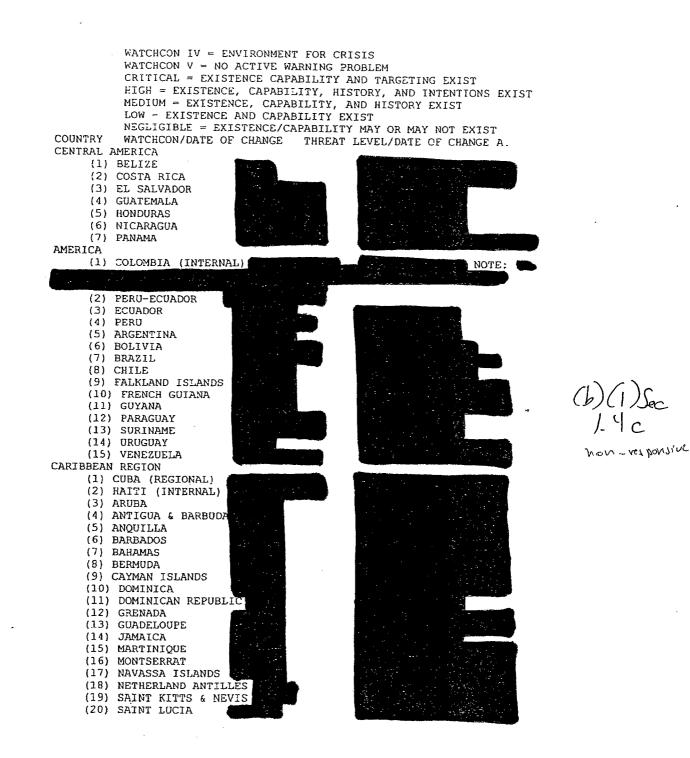
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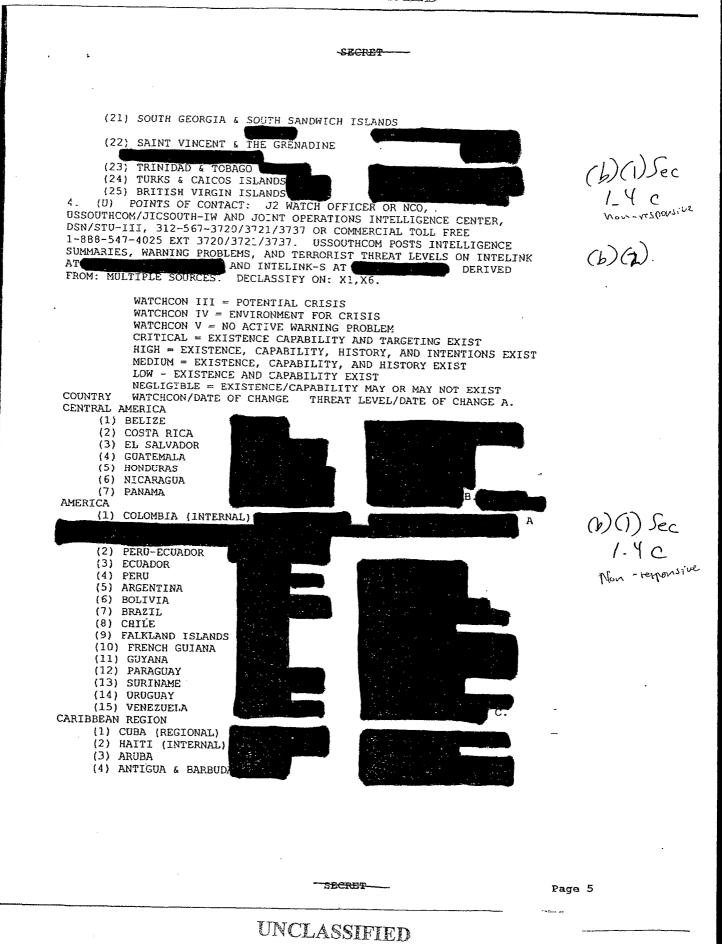
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