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1. **(C-ENTIRE TEXT)**


3. SILVA ALSO SAID THAT HE IS CONCERNED THAT PERHAPS ESCOBAR HAS LEFT THE MEDELLIN AREA, MAKING THE PROCESS OF FINDING HIM EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. HER SAID THERE WAS SEPARATION THAT ESCOBAR HAD MADE A DEAL WITH THE ELN AND WAS UNDER THEIR PROTECTION. IF IN FACT ESCOBAR HAD GOTTEN TOGETHER WITH THE ELN, THIS COULD CREATE "A MONSTER."

4. **SILVA CONFIRMED NEWS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS HAVING TROUBLE DEVELOPING A CASE AGAINST ROBERTO ESCOBAR, PABLO ESCOBAR'S BROTHER, WHO SURRENDERED EARLIER AND IS BEING HELD IN ITAGUI. SILVA LAMENTED**

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5. COMMENT: SILVA'S INFORMATION ABOUT THE TASK FORCE IS TIMELY. THE SLOWDOWN IN PUBLICITY HAS BEEN NOTICEABLE IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. TAMING COLOMBIAN PUBLIC (NOT TO MENTION FOREIGN) EXPECTATIONS IS A GOOD IDEA, ESPECIALLY IF THE PROSPECTS OF CATCHING ESCOBAR SOON ARE DIMINISHED. BUSBY ##