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1. (U) SUMMARY: THE TERRORIST GROUP "PERSECUTED BY
PABLO ESCOBAR" (PEPES) ANNOUNCED ITS PERMANENT
SELF-DISSOLUTION IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT DELIVERED TO
THE PRESS DATED APRIL 24. END SUMMARY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L. MILLS
DATE/CASE ID: 29 AUG 2001 200100592
2. (U) FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

BEGIN TEXT:

IN THE FACE OF THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE THE COLOMBIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS ASSUMED AGAINST OUR ORGANIZATION, WE
WANT TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING:

WE CONSIDER THAT OUR MILITARY OBJECTIVE IN THE
STRUGGLE AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR AND HIS ORGANIZATION
HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ITS MAJORITY. WE HAVE DELIVERED
DECISIVE BLOWS (AGAINST ESCOBAR) THAT HAVE REDUCED HIS
CRIMINAL CAPACITY TO ITS MINIMUM, AND CONSEQUENTLY,
HAVE PLACED (HIM) IN THE POSITION WHERE HE REALLY
BELONGS, I.E., ISOLATED FROM COLOMBIAN SOCIETY.

ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE DECIDED TO DISSOLVE OUR
ORGANIZATION, AND IN THAT WAY, ASSIST THE AUTHORITIES,
WHO IN THE END WILL BE THE ONES TO BRING PABLO ESCOBAR
TO JUSTICE.

FINALLY, WE ASK OF THE AUTHORITIES, THAT IF MILITARY
ACTIONS AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR AND HIS ORGANIZATION
CONTINUE IN THE NAME OF THE "PEPES," THAT THEY LAUNCH
AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE REAL
PERPETRATORS.

END TEXT.

3. (U) THE COMMUNIQUE CAME EIGHT DAYS AFTER THE
GOVERNMENT ISSUED A ONE BILLION PESO (USDOL 1.39
MILLION) REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPTURE
OF THE LEADERS OF LOS PEPES. THE REWARD WAS ISSUED
LATER THE SAME DAY LOS PEPES KILLED ESCOBAR ATTORNEY
GUIDO PARRA AND HIS 18-YEAR-OLD SON, IN RETALIATION
FOR ESCOBAR'S NORTH BOGOTA CAR BOMB THAT KILLED 11 AND
INJURED OVER 200 APRIL 15.

4. (U) MEANWHILE, PROSECUTOR GENERAL GUSTAVO DE GREIFF
TOLD A TV REPORTER APRIL 24 THAT, WHILE HE WELCOMED
THE PEPES' DISSOLUTION, HIS OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE ITS
INVESTIGATIONS AIMED AT IDENTIFYING AND CAPTURING
THEM. DE GREIFF ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD ASKED THE
GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE THE REWARDS CAMPAIGN AGAINST
THE GROUP.

5. (C) COMMENT: THE ENTIRE PEPES EPISODE HAS BEEN BIZARRE AT BEST. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS FOR MONTHS OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PEPES AT THE LOCAL POLICE AND MILITARY LEVEL. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE

CONFIDENTIAL

GOVERNMENT LEAD US TO BELIEVE IT REJECTED THE PEPES' TACTICS, WERE FEARFUL OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE APPEARANCE OF YET ANOTHER CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION, AND WERE SINCERE IN THEIR OFFER OF REWARDS TO TRY TO STOP THE ORGANIZATION. WE WILL OFFER OUR OWN SPECULATION AND SUCH INFORMATION AS WE HAVE IN A SEPARATE CABLE. END COMMENT.

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