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- ON MAY 1 EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM THE FISCALIA (ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE) A PHOTOCOPY OF THE APRIL 29 LETTER FROM PABLO ESCOBAR TO ATTORNEY GENERAL GUSTAVO DE GREIFF.

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3. THE LETTER'S EXISTENCE, AS WELL AS ITS THEME (ESCOBAR ACCUSES THE ANTI-ESCOBAR PARAMILITARY GROUP "LOS PEPES" OF HAVING COMMITTED VARIOUS CRIMES WITH WHICH ESCOBAR HAS BEEN CHARGED), ARE PUBLICLY KNOWN. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THOUGH, THE TEXT OF THE LETTER HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICLY RELEASED.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

MEDELLIN, APRIL 29, 1993

SR. GUSTAVO DE GREIFF
FISCAL GENERAL OF COLOMBIA

MR. FISCAL:

FIDEL CASTANO GIL, CARLOS CASTANO GIL, JOSE SANTA CRUZ LONDONO, HELMER HERRERA BUITRAGO AND THE RODRIGUEZ

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ORJUELA BROTHERS, TOGETHER WITH SOME POLICE AND DAS OFFICIALS, PER THEIR COMMUNIQUE, HAVE DECIDED TO PUT AN END TO THEIR PARAMILITARY AND NARCOTERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE SELF-NAMED "PEPES."

IT IS SIMPLY A STRATEGM WHICH SEEKS ONLY TO GET THE GOVERNMENT TO STOP RUNNING ITS LITTLE TELEVISION REWARD OFFER, WITHOUT A PHOTOGRAPH.

FIDEL CASTANO NEVER DISBANDED HIS PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION, AND THE BEST PROOF OF THAT IS THAT THEY ARE STILL CONTINUING THEIR ASSASSINATIONS OF TRADE UNIONISTS AND THAT HE IS CURRENTLY REACTIVATING HIS PARAMILITARY GROUPS IN MEDIO-MAGDALENA. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MORE THAN 2,000 UP MILITANTS AND BURIED 70 CAMPESINOS ALIVE IN A HACIENDA ON HIS PROPERTY. REMEMBER THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 1980S HE ALSO BURIED VARIOUS FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ALIVE IN THE TOWN OF AMALFI.

AND ALL THIS WITHOUT MENTIONING THE ASSASSINATIONS OF JARAMILLO OSSA, ANTEQUERA, PIZARRO, HECTOR ABAD GOMEZ AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS.

"LOS PEPES" HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND THEIR TORTURE

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CHAMBERS IN FIDEL CASTANO'S HOUSE, LOCATED ON "EL POBLADO" AVENUE NEAR THE COUNTRY CLUB, WITH ANOTHER ENTRANCE THROUGH THE "DIAMANTE" BARRIO, SCARCELY 40 YARDS FROM AN INCINERATED HOUSE WHICH BELONGED TO A RELATIVE OF MINE.

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THERE THEY TORTURE TRADE UNIONISTS AND LAWYERS. NO ONE HAS SEARCHED THE HOUSE NOR CONFISCATED THEIR ASSETS.

FIDEL CASTANO AND "LOS PEPES" CLAIM TO OPPOSE KIDNAPPING, BUT THEY SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT THEY KIDNAPPED AND KILLED ALFONSO OSPINA FOR MONEY AND INTRODUCED A PARAMILITARY OPERATIVE INTO ITAGUI IN ORDER TO FOOL THE FISCALIA AND COVER UP THE REAL AUTHORS /OF THE CRIME/, THE CASTANO GIL BROTHERS.

THEY FORGET THAT IN CALI THE RODRIQUEZ OREJUELA BROTHERS

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KIDNAPPED SOME WELL-KNOWN SWISS INDUSTRIALISTS FOR MONEY. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO FILL THE CAUCA RIVER WITH BODIES.

THE GOVERNMENT OFFERS REWARDS FOR THE LEADERS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND FOR THE LEADERS OF THE GUERRILLAS, BUT DOESN'T OFFER REWARDS FOR THE LEADERS OF THE PARAMILITARY, NOR FOR THOSE OF THE CALI CARTEL, AUTHORS OF VARIOUS CAR BOMBS IN THE CITY OF MEDELLIN.

THE STATE SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ZERO VICTORIES IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSASSINATIONS OF THE LAWYERS, ZERO VICTORIES IN THE EL POBLADO CAR BOMBS, ZERO VICTORIES IN THE DEATHS OF THE TRADE UNIONISTS AND ZERO VICTORIES IN THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MASSACRES IN WHICH THOUSANDS OF YOUNG ANTIOQUIANS HAVE DIED. I REMAIN DISPOSED TO TURN MYSELF IN IF GIVEN WRITTEN AND PUBLIC GUARANTEES; IN THIS WAY THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE WOULD NOT NEED TO RESORT TO FALSE TESTIMONY, AS IN THE GALAN CASE.

I CAN ANSWER FOR MY ACTS, BUT I DIDN'T KILL GALAN, MR. FISCAL; FIDEL CASTANO KILLED HIM, TOO, IN A RIGHT-WING PLOT WHICH I COULD EASILY PROVE.

REGARDS,

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