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1. (U) ON JUNE 7 SECOND LEADING DAILY EL ESPECTADOR PUBLISHED A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ANTI-PABLO ESCOBAR VIGILANTE GROUP LOS PEPES ("PERSECUTED BY ESCOBAR") DENYING INVOLVEMENT IN A RASH OF VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST ESCOBAR'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY (REFTEL). FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

2. (C) BEGIN TEXT:

IN LIGHT OF THE ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN MEDELLIN AGAINST THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA, WE REITERATE OUR DECISION TO DISSOLVE AND END OUR ORGANIZATION, AS WE ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE DATED APRIL 24.

THESE ACTS DEMONSTRATE COLOMBIA'S HATE TOWARDS THE FILTHIEST CRIMINAL IN COLOMBIAN HISTORY, AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF COLOMBIANS WHO JUSTIFIABLY SEEK HIS ANNIHILATION.

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WE DO NOT KNOW WHO IS NOW SEEKING REVENGE AGAINST THE MACHIAVELLIAN PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA, BUT WE SHARE THEIR GOAL, BECAUSE THIS DELINQUENT OWES MUCH, EVEN AFTER DEATH, FOR THE SOULS OF THE CHILDREN MURDERED BY ESCOBAR CLAMOR FOR VENGEANCE.

BUT WE ALSO SHARE ESCOBAR'S WISH, AS EXPRESSED IN HIS APRIL 24 LETTER, TO SUBMIT HIMSELF TO JUSTICE.

END TEXT.

3. (C) COMMENT: THE COMMUNIQUE COULD VERY WELL BE AUTHENTIC, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, AND OUR SUSPICIONS ARE SHARED BY POLICE CONTACTS IN MEDELLIN, THAT LOS PEPES CONTINUE THEIR ANTI-ESCOBAR ACTIVITIES, BUT PUBLICLY DENY THIS IN ORDER TO AVOID GOC PERSECUTION. CRAIG

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