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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PTER, CO
SUBJECT: THE HUNT FOR ESCOBAR: NEXT STEPS

REF: (A) STATE 326246 (B) BOGOTA 11849

[REDACTED]

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1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE ARE WORKING ON THE QUESTIONS WHICH WERE RAISED
IN REFTTEL AND WILL HAVE A RESPONSE BY COB OCTOBER 28.
IN THE PROCESS OF RESPONDING TO REFTTEL WE NOTE THE
REFERENCE TO "THE DEBATE HERE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR
'HUNT FOR PABLO ESCOBAR' OPERATIONS IN COLOMBIA."
THIS "DEBATE" FRANKLY MYSTIFIES US. A COMPLETE REVIEW
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OF OUR INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS TRAFFIC SO FAR
REVEALS NOTHING EXTRAORDINARY OR A CHANGE IN THE
SITUATION OVER THE PAST TWO AND A HALF MONTHS WHICH
WOULD PROMPT SUCH A "DEBATE."

3. REF B OFFERED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION
REGARDING [REDACTED] AND AMBASSADOR'S MOST RECENT B7(C), B7(D)
CONVERSATIONS, REPORTED SEPTTEL, REVEAL LITTLE NEW.
SIMILARLY, WE HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED REF C AND

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L. MILLS
DATE/CASE ID: 29 AUG 2001 200100592

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: APPEALS REVIEW PANEL
APPEAL ACTION: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELEASED
REASON(S): B7(C), B7(D), B1, 1.4(D), B3, CIA
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ALTHOUGH WE QUIBBLE WITH THE ABSOLUTE NATURE OF THE CONCLUSIONS DRAWN FROM OUR REPORTING, FIND NOTHING IN THAT DOCUMENT THAT WE ALL HAVEN'T KNOWN OR SUSPECTED FOR MONTHS. BECAUSE THIS SITUATION IMPACTS ON FUTURE POST OPERATIONAL DECISIONS, WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT ARTICULATING TO US THE ORIGIN AND SUBSTANCE OF THIS DEBATE. WE WOULD SURELY HAVE SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE TO OFFER. BUSBY

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