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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefings of NSC and SSCI on "Los Pepes" Affair

1. On 6 December 1993, CIA DO officers briefed separately the NSC and SSCI on the "Los Pepes" Affair. ADDO Ted Price led the DO team in briefing the NSC but did not attend the SSCI session. Other DO personnel present at both briefings were [redacted] Chief of the CIA's independent investigation unit; and [redacted] [redacted] of OCA accompanied. George Tenet and five members of his staff were present for the NSC brief. Only three SSCI Congressional Staffers showed: Tim Carlsgaard, Dave Addington, and Mike Hathaway.

2. The results of the investigation headed by [redacted] were briefed to both the NSC and SSCI. [redacted]

3. [redacted] provided the background to the Los Pepes group, the establishment of a U.S. Embassy Joint Task Force and the concurrent establishment of a Colombian Task Force, all designed to assist in the apprehension of Escobar and other members of the Medellin cartel. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] was careful to note for the record that there was a study completed in July 1992 based solely on DEA information which contained a list of suspected Colombian Medellin personnel. Four of these people were ultimately killed by Los Pepes.

[redacted] At the outset of the briefing to the NSC, [redacted] mentioned that the Embassy Joint Task Force maintained no record of information passed to the Colombians

[redacted] and [redacted] noted that the [redacted] team assigned to the Embassy's Task Force kept a log of all information passed to the Colombians. The [redacted] organization has been asked for copies of this log. If the logs exist and we obtain copies, they will be examined to determine whether we might have missed any information that might have been passed to the Colombians and which could have been used by Los Pepes. This issue was not discussed before the SSCI.

5. [redacted]

6. The briefing of the SSCI, like the one for the NSC, was made at our request. Only Tim Carlsgaard, Dave Addington, and Mike Hathaway showed up. [redacted] gave the same briefing he provided to Tenet. There were no questions. The briefers reserved ten minutes to provide a run-down on the shoot-out with Escobar and his body guard which resulted in Escobar's death.

[redacted] Carlsgaard asked whether there would be any after-action report on Escobar and his overseas investment.

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Deputy Director for Senate Affairs

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