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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS
SUCCESS STORIES [REDACTED] (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ COLOMBIAN ARMY HAS A LONG-STANDING CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS, AND MANY OF ITS
SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE COURSE THERE.
THEY LAMENT DECERTIFICATION HAS HALTED THAT RELATIONSHIP
AND HOPE BILATERAL TRAINING TIES ARE NOT PERMANENTLY
DAMAGED. REPORT LISTS WELL-KNOWN COLAR GRADUATES.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S)~~ DESPITE TWO SUCCESSIVE DECERTIFICATIONS
OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT BY WASHINGTON FOR ITS
COUNTERNARCOTICS PERFORMANCE, NOT TO MENTION A SENSE OF
FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT BY THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY
FORCES AND POLICE (CNP) OVER THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THESE
DECISIONS HAVE CAUSED FOR THEM, THE DESIRE FOR U.S.
TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY
RELATIONS REMAINS REMARKABLY STRONG.

2. (U) IN FACT, THE MAJORITY OF SENIOR COLOMBIAN ARMY
(COLAR) OFFICIALS HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE COURSE
TAUGHT BY THE U.S. ARMY, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE SEVERAL
COURSES UNDER THEIR BELT. SOME OF THE MORE POPULAR
SCHOOLS THAT TEND TO SURFACE ON A RECURRING BASIS IN
OFFICER BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES INCLUDE THE VARIOUS U.S. ARMY
BRANCH ADVANCED COURSES (WHICH COLAR OFFICERS USUALLY
ATTEND AS MAJORS), THE U.S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL
STAFF COLLEGE (WHICH THEY ATTEND AS LIEUTENANT COLONELS),
THE U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE OR THE VARIOUS SENIOR SERVICE
COLLEGES OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (WHICH THEY
ATTEND AS COLONELS), THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE
(ALSO A SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSE, HEADED BY
A U.S. FLAG OFFICER BUT TECHNICALLY TREATED AS A FOREIGN
INSTITUTION BY THE U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL/TRAINING SYSTEM),
AND THE MANY DIVERSE COURSES OF THE U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF
THE AMERICAS (SOA).

3. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT IS TO HIGHLIGHT THOSE
BETTER-KNOWN COLAR OFFICERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE
LATTER, EITHER DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE 1985 WHEN SOA
(THEN KNOWN AS USARSA) WAS LOCATED AT FORT GULICK IN

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PANAMA OR AFTERWARD WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS RELOCATED TO FORT BENNING, GEORGIA. FOR SIMPLICITY, AFTER EACH NAME, THE ABBREVIATION "GUL" WILL INDICATE ATTENDANCE IN PANAMA AND "BEN" ATTENDANCE AFTER SOA MOVED TO THE U.S., WITH THE YEAR(S) DESIGNATED, IF KNOWN. [REDACTED]

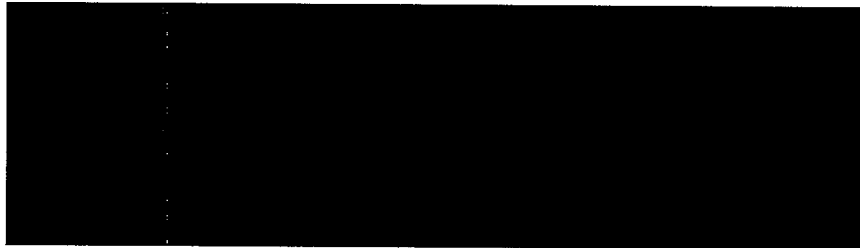
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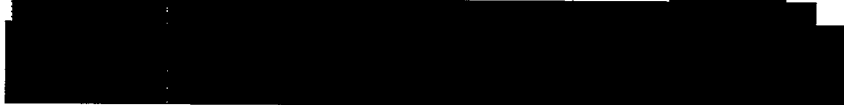
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A. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL RICARDO ARTURO ((ACOSTA)) RODRIGUEZ; AUTOMATED MAINTENANCE COURSE (GUL, UNK); FORMERLY COLAR "INTENDENTE GENERAL" (CHIEF LOGISTICS OFFICER) AND CURRENTLY COLAR CHIEF OF STAFF. [REDACTED]

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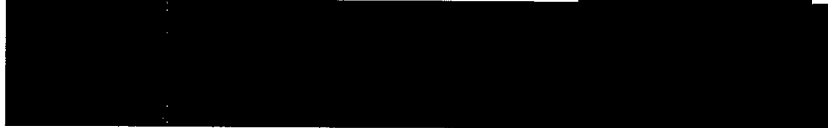
B. (U) GENERAL NORBERTO ((ADRADA)) CORDOBA; INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSE (GUL, 1974); FORMERLY COLAR FIRST DIVISION COMMANDER, MILITARY FORCES INSPECTOR GENERAL, COLAR DEPUTY COMMANDER, AND CURRENTLY MILITARY FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF (NUMBER TWO OFFICER IN THE HIGH COMMAND). ADRADA IS ALSO A 1983 GRADUATE OF THE U.S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE (USACGSC) AND A 1988 GRADUATE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE (IADC).

C. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (RET) AGUSTIN ((ARDILA)) URIBE; COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE (GUL, 1984); FORMERLY COLOMBIAN MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE U.S. AND COLAR FOURTH DIVISION COMMANDER; RETIRED AT END OF 1997.

D. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (RET) ALFONSO ERNESTO ((ARTEAGA)) ARTEAGA; COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE (GUL, 1984); FORMERLY COLAR FOURTH DIVISION COMMANDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE WAR COLLEGE; RETIRED AT END OF 1997.

E. (U) GENERAL (RET) HAROLD ((BEDOYA)) PIZARRO; INTELLIGENCE COURSE (GUL, 1965); GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, 1979); FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF THE WAR COLLEGE, COLAR SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER, COLOMBIAN MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE U.S., COLOMBIAN DELEGATE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IADB), COLAR COMMANDER, AND MILITARY FORCES COMMANDER; FORCIBLY RETIRED BY PRESIDENT ERNESTO ((SAMPER)) PIZANO IN JUL 97 AND CURRENTLY A CANDIDATE FOR THE MAY 98 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. [REDACTED]

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F. (U) COLONEL JULIO CESAR ((CACERES)) CARVAJAL; FORMERLY COLOMBIAN NAVAL ATTACHE TO THE DOMINICAN

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REPUBLIC, DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, AND NEWLY DESIGNATED COMMANDER OF THE 2ND MARINE BRIGADE.

G. (U) COLONEL EDGAR ((CEBALLOS)) MENDOZA; GUEST INSTRUCTOR (BEN, 1991); FORMERLY 19TH INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRMOBILE) "JOAQUIN PARIS" COMMANDER AT SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE AND CURRENTLY 3RD MOBILE BRIGADE CHIEF OF STAFF AT TRES ESQUINAS.

H. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL (RET) RICARDO EMILIO ((CIFUENTES)) ORDONEZ; ENGINEER OFFICER COURSE (GUL, UNK); FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND COLAR SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER. [REDACTED]

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I. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL RITO ALEJO ((DEL RIO)) ROJAS; CADET COURSE (GUL, 1967); FORMERLY COLAR 17TH BRIGADE COMMANDER AT CAREPA AND CURRENTLY 13TH BRIGADE COMMANDER IN BOGOTA. [REDACTED]

J. (U) GENERAL MARIO HUGO ((GALAN)) RODRIGUEZ; GENERAL SUPPLY COURSE (GUL, UNK); FORMERLY COLAR THIRD DIVISION COMMANDER, SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MILITARY FORCES INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND CURRENTLY COLAR COMMANDER. GALAN IS ALSO A 1978 GRADUATE OF THE U.S. ARMY ARTILLERY OFFICER ADVANCE COURSE, A 1983 GRADUATE OF USACGSC, AND A 1988 GRADUATE OF IADC.

K. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (DECEASED) CARLOS JULIO ((GIL)) COLORADO; IRREGULAR WARFARE OPERATIONS (GUL, UNK); FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF JOINT INTELLIGENCE (D-2) ON THE MILITARY FORCES STAFF AND COLAR FOURTH DIVISION COMMANDER; ASSASSINATED BY FARC (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA) GUERRILLAS NEAR VILLAVICENCIO IN MID-1994.

L. (U) MAJOR GENERAL OCTAVIO ((GNECCO)) IGLESIAS; FORMERLY COMMANDANT OF THE COLMAR, SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND CURRENTLY COLOMBIAN NAVAL ATTACHE TO THE U.S.

M. (U) COLONEL OSCAR ENRIQUE ((GONZALEZ)) PENA; GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, UNK); FORMERLY COLAR LIAISON OFFICER TO USSOUTHCOM J3 IN 1995-96 AND CURRENTLY COLAR DIRECTOR OF "SANIDAD" (HEALTH).

N. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (RET) MARINO ((GUTIERREZ)) ISAZA; ARTILLERY COURSE (GUL, UNK); INTELLIGENCE COURSE (GUL,

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UNK); GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, 1977); GUEST INSTRUCTOR (BEN, 1985); FORMERLY COLAR FOURTH DIVISION COMMANDER; RETIRED AT END OF 1995.

O. (U) GENERAL (RET) HERNAN JOSE ((GUZMAN)) RODRIGUEZ; GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, 1972); INDUCTED INTO SOA HALL OF FAME (BEN; UNK); FORMERLY COLAR COMMANDER; RETIRED AT END OF 1994.

P. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL (DECEASED) ALFONSO ((MANOSALVA)) FLORES; GUEST INSTRUCTOR (BEN, 1990); FORMERLY COLOMBIAN DELEGATE TO THE IADE AND WAS SERVING AS 4TH BRIGADE COMMANDER IN MEDELLIN WHEN HE DIED SUDDENLY IN APR 97 OF A BRAIN ANEURYSM.

Q. (U) GENERAL (RET) JOSE NELSON ((MEJIA)) HENAO; INFANTRY OFFICER BASIC COURSE (GUL, 1956); COUNTER-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS COURSE (GUL, 1961); FORMERLY COLAR COMMANDER AND MILITARY FORCES COMMANDER; RETIRED IN 1990. CURRENTLY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF COLOMBIAN MILITARY INDUSTRIES (INDUMIL), WHICH FALLS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY.

R. (U) GENERAL (RET) MANUEL ((MURILLO)) GONZALEZ; POLITICAL-MILITARY OPERATIONS COURSE (GUL, 1962, DURING PERIOD WHEN SOA WAS KNOWN AS U.S. ARMY CARIBBEAN SCHOOL); GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, 1970); FORMERLY COLAR COMMANDER; RETIRED AT END OF 1991.

S. (U) COLONEL LUIS CARLOS ((ORTIZ)) RODRIGUEZ; COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE (BEN, 1997); FORMERLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CNP'S ANTINARCOTICS DIRECTORATE (DANTI) AND CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CNP POLICE ACADEMY.

T. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL CARLOS ALBERTO ((OSPINA)) OVALLE; GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, 1978); FORMERLY COLAR 2ND MOBILE BRIGADE COMMANDER IN SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE AND CURRENTLY 4TH BRIGADE COMMANDER, REPLACING BG MANOSALVA. OSPINA IS ALSO A 1994 GRADUATE OF THE U.S. NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY FELLOW.

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U. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL LUIS ((PENUELA)) ANZOLA; COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE (BEN, 1986); FORMERLY 1ST MARINE BRIGADE COMMANDER AND CURRENTLY COMMANDANT OF THE COLMAR.

V. (U) MAJOR GENERAL NESTOR ((RAMIREZ)) MEJIA; COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE (DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE) (BEN, 1985); FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF THE COLAR ARMS AND SERVICES

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SCHOOL IN BOGOTA, IADC ADVISOR, COLAR 12TH BRIGADE
COMMANDER IN FLORENCIA, ACTING COLAR FOURTH DIVISION
COMMANDER, COLAR 15TH BRIGADE (SCHOOLS) COMMANDER IN
BOGOTA, VICE DIRECTOR OF THE IADC, AND CURRENTLY COLAR
THIRD DIVISION COMMANDER.

W. (U) MAJOR GENERAL MARIO FERNANDO ((ROA)) CUERVO;
INTELLIGENCE COURSE (GUL, UNK); JUNGLE COURSE (GUL, UNK);
BASIC AIRBORNE COURSE (GUL, UNK); SMALL UNIT COURSE (GUL,
UNK); FORMERLY COLAR 16TH BRIGADE COMMANDER IN YOPAL,
D-2 ON THE MILITARY FORCES STAFF, AND CURRENTLY COLAR
SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER.

X. (U) GENERAL (RET) LUIS ALBERTO ((RODRIGUEZ))
RODRIGUEZ; URBAN COUNTERINSURGENCY COURSE (GUL, UNK);
FORMERLY MILITARY FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF; RETIRED AT END
OF 1994.

Y. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (RET) RAUL ((ROJAS)) CUBILLOS;
MAINTENANCE ORIENTATION COURSE (GUL, 1978); URBAN
COUNTERINSURGENCY COURSE (GUL, UNK); FORMERLY MILITARY
FORCES INSPECTOR GENERAL, COLOMBIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE TO
THE U.S., AND DELEGATE TO THE IADB; RETIRED IN MID-1997.

Z. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (RET) JUAN ((SALCEDO)) LORA;
GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, 1979-80); FORMERLY COLAR INSPECTOR
GENERAL, DIRECTOR OF THE WAR COLLEGE, AND COLOMBIAN
MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE U.S.; RETIRED AT END OF 1995;
CURRENTLY A DEFENSE CONSULTANT TO THE MILITARY FORCES AND
A MEMBER OF THE U.S.-SPONSORED "HOUSTON PROJECT," A GROUP
OF DIVERSE COLOMBIAN CITIZENS SEEKING A PATH TOWARD PEACE
FOR THEIR NATION.

AA. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL EUCLIDES ((SANCHEZ)) VARGAS;
COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE (BEN, 1990); FORMERLY
COLAR 13TH BRIGADE COMMANDER AND CURRENTLY COLAR CHIEF OF
ENGINEERS.

BB. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL (RET) LUIS BERNARDO
((URBINA)) SANCHEZ; COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE
(BEN, 1985); FORMERLY COLAR 7TH BRIGADE COMMANDER IN
VILLAVICENCIO AND COLAR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE (E-2).

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CC. (U) GENERAL (RET) JESUS MARIA ((VERGARA)) ARAGON;
MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY COURSE (GUL, 1964); COMMAND AND
GENERAL STAFF COURSE (GUL, 1979); FORMERLY COLAR THIRD
DIVISION COMMANDER AND COLAR DEPUTY COMMANDER; RETIRED AT
END OF 1996, RECEIVING HIS THIRD STAR FROM THE PRESIDENT
PRIOR TO RETIREMENT. HE ALSO IS A 1974 GRADUATE OF THE
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER OFFICER ADVANCED COURSE.

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DD. (U) GENERAL (RET) FAROUK ((YANINE)) DIAZ; GUEST INSTRUCTOR (GUL, 1976-77); FORMERLY COLAR DEPUTY COMMANDER, MILITARY FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF, IADB VICE CHAIRMAN, AND FOLLOWING RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE DUTY AN ADVISOR TO THE IADC. [REDACTED]

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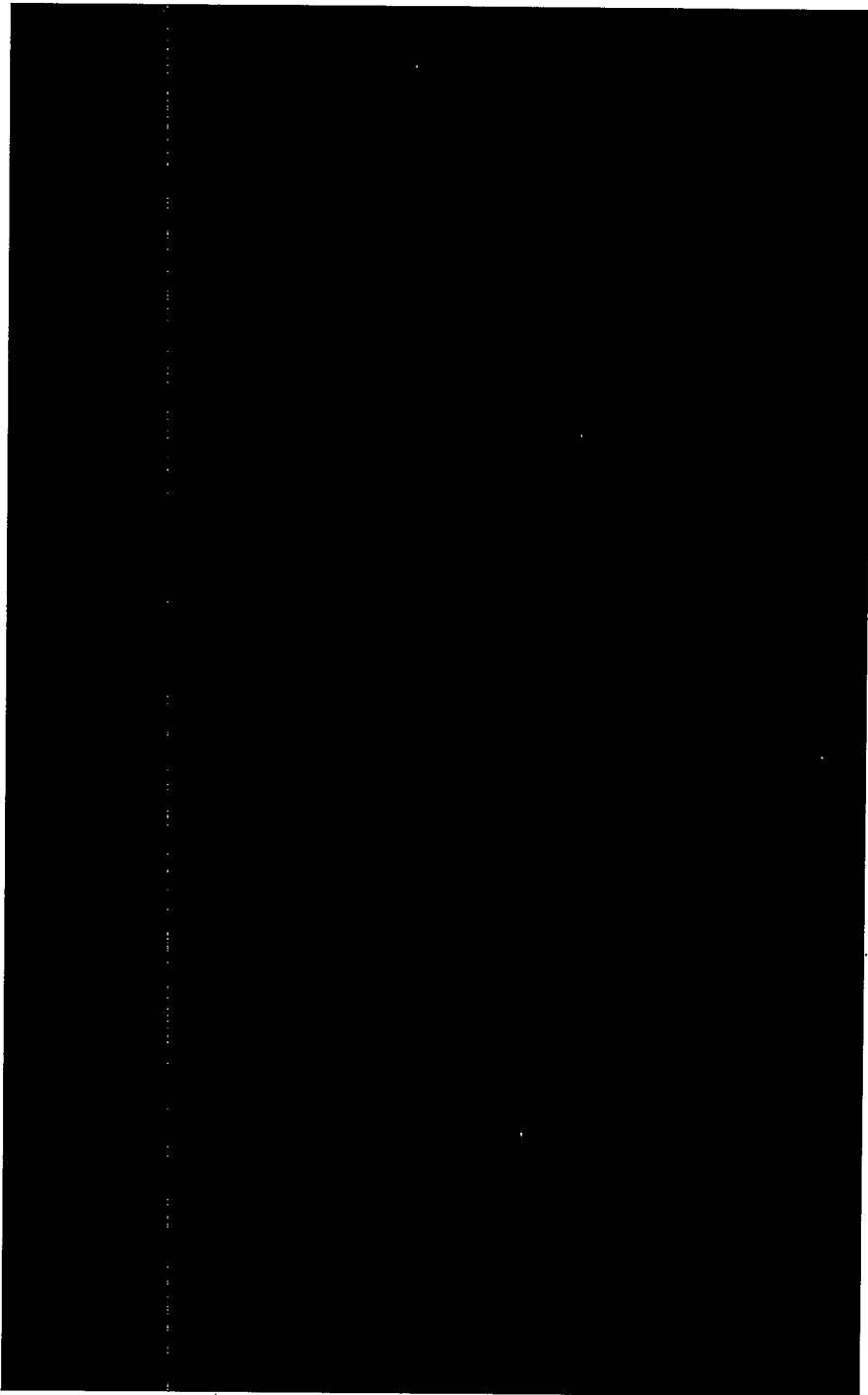
EE. (U) LIEUTENANT COLONEL JUAN PABLO ((ZULUAGA)) HURTADO; CADET COURSE (GUL, 1979); INTELLIGENCE COURSE (BEN, 1989); FORMERLY COLAR 3RD INTELLIGENCE BATTALION COMMANDER IN CALI, CHIEF OF THE E-2 ANALYSIS DIVISION, AND CURRENTLY COMMANDER OF THE CEC (JOINT SPECIAL COMMAND) IN CALI.

FF. (U) GENERAL (RET) HERNANDO CAMILO ((ZUNIGA)) CHAPARRO; INTELLIGENCE COURSE (GUL, 1968); COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE (GUL, 1978); FORMERLY COLAR THIRD DIVISION COMMANDER, MILITARY FORCES INSPECTOR GENERAL, COLAR DEPUTY COMMANDER, AND MILITARY FORCES COMMANDER. FORCIBLY RETIRED IN MAR 96 IN PART AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY SERVING AS COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA. [REDACTED]

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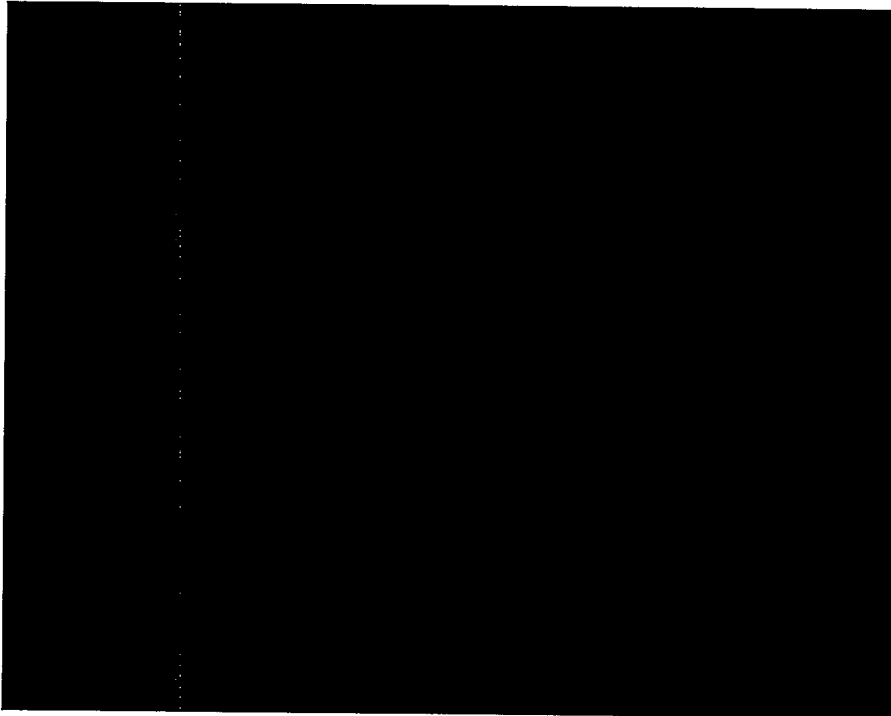


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