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COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO); PANAMA (PM).

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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS
NOT-SO-SUCCESS STORIES -- DIGGING BACK INTO HISTORY
(CORRECTED REPORT) (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ REPORT FOLLOWS UP EARLIER DETAILED IIR ON HIGH-RANKING/HIGH-VISIBILITY COLOMBIAN MILITARY/NATIONAL POLICE GRADUATES OF THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS. SINCE THEN, ADDITIONAL--MOSTLY DEROGATORY--INFO ON SOME OF THE OLDER, MOSTLY NOW RETIRED, OFFICERS HAS COME TO LIGHT.

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H. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL (RET) RICARDO EMILIO ((CIFUENTES)) ORDOÑEZ--RAN FOR THE COLOMBIAN SENATE IN 8 MAR 98 ELECTIONS AS STANDARD-BEARER FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF FORMER COLOMBIAN ARMY (COLAR) AND MILITARY FORCES COMMANDER GEN (RET) HAROLD ((BEDOYA)) PIZARRO; NARROWLY LOST A SENATE SEAT.

I. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL RITO ALEJO ((DEL RIO)) ROJAS--ALLEGED TO HAVE TIES NOT ONLY TO PARAMILITARY ELEMENTS ON THE NORTH COAST AND IN THE URABA REGION (ADJACENT TO THE DARIEN REGION OF PANAMA), BUT ALSO IN THE CONFLICTIVE "MAGDALENA MEDIO" REGION BEFORE THAT. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS IMPLICATED IN THE 1985 THEFT OF A COLAR WEAPONS SHIPMENT DESTINED FOR MAGDALENA MEDIO PARAMILITARIES. THE CASE CAME TO LIGHT ONLY BECAUSE THE OVERLOADED AIRPLANE CRASHED. BG DEL RIO IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS COMMANDER OF THE 13TH BRIGADE IN BOGOTA.

K. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (DECEASED) CARLOS JULIO ((GIL)) COLORADO--THE HIGHEST-RANKING OF SEVEN COLAR OFFICERS INDICTED IN NOV 92 FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH PARAMILITARY GROUPS IN SANTANDER DEPARTMENT. THE CASE AGAINST MG GIL WAS CLOSED AFTER HIS DEATH IN 1994 AT THE HANDS OF FARC (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA) GUERRILLAS NEAR HIS HEADQUARTERS AT VILLAVICENCIO (META).

X. (U) GENERAL (RET) LUIS ALBERTO ((RODRIGUEZ)) RODRIGUEZ--ONE OF SIX SENIOR COLAR OFFICERS PUBLICLY DISMISSED (OR, MORE TECHNICALLY ACCURATE, ALLOWED TO RETIRE) IN NOV 94 BY THEN NEWLY-INSTALLED PRESIDENT ERNESTO ((SAMPER)) PIZANO AS PART OF SAMPER'S STATED EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE HIS NEW GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCING NARCO-CORRUPTION AND TO INCREASING HUMAN RIGHTS

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Y. (U) MAJOR GENERAL (RET) RAUL ((ROJAS)) CUBILLOS--
IMPLICATED IN THE 1988 "HONOURAS" AND "LA NEGRA" JOINT
MILITARY/PARAMILITARY MASSACRES OF BANANA WORKERS; ALSO
IMPLICATED IN THE INFAMOUS 1988 SEGOVIA MASSACRE (WHERE
43 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE TOWN SQUARE).

BB. (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL (RET) LUIS BERNARDO
((URBINA)) SANCHEZ--ACCUSED IN A SERIES OF TORTURES,
ASSASSINATIONS, AND DISAPPEARANCES DURING THE 1970'S
AND 1980'S. A FELLOW SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS GRADUATE,
MENESES ((BALY)), TESTIFIED IN COLOMBIAN COURT AS TO
URBINA'S INVOLVEMENT WITH PARAMILITARIES.

CC. (U) GENERAL (RET) JESUS MARIA ((VERGARA)) ARAGON--
COURTS DETERMINED HE HAD COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
1991 FUSAGASUGA MASSACRE (IN CUNDINAMARCA NOT FAR SOUTH
OF BOGOTA) AND WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED, AT A MINIMUM, IN
THE COVERUP.

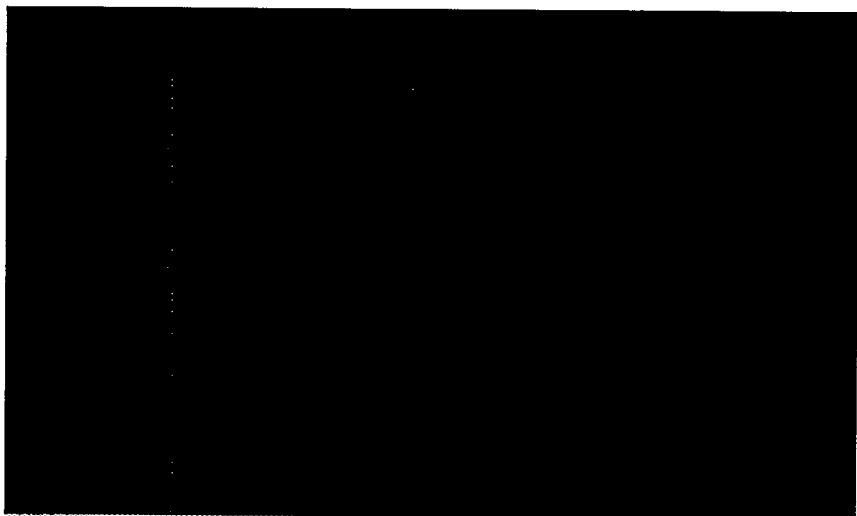
DD. (U) GENERAL (RET) FAROUK ((YANINE)) DIAZ--GUEST
SPEAKER AT THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS IN 1990 AND 1991;
ACCUSED OF LONG-TIME COLLABORATION WITH, AND SPONSORSHIP
OF, PARAMILITARY GROUPS. A SERIES OF CASES ARE PENDING
AGAINST HIM IN THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

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