SUBJECT: Colombian Army Evaluation of Subversive Activity During Period 870410 - 870414 (U)

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SOURCE: B. //LOCAL NEWSPAPER // EL SIGLO, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 870414. CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

C. //LOCAL NEWSPAPER // EL TIEMPO, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 870407. CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

D. //LOCAL NEWSPAPER // EL UNIVERSAL, CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, 870408. CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

SUMMARY: THIS REPORT PROVIDES THE COLOMBIAN ARMY EVALUATION OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY DURING THE PERIOD 870410 - 870414. IT INCLUDES THEIR ANALYSIS OF BOTH THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY.

TEXT:

2. (C/AF) PARTIDO COMUNISTA COLOMBIANO (PCC-LS):
   - A. (C/AF) ACTIVITIES:
     - (1) (C/AF) 870410 & 870411 - IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PRIMAVERA (VICHADA), THE PCC-LS HELD THEIR "FIRST PEACE FORUM" (PRIMER FORO POR LA PAZ), WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS: DAINCO, CAMINOS VECINALES, INDERENA, PLANACION NACIONAL, SECRETARIA DE ASUNTOS FRONTERIZOS.
     - (2) (C/AF) 870410-870412 - IN CALI (b)(2) (VALLE), THE PCC-LS HELD THEIR "FIRST NATIONAL ARTISTS AND WORKERS OF THE COMMUNIST CULTURE SYMPOSIUM" (PRIMER ACTIVO NACIONAL DE ARTISTAS Y TRABAJADORES DE LA CULTURA COMUNISTA). AT THIS MEETING, THEY DECIDED ON THEIR OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR.
   - B. (C/AF) ANALYSIS: THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONTINUES PREPARING FOR THE "FIFTH FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS" TO BE HELD 870424-870426 IN BOGOTA, WHERE THEY PLAN TO ACCUSE THE ARMED FORCES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

3. (C/AF) PARTIDO COMUNISTA DE COLOMBIA MARXISTA LENINISTA (PCC-ML):

END OF MESSAGE

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***<<<<<<< SECTION 2 >>>>>>***

SERIAL: (U) IIR(b)(2)
PASS: (U) (b)(2)
COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO); PANAMA (PM); LIBYA (LY); VENEZUELA (VE).
SUBJECT: IIR(b)(2) COLOMBIAN ARMY EVALUATION OF
A. (G/NA) ACTIVITY:


   A) THE GROWING MILITARIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT;
   B) THE ASSASSINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS;
   C) INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATHS OF STUDENTS OF TUNJA AND BOGOTA;
   D) DEMILITARIZATION OF THE CAMPESINO ZONES.

2. (C/NF) 870411 - THE "CONGRESS OF UNITY FOR A DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR ALTERNATIVE" MET IN THE "EL SALITRE" COLISEUM IN BOGOTA. THIS MEETING LASTED UNTIL 870412. THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

   a) CAMILO GONZALEZ PACHECO (FROM THE "DEBATE" MAGAZINE OF THE M-19);
   b) JAIME ALVARO FAJARDO LANDAHETA (OF THE PCC-ML-EPL);
   c) ANATOLIO TIRADO (OF THE M-19);
   d) HECTOR TORRES (OF THE ELN);
   e) MARIANO OSPINA (OF THE M-19);
   f) LEON VALENCIA (OF THE ELN).

   DURING THIS MEETING, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PEOPLE, THE FOLLOWING THEMES WERE DISCUSSED:

   a) THE NATIONAL POLITICAL SITUATION;
   b) THEIR BATTLE PROGRAM AND ACTION PLAN (PROGRAMA DE LUCHA Y PLAN DE ACCION);
   c) THE POPULAR ELECTION OF MAYORS;
   d) THE UNITY PROCESS (PROCESO DE UNIDAD).

B. (C/NA) 870407 - SOURCE C REPORTS THAT THE BODY OF CARLOS DIAZ, ONE OF THE SEVEN PEOPLE KIDNAPPED BY THE FARC ON 870402 AT THE "GAVIOTAS" RANCH, WAS FOUND IN EL POLVORIN, CLOSE TO SAN JUAN DE ARIMENA. HE WAS BOUND AND HAD BEEN KILLED BY VARIOUS SHOTS. THE KIDNAPPERS WERE TRYING TO SIEZE VICTOR CARRANZA, A RANCHER, BUT WHEN HE WAS NOT AT THE RANCH, THEY SIEZED 7 OF HIS EMPLOYEES AND BODYGUARDS.

2. (U) 870408 - IN GUAPAYA, LOCATED IN THE CANOTUBO REGION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINALITO (META), ONE GUERRILLA WAS
KILLED AND A SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED WHEN TROOPS OF THE 21ST INFANTRY BATTALION CLASHED WITH FARC GUERRILLAS. ANOTHER FARC COLUMN ATTACKED A PATROL OF THE "CAZADORES" BATTALION IN THE RURAL ZONE IF VISTAHERMOSA (META), BUT NOBODY WAS INJURED. THE GUERRILLAS ESCAPED, BUT WERE BEING PURSUED BY POLICE AND ARMY UNITS.

- (3) (U) 870409 - THE BODIES OF THREE FARC GUERRILLAS WERE FOUND ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN VICENTE AND EL CARMEN. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMEN OF THE "LUCIANA DELHUYAR" BATTALION IN SAN VICENTE, THE FARC GUERRILLAS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ELM GUERRILLAS IN RETALIATION FOR THE DEATHS OF TWO ELM GUERRILLAS AT THE HANDS OF THE FARC ON 870408.

END OF MESSAGE

**** SECTION 3 ********

SERIAL: (U) JIR(b)(2)

COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO); PANAMA (PM); LIBYA (LY); VENEZUELA (VE).

SUBJECT: (b)(2) COLOMBIAN ARMY EVALUATION OF

- (4) (U) 870410 - IN CAMPOARRECHO, MUNICIPALITY OF YONDO (ANTIOQUA), MEMBERS OF THE XXIV CUADRILLAS MADE CONTACT WITH A PATROL FROM THE 5TH BRIGADE IN WHICH ONE SOLDIER WAS KILLED.

- (5) (U) 870410 - SOURCE J REPORTS THAT TWO GUERRILLAS AND A SOLDIER DIED IN A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TROOPS BELONGING TO THE "NUeva GRANADA" ANTI-AIR BATTALION (STATIONED IN BARRANCABERMEJA) AND THE FARC, IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUA. THE ENCOUNTER TOOK PLACE IN SAN MARTIN DEL TIGRE, ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS FROM CASABE.

- (6) (U) 870411 - IN LA ESPERANZA, "INSPECCION" OF MEDELLIN DEL ARIARI, MUNICIPALITY OF EL CASTILLO (META), GUERRILLAS BELONGING TO THE VII CUADRILLA KILLED JESUS ANTONIO TEJERILLO ROJAS, WHOM THEY ACCUSED OF COLLABORATING WITH THE AUTHORITIES. HE WAS KILLED BY SIX SHOTS FROM A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER.

- (7) (U) 870411 - ACCORDING TO SOURCE J, THREE FARC GUERRILLAS WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR THE KIDNAPPING AND EXTORTION OF DR. ROBERTO MUTIS PERALTA IN 1984. JUAN DE LA CRUZ HEMAO (ALIAS "GUILLERMO") AND MARIO ANTONIO RODAS HERRERA (ALIAS "PEDRO") WERE SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS IN PRISON, AND JOEL GUERRERO CAMACHO WAS SENTENCED TO 19 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CRIME.

- (8) (U) 870412 - ONLY ONE KILOMETER FROM MESETAS (META), GUERRILLAS BELONGING TO THE VII CUADRILLA KILLED JAIME OVIEDO PENA. LATER, TROOPS OF THE 7TH BRIGADE MADE CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS FROM THE SAME FRONT WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

- (A) (U) TWO GUERRILLAS KILLED (ONE IDENTIFIED AS CLodomiro PEREZ);

- (B) (U) SIX GUERRILLAS CAPTURED (NOT IDENTIFIED TO DATE);

- (C) (U) TWO .38 CALIBER REVOLVERS SIEZED.

- (8) (U) SOURCE 0 REPORTS THAT CARLOS OSSA ESCOBAR, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR FOR REHABILITATION, NORMALIZATION, AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, STATED IN A PROGRAM PRODUCED BY CARACOL THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS RESPECTING THE TRUCE WITH THE FARC, BUT
THAT THE FARC HAS CONTINUED TO VIOLATE THE TRUCE.

- B. (COCA) (b)(2)
  IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS HOLY WEEK, THE GUERRILLAS HAVE NOT STOPPED THEIR ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE GUERRILLAS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF STRIKING A BLOW. ON THE PART OF THE "ESTADO MAYOR" OF THE FARC, THEY ARE WRITING A DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE SEVEN WORDS (ELABORANDO UN DOCUMENTO RELACIONADO CON LAS SIETE PALABRAS), DEALING WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. THIS DOCUMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE TRANSMITTED BY SOME TRANSMITTER IN BOGOTA ON 870417.

5. (CABLE) COORDINADORA NACIONAL GUERRILLERA (CNG): (b)(2)

HOWEVER, SOURCE D REPORTS THAT THREE MEMBERS OF THE CNG, APPARENTLY MEMBERS OF A GUERRILLA SCHOOL, WERE CAPTURED BY THE POLICE AND B-2 AGENTS OF THE IV BRIGADE IN MEDELLIN. THE PEOPLE WERE CAPTURED WHEN 10 ARMED INDIVIDUALS TRIED TO PLACE A BOMB IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL. CARLOS RAMIRO ARBOLEDA SANCHEZ, CARLOS HERNANDO RAMIREZ BUITRAGO AND CARLOS JULIO RAMIREZ GOMEZ WERE CAPTURED AT THE SITE. THERE IS NO WORD AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL AS BEEN DISCOVERED.

6. ELN:

A. (U) (b)(2)

MENESES reports that the bodies of Menezes and various vehicles, about 50 armed men who reported that ELN guerrillas, as part of the organization. He went unnamed company had paid millions of dollars to the ELN guerrilla organization. He went on to say that the company included those funds as part of the cost of the construction of the pipeline.

(9) (U) 870413 - Source N reports that Carlos Ossa Escobar, presidential advisor for rehabilitation, reconciliation and normalization, said that multinational oil companies have financed the ELN by paying them "for security" and charging the costs to the construction of the oil pipeline. This charge was made on the program "El Personaje de la Semana", produced by Caracol. On the program Ossa Escobar said that the ELN had built itself up not by virtue of the peace process but because they were generously financed by a multinational company which operates in Colombia, and that this unnamed company had paid millions of dollars to the ELN guerrilla organization. He went on to say that the company included those funds as part of the cost of the construction of the pipeline.

(10) (U) 870413 - Source P reports that ELN guerrillas attacked and burned a ranch near Tenerife. According to workers at the ranch, the ranch was attacked by about 50 armed men who stole two shotguns and burned the ranch and various vehicles, including a bulldozer valued at 40 million pesos.

(11) (U) 870413 - Source P reports that the bodies of two kidnapped politicians (Ciro and Roque Menezes, father and son) were found on the outskirts of El Carmen. They had been killed by ELN guerrillas.

End of message
COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO); PANAMA (PM); LIBYA (LY); VENEZUELA (VE).
SUBJECT: IIR (b)(2)(A)(X) COLOMBIAN ARMY EVALUATION OF KIDNAPPED BY AN ELN CELL; ACCORDING TO AUTHORITIES, THE "CAPITAN PARENZO" FRONT OF THE ELN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME.


7. (C/NF) EPL:

A. ANALYSIS:


2. (C/NF) 870410 - IN LA MILAGROSA, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE DE ANTIOQUIA (b)(2)(C)(X) (ANTIOQUIA), GUERRILLAS OF THE "PEDRO LEON ARBOLEDA" CUADRILLA MADE ARMED CONTACT WITH TROOPS OF THE 4TH BRIGADE WHICH RESULTED IN TWO SOLDIERS BEING WOUNDED AND 5 GUERRILLAS KILLED.

3. (U) 870411 - SOURCE I REPORTS THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN ANTIOQUIA REPORT THAT A LARGE COLUMN OF EPL GUERRILLAS HAS BEEN DETECTED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUIA. THE LAST SPOTTING OF THE GUERRILLAS WAS IN LAS AZULES, MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE DE ANTIOQUIA, 79 KILOMETERS TO THE WEST OF MEDELLIN. SOURCE L REPORTS THAT FOUR GUERRILLAS, BELIEVED TO BE CNG MEMBERS, WERE KILLED BY TROOPS OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE IN THE SAME AREA. FOLLOWING THE BATTLE, GOVERNMENT FORCES SEIZED THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL:

- A. ONE GALIL RIFLE
- B. ONE FAL RIFLE
- C. ONE R-15 RIFLE
- D. TWO .30 M-1 CARBINES
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SOURCE M REPORTS THAT TWO SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED IN THAT SAME ENCOUNTER. THE GUERRILLAS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MOVING FROM URAMA, 167 KILOMETERS FROM MEDELLIN. SOURCE Q INDICATES THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MATERIAL, THE GOVERNMENT FORCES ALSO SEIZED 500 CARTRIDGES AND 17 FRAGMENTATION GRENADES.

B. (C/NF) AS A RESULT OF OPERATIONS WHICH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CARRIED OUT IN THE RURAL AREAS OF ANTIOQUIA, CORDOBA, NORTE DE SANTANDER, AND THE INTENDENCIA OF PUTUMAYO, AGAINST THE CUADRILLAS WHICH OPERATE IN THOSE AREAS AND THE DISPLACEMENTS WHICH THE GUERRILLAS HAVE HAD TO MAKE, WE CAN PREDICT THAT THERE CAN BE NEW CONfrontATIONS WITH THE GUERRILLAS. THE GUERRILLAS HAVE CEASED THEIR PROSYLITIZING ACTIVITIES WHICH THEY HAD BEEN CARRYING OUT IN ORDER TO FLEE THE AREA, AND THEY ARE MAINTAINING AN APPARENT CALM IN THEIR ZONES OF RECOUPERATION OR FORTIFIED CAMPS.

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C. (CONFIDENTIAL) M-19:


10. (CONFIDENTIAL) 870405 - SOURCE C REPORTS THAT TWO PRISONERS WERE RESCUED BY THREE UNIDENTIFIED MEN, APPARENTLY GUERRILLAS. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY POLICE ON 870404. THE RESCUERS ARRIVED IN A STOLEN TAXI WHOSE DRIVER HAD BEEN LOCKED INTO THE TRUNK OF THE CAR. THE TAXI WAS FOUND ABANDONED AFTER THE RESCUE. THE NAMES OF THE PRISONERS WERE SANCHEZ JIMENEZ (24 YEARS OLD) AND MONCAYO MILLAN (39 YEARS OLD). WHILE THEY WERE BEING DETAINED, THEY INSISTED ON MAKING AN URGENT TELEPHONE CALL. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THEY USED THE CALL TO NOTIFY THEIR PARTNERS WHERE THEY WERE BEING HELD. THE TWO MEN HAD BEEN ARRESTED AFTER WOUNDING ANOTHER TAXI DRIVER.

12. (U) SOURCE C CARRIED ANOTHER ARTICLE TITLED "RUMORAN MATANZA DE 12 NARCOTRAFICANTES". ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, COLONEL DIEGO ANZOLA VASQUEZ SENT AGENTS, DISGUISED AS CAMPESINOS, TO EL LLANON IN THE JUNGLE ZONE OF SERRANIA DE PERIJA, WHERE, ACCORDING TO CAMPESINO RUMORS, 12 NARCOTRAFFICKERS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY GUERRILLAS WHICH OPERATE IN THAT AREA. ACCORDING TO COLONEL ANZOLA, FARC AND ELM GUERRILLAS OPERATE IN THAT AREA, AS WELL AS MARIJUANA GROWERS AND TRAFFICKERS. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT SENDING UNIFORMED PERSONNEL INTO THAT AREA WAS THE SAME AS SENDING THEM TO THEIR DEATH.

13. (U) 870408 - ACCORDING TO SOURCE H, A GRENADE EXPLODED AGAINST A POLICE VEHICLE ON PATROL IN PUEBLO NUEVO DURING THE EVENING. POLICE BELIEVE THAT THE ATTACK WAS THE WORK OF GUERRILLAS.

14. (U) 870413 - SOURCE N CARRIES A REPORT FROM CARACAS, VENEZUELA, IN WHICH THE VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, JOSE RAFAEL CARDIZO GRIMALDI, CONFIRMED THE EXISTANCE OF A "STATE OF FRONTIER ALERT" (ESTADO DE ALERTA FRONTERIZA) ON THE PART OF THE VENEZUELAN ARMED FORCES TO REPUL THE EVENTUAL ACTION OF COLOMBIAN GUERRILLAS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO TRY TO CROSS INTO VENEZUELAN TERRITORY AFTER CAUSING DOZENS OF DEATHS DURING THE TAKING OF TOWNS IN COLOMBIA. ACCORDING TO GENERAL CARDIZO, EFFECTIVE 870414, A MILITARY COMMAND WAS TO BE ACTIVATED WHICH WOULD BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF ALL FOUR SERVICES IN THE FRONTIER TOWN OF EL NULA, TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE STATE OF APURE, ABOUT 30

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******** SECTION 7 ********
SERIAL: (U) IIR(b)(2)
PASS: (U) IIR(b)(2)
COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO); PANAMA (PM); LIBYA (LY); VENEZUELA (VE).
SUBJECT: IIR(b)(2) COLOMBIAN ARMY EVALUATION OF KILOMETERS FROM THE COLOMBIAN BORDER. THIS AREA HAS OFTEN BEEN THE SCENE OF KIDNAPPINGS OF VENEZUELAN RANCHERS BY ARMED MEN IDENTIFIED AS GUERRILLAS COMING FROM COLOMBIA. GENERAL CARDIZO ALSO INDICATED THAT THE REINFORCED POST WOULD BE COMMAND BY A COLONEL.

15. (U) SOURCE O CARRIES PORTIONS OF AN INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE ERNESTO LUCENA QUEVEDO, A MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY, IN WHICH HE STATES THAT THE GUERRILLAS ARE WINNING THE WAR. HE SAYS THAT COLOMBIA LIVES IN A STATE OF WAR, AND NOT A WAR DECLARED BY PEOPLE THAT DISAGREE WITH THE "ESTABLISHMENT", BUT ONE DECLARED BY THE SOVIET TOTALITARIANISM AGAINST THE DEMOCRACIES. SEE ENCLOSURE 8 FOR COMPLETE ARTICLE.

16. (U) SOURCE P CARRIES AN ARTICLE TITLED "FLORICULTORES DENUANCIA INFILTRACION SUBVERSIVA", IN WHICH DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANIES AFFILIATED WITH THE COLOMBIAN ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS OF FLOWERS CLAIM THAT THEIR COMPANIES ARE BEING INFILTRATED BY LABOR WORKERS WHICH HAVE CONNECTIONS TO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS. THEY GO ON TO SAY THAT "WHAT IS HAPPENING IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE INFILTRATION OF GUERRILLA GROUPS INTO OUR BUSINESSES, JUST AS HAS HAPPENED IN OTHER AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN URABA AND EL VALLE WITH BANANAS
AND SUGAR, ALSO EXPORTATION PRODUCTS." ACCORDING TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE ASSOCIATION, AN OFFICE HAS BEEN OPENED IN EITHER MADRID OR
MOSQUERA (CUNDINAMARCA) FROM WHICH A LABOR ORGANIZATION IS
REQUESTING RECOGNITION FROM THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, BUT THAT IT IS
IN REALITY A SATELLITE ORGANIZATION OF THOSE WHICH EXIST IN THE
BANANA ZONE WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EPL AND THE FARC.

COMMENTS:

2. (C/NF) (b)(1)

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