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SUBJECT: FOUR MORE BODIES FOUND IN BOGOTA ALSO BELIEVED  
TO BE MEMBERS OF RODRIGUEZ GACHA'S GROUP

REF: A. BOGOTA 19897; B. BOGOTA 19756

1. FOUR MORE PRESUMED INTER-NARCO "VENDETTA" KILLINGS  
OCCURRED IN BOGOTA IN THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND.  
AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED FOUR TRUSSED UP BODIES, HEADS  
HOODED AND HANDS AND FEET TIED TOGETHER, STREWN BY A  
HIGHWAY IN NORTHERN BOGOTA DECEMBER 23. COVERING THE  
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BODIES OF THE THREE MEN AND A WOMAN WAS A LARGE CARTON

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SCRIBBLED WITH THE PHRASE "FOR KILLING INNOCENTS OF THE HK." THE MOTTO IS AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE IN-FLIGHT BOMBING OF AVIANCA AIRLINER HK-1823 ON NOVEMBER 27, IN WHICH 107 PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED.

2. SEVERAL GUNMEN LUGGED THE FOUR GAGGED AND BOUND VICTIMS OUT OF A MAZDA VEHICLE IN THE EARLY MORNING OF DECEMBER 23. THEY THEN DEPOSITED THE BODIES ON THE ROADSIDE AND RIDDLED THEM WITH AUTOMATIC GUNFIRE, ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES INTERROGATED BY POLICE. AS IN A PREVIOUS INCIDENT (REF B), THE VICTIMS WERE TORTURED BEFORE THEY WERE KILLED. THREE OF THE VICTIMS HAD PRISON RECORDS AND ONE WAS WANTED FOR MURDER AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS.

3. AUTHORITIES TOLD THE PRESS THAT THREE OF THE DEAD WERE GUNMEN IN THE NARCO ORGANIZATION HEADED BY THE LATE GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA AND MAY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE BOMBING OF THE DAS BUILDING DECEMBER 6. THIS GROUP IS BEING KILLED OFF BY THE MEDELLIN CARTEL TO AVOID POSSIBLE INCRIMINATION OF TOP ASSOCIATES OF RODRIGUEZ GACHA, ACCORDING TO POLICE STATEMENTS REPORTED IN THE PRESS. THESE SOURCES ALSO MAINTAIN THAT THE MEDELLIN CARTEL BELIEVES THAT AN INFORMER WITHIN RODRIGUEZ GACHA'S GROUP PROVIDED INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPD'S DEATH DECEMBER 15. OTHER POLICE SOURCES, HOWEVER, REITERATED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE KILLINGS ARE PART OF A VENDETTA BY NARCO-EMERALD TRAFFICKER VICTOR CARRANZA, A RODRIGUEZ GACHA RIVAL (SEE REF A, PARA 3 FOR YET ANOTHER THEORY ON THE KILLINGS).

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