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SUMMARY

2. (c) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND AN EXPERT
ON PARAMILITARY GROUPS. THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS HAVE SPOKEN
WITH [REDACTED] AT SOME LENGTH ON AT LEAST THREE OCCASIONS AND BELIEVE
HIS VIEWS BEAR CONSIDERATION. [REDACTED] MAINTAINS THAT THE COLOMBIAN
MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THE ARMY, COLLABORATES WITH PARAMILITARY
GROUPS AS A MATTER OF POLICY; IN SOME INSTANCES, THE ARMY USES
PARAMILITARY GROUPS AND/OR SICARIOS (PAID HITMEN) AS PROXIES.
CONTACTS AT THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE (FISCALIA)
PROSECUTING CASES AGAINST MEMBERS OF PARAMILITARY GROUPS REPORT
THERE IS A PATTERN, IF NOT A POLICY, OF MILITARY COLLABORATION
WITH THOSE ILLEGAL GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

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[REDACTED] IS CONVINCED THAT COLLABORATION WITH PARAMILITARY GROUPS BY THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY, PRIMARILY THE COLOMBIAN ARMY, IS A MATTER OF POLICY AND NOT CONFINED TO RANDOM CASES OF INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS' INVOLVEMENT WITH THOSE GROUPS. [REDACTED] MAINTAINS THAT ARMY COMMANDER GEN. HAROLD BEDOYA KNOWS OF AND CONDONES THAT COLLABORATION AND HAS A HISTORY OF DIRECT CONTACT WITH PARAMILITARY GROUPS, BEGINNING WITH THE AAA (AN ANTI-COMMUNIST PARAMILITARY GROUP THAT FORMED IN THE 70'S.) FORMER MINISTERS OF DEFENSE, [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SUPPORTED PARAMILITARIES, ALTHOUGH RAFAEL PARDO, THE FIRST CIVILIAN MOD, WAS MORE DISCREET THAN HIS PREDECESSORS.

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BEDOYA

4. (G) [REDACTED] ARGUES THAT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE COLOMBIAN ARMY IS SO TIGHT THAT COOPERATION WITH PARAMILITARY GROUPS IS NOT A MATTER OF ROGUE INDIVIDUALS GOING OUT ON THEIR OWN. IN [REDACTED] WORDS, THERE ARE NO "FIGURES" IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. COLLABORATION WITH PARAMILITARIES OCCURS BECAUSE THE HIGH COMMAND CONDONES AND FOSTERS IT. [REDACTED] SAYS THAT ALL OF THE BRIGADES IN WHICH BEDOYA HAS SERVED HAVE A HISTORY OF COOPERATION WITH PARAMILITARY GROUPS. THE FIRST GROUP [REDACTED] MENTIONED WAS THE AAA

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OR TRIPLE A (ALIANZA ANTICOMUNISTA AMERICANA DATING BACK TO THE 70'S). WITNESSES TOLD [REDACTED] THAT WHEN BEDOYA WAS 7TH BRIGADE COMMANDER IN VILLAVICENCIO, META, IN 1987 (DATES MAY NOT BE PRECISE), BEDOYA SEVERAL TIMES TOOK AN ARMY HELICOPTER TO THE HOUSE OF NARCO-TRAFFICKER RODRIGUEZ GACHA IN SAN MARTIN, META, WHICH WAS A KNOWN CENTER FOR PARAMILITARIES, CALLED "MASETOS." THE WITNESSES INCLUDED THE LOCAL MAYOR AND CAMPESINOS. IN PARTICULAR, [REDACTED] MENTIONED THE DIRECTOR OF THE PNR (PROGRAMA NACIONAL DE RENOVACION -- A DEFUNCT GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR SMALL-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SOME OF THE POOREST COMMUNITIES OF COLOMBIA. IT WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD PROGRAM BY MOST OBSERVERS BUT DROPPED BECAUSE THE POLITICAL PAYOFFS WERE NOT GREAT. THE MUCH LESS EFFECTIVE RED DE SOLIDARIDAD REPLACED THE PNR. [REDACTED]

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CHARACTERIZED THE DIRECTOR OF THE PNR AS BEING AN ESPECIALLY
RELIABLE WITNESS WITH REGARD TO BEDOYA'S CONTACT WITH THE
MASETOS.)

5. (c) HE RELATES THAT IN 1988, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THEN COL. BEDOYA LAUNCHED AN OPERATION CALLED

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"RECUPERACION RIO GUAYABERO." (THE RIO GUAYABERO FLOWS INTO THE
GUAVIARE WEST OF SAN JOSE AND FORMS PART OF THE BORDER BETWEEN
META AND GUAVIARE DEPARTMENTS.) TO THE REGULAR TROOPS BEDOYA
DEPLOYED ALONG THE GUAYABERA, HE ATTACHED SICARIOS (UNEMPLOYED
FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF RODRIGUEZ GACHA). THESE SICARIOS WERE
GIVEN THE "DIRTY JOBS" IN THE RECOVERY OPERATION. ACCORDING TO
[REDACTED] BEDOYA THEN ORDERED THE ASSASSINATION OF THE SICARIOS
INVOLVED. HOWEVER, THREE SOMEHOW REMAIN ALIVE IN SAN JOSE DE
GUAVIARE. [REDACTED] SAYS BEDOYA'S ANTI-INSURGENCY STRATEGY IS TO USE

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ANY TACTIC, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT OF ILLICIT GROUPS. IN 1989 BEDOYA WAS COMMANDER OF THE 4TH BRIGADE IN MEDELLIN. [REDACTED] POINTS OUT THAT THIS WAS A TIME WHEN SICARIOS WORKING FOR PABLO ESCOBAR MURDERED APPROXIMATELY 250 POLICE AT 600.000 (USD 600) PESOS A HEAD. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER, A COL. BAHAMON, HAS WRITTEN A BOOK, "MI GUERRA EN MEDELLIN," IN WHICH HQ TACTICS USED BY GEN. BEDOYA TO INTIMIDATE THE POPULATION, INCLUDING THE INDISCRIMINATE ROUND-UP OF TEENAGERS.

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6. (c) [REDACTED] ALSO LINKS BEDOYA TO THE FOUNDING OF A PARAMILITARY GROUP IN SAN VICENTE DE CHUCURI AND EL CARMEN DE

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CHUCURI, WHICH RECEIVED DIRECT SUPPORT FROM THE INFANTRY BATTALION "LUCIANO D'ELHUYAR." BEDOYA HAS DENIED THAT THIS IS A PARAMILITARY GROUP AND CHARACTERIZES IT AS "CAMPEÑINOS WITH RIFLES." BEDOYA HAS PUBLICLY AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED COOPERATION WITH PARAMILITARIES IS ONGOING. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] SAYS THE ARMY HAS PLACED UNDERCOVER ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS IN PARAMILITARY GROUPS. IN PUERTO BOYACA, [REDACTED] SAYS, AN ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER LED A PARAMILITARY GROUP UNDER THE PSEUDONYM "ARIEL BOTERO." ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE ARMY HAD "ARIEL BOTERO" ASSASSINATED.

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THE CASTANOS

7. (c) [REDACTED] TOLD POL/ECON OFFICER PARAMILITARY LEADERS FIDEL AND CARLOS CASTANO HAVE EXTENDED THEIR OPERATIONS FROM URABA AND CORDOBA (THEIR GROUP IS KNOWN AS LOS AUTODEFENSAS DE URABA AND CORDOBA) TO SOUTHERN ANTIOQUIA, THE MAGDALENA MEDIO, THE ATLANTIC DEPARTMENTS OF SUCRE AND MAGDALENA AND MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH PARAMILITARY GROUPS IN CESAR. [REDACTED] SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE MOST RECENT REPORTS OF FIDEL CASTANO'S DEATH WERE TRUE.

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8. (c) IN MAY 1991, [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED FIDEL CASTANO, WHO TOLD HIM HIS ORGANIZATION'S ANTI-GUERRILLA STRATEGY WAS TO MASSACRE CAMPEÑINOS TO FORCE THEM OFF THEIR LAND AND TO FORM AUTODEFENSAS (SO-CALLED SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS) TO INTIMIDATE THE POPULATION. CASTANO SAID THAT THE ARMY DID NOT COLLABORATE IN THOSE MASSACRES BUT DID ALLOW HIS GROUP TO CARRY THEM OUT. IN THE YEARS 1975 -

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1981 THE CASTANOS FIRST BECAME LINKED TO NARCOTRAFFICKING. THEY KNEW ESCOBAR AND THE OCHOA BROTHERS. IT WAS ULTIMATELY THE MURDER OF NARCOTRAFFICKER GALEANO THAT LED TO THEIR WAR WITH ESCOBAR. [REDACTED] SAID THE NARCOTRAFFICKERS IN THE 80'S OPERATED

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INDEPENDENTLY; CARTELS DID NOT EXIST AS SUCH. CASTANO CLAIMED THE DISCORD BETWEEN THE CALI AND MEDELLIN CARTELS WAS INSTIGATED BY THE DEA. CASTANO TOLD [REDACTED] THAT IN 1991 HE SET OUT ON A "MISSION OF PEACE FOR THE NATION" AND DEMOBILIZED HIS GROUP TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE MEDELLIN AND CALI CARTELS. HOWEVER, THE MEDIATION NEVER AMOUNTED TO MUCH, AND THE CASTANOS FORMED "LOS PEPES" IN ALLIANCE WITH THE RODRIGUEZ OREJUELAS.

9. (e) [REDACTED] ASKED FORMER MOD PARDO WHY THE GOVERNMENT NEVER ARRESTED CASTANO. PARDO SAID THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE ARREST WARRANT. THE CASTANOS ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE GANADEROS AND THE POLITICAL CLASS IN ALL THE ATLANTIC COAST DEPARTMENTS [REDACTED] SAID THE CASTANOS CHARGE LANDOWNERS FOR PROTECTION FROM FARC, ELN, AND REMAINING EPL GROUPS. THE CASTANOS SUPPORTED RODRIGO GARCIA'S CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR OF CORDOBA; GARCIA LOST.

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10. (C) [REDACTED] CHARACTERIZED THE NORTE SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA AS A KEY REGION FOR TRANSPORTING COCAINE. THE DOMINANT PARAMILITARY LEADER THERE IS HENAN GIRALDO. GUERRILLAS AND PARAMILITARIES ARE IN COMPETITION FOR DOMINANCE IN THE NARCO-PROTECTION BUSINESS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT PARAMILITARIES AND GUERRILLAS OFTEN DIVIDE UP THE TERRITORIES OF DOMINANCE. THE FARC GUERRILLAS DOMINATE IN THE REGIONS OF CROP CULTIVATION. AT ONE TIME THERE WAS A WAR BETWEEN NARCOS AND GUERRILLAS, BUT WITH THE DEATH OF RODRIGO GACHA, THE GUAVIARE FELL TO THE TOTAL CONTROL BY THE FARC AS THE RESULT OF A KIND OF ACCORD BETWEEN THE FARC AND THE NARCOS. [REDACTED] SAID THE GUERRILLAS FOR THE MOST PART USE THE NARCO-PROTECTION MONEY TO FINANCE THE INSURGENCY. THEY DO NOT NEED TO BECOME CAMPESINO CULTIVATORS OR PROCESSORS OF COCA. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH AN ELEMENT OF PERSONAL ENRICHMENT DOES OCCUR AMONG SOME OF THE GUERRILLAS, THEY ARE STILL A "SOCIO-POLITICAL PHENOMENON."

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11. (C) ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE OTHER MAJOR PARAMILITARY LEADER IS EMERALD MAGNATE VICTOR CARRANZA. HE CONTROLS TWO GROUPS: 1) LOS DORADOS, ACTIVE IN SOUTHERN CASANARE, META, VICHADA; AND 2) LOS MASETOS (NOT THE OLD M.A.S), ACTIVE IN PUERTO BOYACA, MADGALENA MEDIO, CESAR. CARRANZA IS CURRENTLY BUYING UP LAND IN 11 DEPARTMENTS: VICHADA, CASANARE, CUNDINAMARCA, BOYACA, TOLIMA, SANTANDER, CESAR, MAGDALENA, BOLIVAR, SUCRE, AND CORDOBA. [REDACTED] SAID CARRANZA HAS AN ALLIANCE WITH THE CASTANOS' ORGANIZATION. WITH REGARD TO NARCOTRAFFICKING, [REDACTED] SAYS CARRANZA'S OPERATIONS ARE RELATED TO THE ECONOMICS OF NARCOTRAFFICKING BUT NOT TO NARCOTRAFFICKING ITSELF. HIS CONTACTS AND DEALINGS WITH NARCOTRAFFICKERS CENTER AROUND TWO ACTIVITIES:

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A) THE EXPORT OF EMERALDS TO LAUNDER DOLLARS: CARRANZA SELLS EXPORT LICENSES - [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE THE EMERALD MARKET IS "OPEN," THE OVER-INVOICING OF EMERALD EXPORTS TO JUSTIFY INCOME FROM NARCOTRAFFICKING IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DETECT. CARRANZA CHARGES A COMMISSION FOR LAUNDERING DOLLARS WHEN HE TRANSFERS THE AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPORTING EMERALDS.

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B) LAND ACQUISITION: WHEN NARCOTRAFFICKERS RUN INTO LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS, CARRANZA BUYS THEIR LAND FOR HALF THE VALUE. [REDACTED] REMARKED THAT THIS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY TRUE OVER THE LAST YEAR FOLLOWING THE ARRESTS OF LEADING CALI KINGPINS AND INCREASED GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO GO AFTER NARCOTRAFFICKERS' BANK ACCOUNTS.

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12. (C) WHY DOESN'T THE GOVERNMENT MOVE AGAINST CARRANZA?

[REDACTED] SAID TWO CASES HAD BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST CARRANZA: IN THE FIRST, NO WITNESSES WOULD COME FORWARD; IN THE SECOND, ALL OF THE WITNESSES DIED. ONE OF CARRANZA'S LIEUTENANTS WAS ARRESTED LAST YEAR: HE IS IMPLICATED IN THE MURDER OF 80-100 PERSONS.

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THERE EXIST TODAY CASES OF COLLABORATION BY THE MILITARY WITH PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. ONE OF THE CASES SHE CITED IS THE APRIL 1996 MASSACRE OF 15 PEOPLE IN SEGOVIA, NORTHEASTERN SANTANDER. THE ACTING BATTALION COMMANDER, MAJ. RODRIGO CANAS AND A PARAMILITARY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE CASE SO FAR. THAT CANAS MET THE SICARIOS AT THE AIRPORT TO TAKE THEM INTO THE TOWN. THE ARMY OBJECTED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS TO THE ARREST. NONETHELESS,

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THE CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE LA JUDICATURA RECENTLY UPHELD THE
FISCALIA'S JURISDICTION IN THIS CASE. [REDACTED] SAID THE SAME
MODUS OPERANDI WAS USED IN THE 1988 MASSACRE OF 50 CIVILIANS IN

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SEGOVIA (THAT CASE IS STILL PENDING). [REDACTED]
EXPLAINED THAT THE AUTODEFENSAS WHO SUPPOSEDLY DEMOBILIZED IN THE
EARLY 1990'S IN THAT AREA ARE STILL ACTIVE AND THE ARMY KNOWS IT.

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14. ~~(S)~~ OTHER CASES:

-- THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE 1996 IN EL CARMEN DE IATRATO, THE
CASTANOS' AUTODEFENSAS DE CORDOBA Y URABA CARRIED OUT A MASSACRE.

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-- EL CARMEN DE CHUCURI, SANTANDER: THE FISCALIA HAS A CASE
AGAINST THE FORMER MAYOR AND OTHERS FOR PARAMILITARISM. GENERAL
BEDOYA HAS CHARACTERIZED THE PARAMILITARY GROUP THERE AS "PURELY
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-- THE DISAPPEARANCE AND MURDER OF NYDIA ERIKA BAUTISTA (1987:
THIS IS THE CASE IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH GEN. VELANDIA WAS FIRED
LAST YEAR.) [REDACTED] THIS CASE IS PROGRESSING: TWO
ARREST WARRANTS ARE OUTSTANDING; TWO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

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-- JUNE 1996: IN SOUTHERN CESAR DEPARTMENT, THE FISCALIA HAD
ORDERED THE ARREST OF A MEMBER OF A PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION.
WHEN THEY WENT IN TO CARRY OUT THE ARREST, THE MAN HAD GONE; HIS
BED WAS STILL WARM. THE HOUSE BACKED UP TO THE LOCAL ARMY BASE
WHERE [REDACTED] HE FOUND REFUGE.

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-- EARLIER THIS YEAR: THE FISCALIA ISSUED OVER 20 ARREST
WARRANTS IN A PARAMILITARISM CASE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE

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LAST ARREST WARRANT ISSUED, ALL OF THE OTHERS WERE COMPROMISED,

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-- ARREST WARRANT ISSUED IN A 1987 CASE KNOWN AS "THE CASE OF THE 19 ITINERANT SALESMEN":

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IN WHICH 19 ITINERANT SALESMAN WERE KIDNAPPED AND KILLED BY PARAMILITARIES IN THE PUERTO BOYACA REGION IN 1987 (THEIR BODIES

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WERE FOUND ONE YEAR LATER). CHARACTERIZES PUERTO BOYACA AS A CENTER OF PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION. THESE MURDERS WERE CARRIED OUT BY PARAMILITARY GROUPS SUPPORTED BY PABLO ESCOBAR, GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA AND VICTOR CARRANZA. STATES THAT THE ACTION WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE "ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARMED ORGANS OF THE STATE." FURTHER THAT THE MILITARY ACTED AS THEIR OFFICIAL MOUTHPIECE BEFORE THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND EVEN OBSTRUCTED THE CAPTURE OF THE PERPETRATORS. RETIRED GENERAL FAROUK YANINE DIAZ (CURRENTLY WORKING AS A PRIVATE CONSULTANT TO THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD - IADB) HAS BEEN IMPLICATED IN THIS CASE. THE FISCALIA ISSUED A WARRANT FOR YANINE'S ARREST JULY 25, 1996. WHEN THE WARRANT BECAME PUBLIC IN LATE AUGUST, YANINE TOLD THE COLOMBIAN PRESS HE WOULD RETURN TO COLOMBIA TO FACE THE CHARGES.

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15. (S) WE TAKE ASSESSMENT VERY SERIOUSLY.

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GENERAL BEDOYA'S ADAMANT STONEWALLING AGAINST ANY ASSOCIATION WITH PARAMILITARY ABUSES SIMPLY HAS NOT SERVED THE MILITARY WELL.

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WHILE THE ARMY MAY HAVE A CASE TO MAKE, SO FAR IT HAS NOT MADE IT
CONVINCINGLY. WE CAREFULLY CONSIDER [REDACTED] VIEWS IN THE UPCOMING
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