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

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COMBINE: COMPLETE

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] CASHIERED COLONEL TALKS FREELY
ABOUT THE ARMY HE LEFT BEHIND (LASER STRIKE) (U)

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Colombia: A Violent Backdrop (U)

A strategic stalemate between the Colombian Government and the country's array of violent actors--guerrillas, paramilitaries, drug traffickers, and other criminals--is prompting talk of peace, but a settlement is not near. The protagonists, including the military, neither value peace nor fear defeat enough to opt for serious negotiations and compromise. Domestic institutions appear incapable of achieving peace without external help, but the international community has yet to step up to the challenge. Persistently high levels of violence and massive human rights violations are to continue as both guerrillas and paramilitaries expand their activities in the face of military ineffectiveness (C)

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Violent heritage

Colombia has a long history of civil war and partisan bloodletting, but political violence has tripled since 1982. The list of firsts is depressing: one of the world's highest murder rates, the world's highest kidnapping rate, a growing number of internally displaced persons, etc. (C)

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Paradoxically, Colombia also boasts one of the region's oldest democracies. Although often formalistic and exclusionary in practice, Colombia's political system as recently as 1991 was able to produce a new Constitution designed to promote institutional accountability and responsiveness and broader popular participation. Implementation by the drug-tainted Samper administration has been halfhearted--and an indirect cause of political violence that threatens democracy and inhibits full realization of the promise of the 1991 Constitution. The resultant incomplete democracy fuels further violence. (C)

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The proximate causes of chronic violence include: expulsion of peasant farmers from small plots as drug traffickers buy up large amounts of land; a high concentration of wealth; a tendency to settle disputes violently because the country lacks effective dispute settlement mechanisms; the lack of a state presence in vast rural areas; and an ineffective, corrupt judicial system that grants impunity to purveyors of both political and criminal violence. (C)

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Colombians, especially the three-fourths who live in cities far from the massacres and warfare being waged in the countryside, have adapted to the violence. Urbanites are more concerned about crime, unemployment, traffic congestion, and the high cost of living. The political and economic elite view the conflict as primarily a rural, military problem and have learned to live with the personal costs of the war; i.e., kidnappings, extra security and business costs, and restricted lifestyles. (C)

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Guerrillas

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 TAGS: MARR, PHUM, SNAR, PTER, PINR, CO
 SUBJECT: GENERAL RAMIREZ LASHES OUT AT STATE DEPARTMENT; TWO
 MORE GENERALS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR PARAMILITARY LINKS

REF: A) BOGOTA 292141Z MAY 98 B) BOGOTA 071647Z APR 98
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(U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR CURTIS W. KAMMAN. REASON: 1.5 (D)

SUMMARY

1. (C) COLOMBIAN PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 12 AN ANGRY DENIAL BY
 (APPARENTLY-EX) ARMY INSPECTOR GENERAL IVAN RAMIREZ OF CHARGES
 CONTAINED IN AN AUGUST 11 "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE, IN WHICH HE
 ACCUSED THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF BETRAYAL AND OF MALIGNING HIS
 "HONOR." IN ADDITION TO REPORTING HIS FOMENTING OF ILLEGAL
 PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, THE POST ARTICLE CHARGED RAMIREZ WAS
 A CIA INFORMANT, AND LINKED HIM TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/14/98
TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, MASS, KJUS, PTER, CO

SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN MILITARY: OUR JUDICIARY REQUIRES NO REFORM,
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AND POLICE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMBATTING PARAMILITARIES

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR CURTIS W. KAMMAN. REASON 1.5(D).

REFS: A) BOGOTA 257, B) 98 BOGOTA 13738, C) 98 BOGOTA 11209, D)
98 BOGOTA 12020, E) 98 BOGOTA 14181

SUMMARY

1. (C) DURING A JANUARY 13 MEETING WITH NGO REPRESENTATIVES,
COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL HERNANDEZ AND

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TAGS: AMGT, PHUM, CO
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL FOR AMBASSADOR KAMMAN FROM
WHA/AND DIRECTOR CHICOLA AND DRL DAS GERSON

CLASSIFIED BY DRL LESLIE GERSON FOR REASONS 1.5 B AND D.

- REF: A) 98 BOGOTA 13483
- B) BOGOTA 257
- C) BOGOTA 407

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D) BOGOTA 571

1. (C) WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR VIEW OF THE MILITARY/PARAMILITARY SITUATION IN COLOMBIA. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE CONSISTENT IN OUR MESSAGE TO COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NGO'S ON THIS CRUCIAL ASPECT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS IN COLOMBIA.

2. (C) WHEN THE PASTRANA ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO POWER IN AUGUST, VICE PRESIDENT BELL, DEFENSE MINISTER LLOREDA, AND ARMED FORCES COMMANDER TAP LAS PLEDGED TO IMPROVE THE

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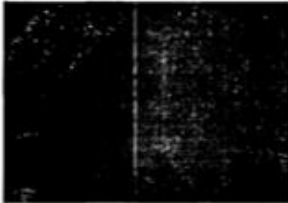
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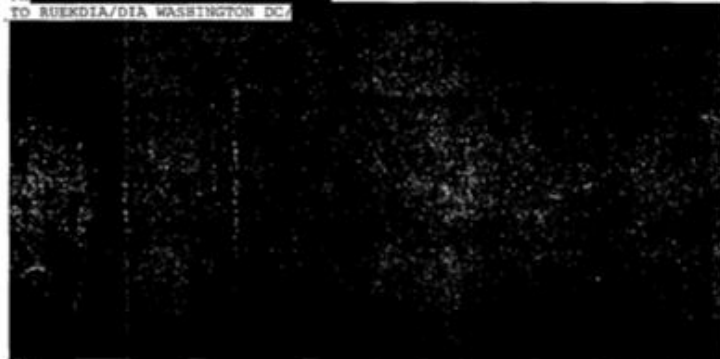
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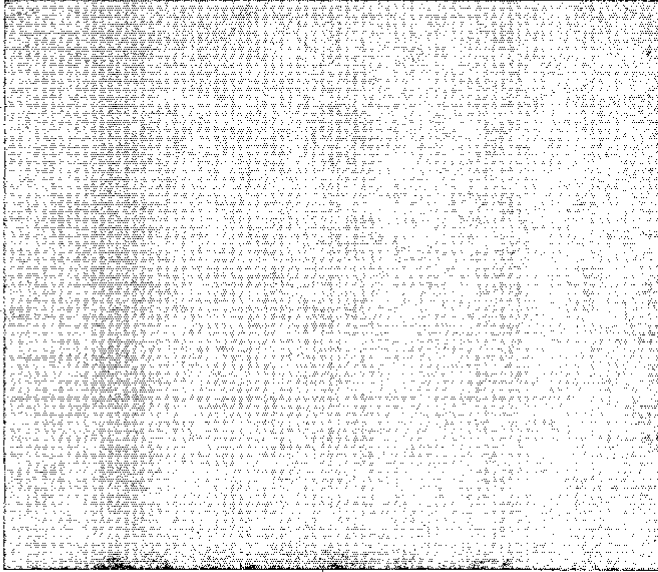
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GROUP MEMBERS COMMENT ON THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES (U)
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COUNTRY: COLOMBIA
SUBJ: RELOCATION OF UNITED SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF COLOMBIA
SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL BOLIVAR BLOC IN RESPONSE TO COLOMBIAN
ARMY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN BOLIVAR; [REDACTED]

EOI: MID-FEBRUARY 2001

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: NONE

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BODY

TAGS: PHUM, PINS, PINR, PTER, PGOV, MARR, SOCI, CO
SUBJECT: NOTES FROM THE FIELD: BARRANCABERMEJA
REF: A) BOGOTA 488, B) BOGOTA 4390, C) BOGOTA 4566
CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR ANNE W. PATTERSON. REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

SUMMARY

1. (S) EMBOFFS VISITED THE MAGDALENA RIVER OIL PORT OF BARRANCABERMEJA NOVEMBER 6-8. SOURCES ACROSS THE IDEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM CONFIRMED THAT PARAMILITARIES HAVE EXPELLED BOTH THE FARC AND ELN FROM THE CITY AND ARE NOW ITS DOMINANT NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACTORS. BOTH GOC AND NGO CONTACTS AFFIRMED THAT PARAMILITARIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM WIDESPREAD GUERRILLA DEFECTIONS AND HAVE IMPLEMENTED A TWO-PRONGED CAMPAIGN TO RETAIN POWER BY WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS WHILE HARASSING, AND AT TIMES

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TAGS: PTER, KCRM, PGOV, PHUM, CO
SUBJECT: NEW CRIMINAL GROUPS REMAIN DECENTRALIZED, BUT GOC OFFICIALS CONCERNED VICENTE CASTANO TRYING TO RECREATE AUC NETWORK
CLASSIFIED BY: POLITICAL COUNSELOR JOHN S. CREAMER
REASON: 1.4 (B,D)

SUMMARY

1. (C) THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE NEW CRIMINAL GROUPS REMAINED RELATIVELY CONSTANT IN RECENT MONTHS, WITH SOME 22 GROUPS COMPRISING ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE. THE GROUPS REMAIN LARGELY DECENTRALIZED, AND FORMER AUC LEADERS IN ITAGUI MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON--WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MACACO AND DON BERNA--ARE INCREASINGLY LOSING INFLUENCE OVER THE BANDS. STILL, COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE, CHURCH AND OAS OFFICIALS FEAR RENEGADE PARAMILITARY LEADER VICENTE CASTANO IS SEEKING TO ALLY WITH MACACO AND DON BERNA TO FASHION THE DISPARATE CRIMINAL GROUPS INTO A NATIONAL NETWORK ALONG THE LINES OF THE OLD AUC. NATIONAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF GENERAL OSCAR NARANJO TOLD US CASTANO ENJOYS "SIGNIFICANT COLLABORATION" FROM ELEMENTS OF THE POLICE AND MILITARY, BUT SAID THE GOC IS SLOWLY CLOSING IN. END SUMMARY.

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NEW CRIMINAL GROUPS STILL RELATIVELY SMALL, DECENTRALIZED