

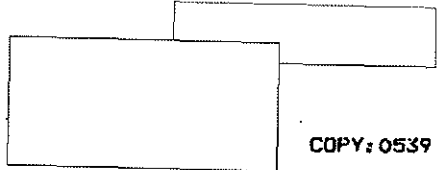
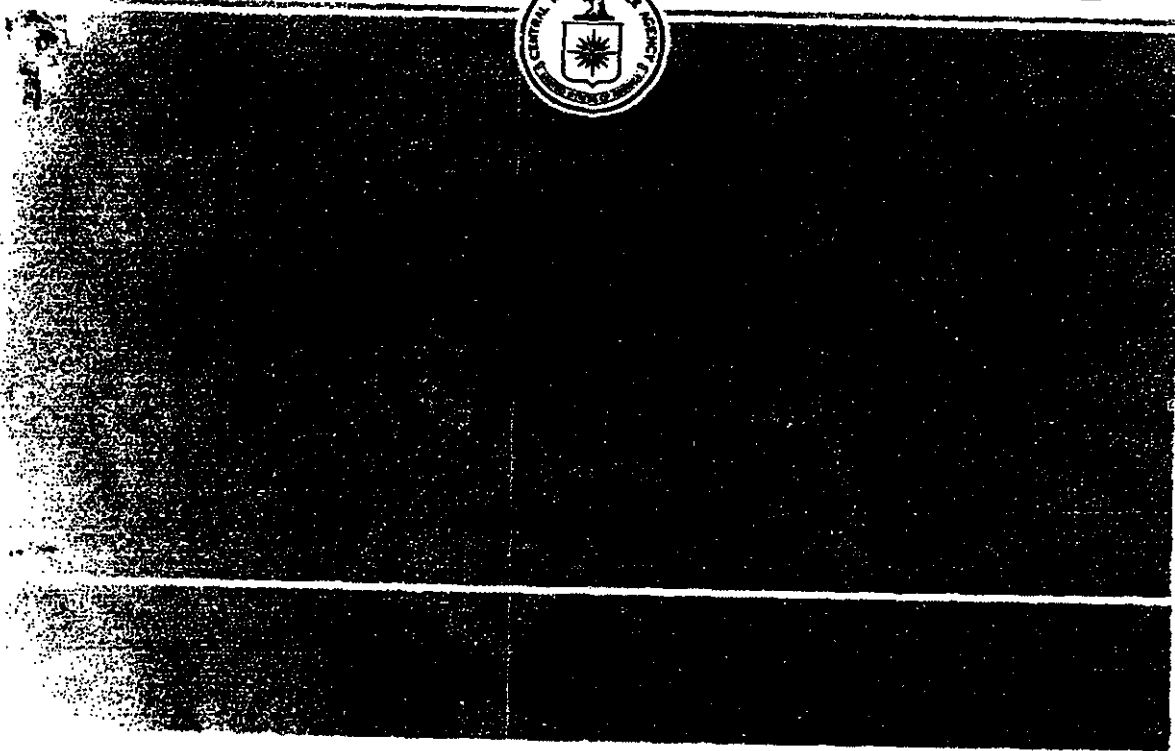
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~~Top Secret~~**Special Analysis****LATIN AMERICA: Threats to Columbus Quincentennial**

*During the past week, several Latin American commemorations of the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery have been the occasions of terrorist bombings, and other attacks are likely. The terrorist threats so far have come primarily from groups in search of media exposure for their claims of discrimination; although most Indian activist groups plan peaceful protests, some of them may turn violent.*

The Columbus celebrations give extremist groups a high-visibility context to exploit.

Also in the Dominican Republic, the Collective of Popular Organizations (COP) last week announced a program of strikes and demonstrations; there have already been several pine bombs left near government buildings.

In Colombia, information that suggests the two largest guerrilla groups—the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the National Liberation Army (ELN)—plan terrorist actions for 12 October. Although the surrender this week of three top henchmen of drug kingpin Pablo Escobar decreases the likelihood of trafficker violence, traffickers may use terrorist incidents to cover their own attacks.

The Colombian Government expects some guerrilla-inspired Indian marches and sit-ins.

The ELN, for example, reportedly has been intimidating local officials to drum up participants for a march in one state.

Individuals claiming to belong to the FARC have called for a national protest march and strike.

Colombian Indians with foreign links and labor and leftist organizations are proposing a continent-wide strike. A demonstration in Bogota on Thursday probably was caused by these two groups.

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Terrorist groups in Bolivia, particularly the Indian-based Tupak Katari Guerrilla Army (EGTK), are calling for attacks on both Bolivian and US interests. [redacted] these groups are most likely to bomb government buildings or remote power stations. [redacted]

[redacted] The EGTK may have been responsible for bombings in two cities last weekend. Most other Indian groups plan peaceful demonstrations, roadblocks, and work stoppages. [redacted]

Although Sendero Luminoso and the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) are capable of carrying out planned attacks, targeting of foreign interests in Peru is less likely now because of security concerns following the arrest and detention earlier this year of several MRTA leaders. In addition, [redacted]

[redacted] The group may nevertheless try to gain publicity by conducting a terrorist act on Monday, one month after Guzman's arrest. [redacted]

#### Widespread Rallies

In Ecuador the Army is preparing for a series of demonstrations by Indian groups on Monday. [redacted] the Army will quickly suppress the demonstrations if, as expected, they turn violent. [redacted]

The Government of Guatemala expects the Indian-based Committee for Peasant Unity to stage demonstrations on Monday in Guatemala City. [redacted] the military believes the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union will infiltrate insurgents into Guatemala City and instigate an incident between the government and the Indians in the hope of discrediting the government. [redacted]

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