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~~Top Secret~~**Special Analysis****COLOMBIA:****Terrorist Threat From Escobar**

*Drug lord Pablo Escobar is increasingly desperate to arrange surrender terms that would ensure his personal safety. He probably will continue to conduct terrorist attacks and may target US personnel or facilities in a last-ditch attempt to get Washington to broker a deal.* [redacted]

Two newly formed paramilitary groups reportedly have been destroying Escobar's property, killing his associates, infiltrating his organization, and sharing information on him with Colombian authorities. One has offered \$5 million for Escobar, dead or alive. Elite military and police units have joined the manhunt. One unit killed Hernan Henao, Escobar's chief of security and close aide, during a gun battle Monday night, and three more associates have since surrendered and joined 15 others in Itagui prison. [redacted]

**Trying To Swing a Deal**

Escobar is not making much headway in his efforts to cut a deal with the government. His attempt to give himself up through the Medellin office of the Attorney General has apparently fallen through.

[redacted] senior Colombian officials [redacted] do not want Escobar to surrender because they are concerned he would resume trafficking operations from prison. Other officials, however, want to end the crisis. [redacted]

Escobar's proposal that the US Government provide protection for his family in exchange for his surrender at Itagui prison is a new tack. [redacted] the well-publicized plea was intended to attract hundreds of journalists to Medellin and thus to prevent his enemies from attacking him as he tries to surrender. [redacted]

The kingpin has also been making preparations to intensify his terrorist campaign against the government. [redacted]

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**Threat to US Interests**

Escobar probably will continue to strike Colombian targets, but, if he cannot arrange a surrender and if he becomes more desperate, he may attack US personnel or facilities. Although defections and the death of Henao will make it more difficult for Escobar to orchestrate a long-term campaign of violence, he probably still has the capacity to mount a major attack over the next few weeks.

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