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1. THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE HAVE OCCURRED IN COLOMBIA WITHIN THE RECENT WEEKS:

- A. TWO MORE JUDICIAL PERSONNEL (CUERPO TECNICO INVESTIGATORS) WERE KILLED IN DECEMBER FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER MASSACRE IN USME OF EIGHT JUDICIAL REPRESENTATIVES.
- B. DURING THE EARLY PART OF JANUARY 1992, A BARRANQUILLA POLICE OFFICER WAS ASSASSINATED; FOUR BRIDGES WERE DESTROYED BY GUERRILLAS IN MAGDALENA MEDIO CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE; IN MEDELLIN FOUR ADULTS AND ONE MINOR WERE KIDNAPPED IN TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS; AND IN CALI 12 PERSONS WERE KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WOUNDED.
- C. ANDRES GUTERREZ-MAYA, A 16 YEAR OLD SERVING TIME FOR THE MURDER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BERNARDO JARAMILLO, WAS RELEASED FROM JUVENILE PRISON TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH HIS FAMILY. HIS BODY, ALONG WITH HIS FATHER'S, WAS DISCOVERED ON 01-05-92 AND THE ASSASSINATION IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. GUTERREZ WAS A POTENTIAL WITNESS AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR.
- D. ON 01-10-92, THE BODY OF LUIS MENESES, AKA ARIEL OTERO, WHO ASSUMED LEADERSHIP OF THE PARAMILITARY GROUP ONCE HEADED BY HENRY PEREZ (BOTH FATHER & SON), WAS DISCOVERED IN PUERTO BOYACA. ON THE BODY WAS A SIGN WHICH READ "DEATH TO TRAITORS." THE ASSASSINATION IS BEING ATTRIBUTED TO PABLO ESCOBAR. HOWEVER, OTHER

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(b)(7)(C) BELIEVE THE TORTURE/MURDER WAS PERPETRATED BY THE PARAMILITARY GROUP (AUTODEFENSES DEL MAGDALENA MEDIO), NOW DEFUNCT, WHICH HE HEADED FOR A SHORT PERIOD FOLLOWING THE DEATHS OF THE PEREZES.

- E. DURING 1991, 7,081 PERSONS DIED FROM VIOLENCE (BY FIREARMS) IN MEDELLIN. (NOTE: IN 1990, 4,047 PERSONS REPORTEDLY DIED FROM THE SAME CAUSE.)

- F. THE SECOND MASSACRE OF 1992 OCCURRED ON 01-09-92, IN LA GUAJIRA (ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT) WHEN SIX MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY WERE KILLED BY ARMED ATTACKERS WHILE ASLEEP AT HOME.

- G. IN A YEAR-END REPORT, THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE (CNP) REPORTED THAT A TOTAL OF 747 CNP PERSONNEL HAD BEEN KILLED DURING 1991, BOTH IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND FROM OTHER CAUSES.

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