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AN ALARMING PATTERN OF HIGH LEVEL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ACTIVITY ALONG THE BRAZILIAN-BOLIVIAN BORDER. THE SNOWCAP RIVERINE TASK FORCE, CONSISTING OF BOLIVIA'S SPECIAL FORCE (UMOPAR) AND BOLIVIAN NAVY, TOGETHER WITH DEA AND U.S. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL, SEIZED AND DESTROYED THE LARGEST COCAINE HCL LAB SO FAR THIS YEAR ON MARCH 24, ALONG THE BRAZILIAN BORDER. (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) MANY LABORATORY COMPLEXES ALONG THE BORDER OF EVEN GREATER SIZE AND CAPABILITY.

2. BOLIVIA SHARES A CONTIGUOUS BORDER WITH BRAZIL, RUNNING OVER 2,500 KILOMETERS MUCH OF WHICH IS DEFINED BY NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS, SUCH AS THE RIO MADERA, RIO ABUNA, AND RIO ITENEZ. THIS BORDER IS OPEN WITH NO MEANINGFUL EFFORT UNDERWAY TO OBSTRUCT MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL, GOODS, AND EQUIPMENT. TRAFFICKERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BY THE WATERWAY AND CROSS-BORDER

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FLIGHTS. PRECURSOR CHEMICALS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, TRAFFICKERS, INTERMEDIATE AND FINISHED COCAINE PRODUCTS FLY ACROSS THIS BORDER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES. (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) PABLO ESCOBAR AND THE (b)(7)(C) ARE OPERATING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF BOLIVIAN AND BRAZILIAN TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS AREA. OUR CNAC HAS PLOTTED WELL OVER 100 TARGETS ALONG THIS BORDER, CONSISTING OF AIRSTRIPS, CHEMICAL DEPOSITOS, AND SUSPECTED LABORATORIES.

3. WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE TO MOUNT AN ENFORCEMENT OPERATION ON THE BOLIVIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER WITHOUT A CONCENTRATED BLOCKING AND/OR INTERDICTION EFFORT ON THE BRAZILIAN SIDE. CA (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) IN LA PAZ HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CA (b)(7)(C), (b)(7) IN BRASILIA ON THIS SUBJECT AND BOTH ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT A JOINT EFFORT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY BOTH COUNTRIES. THE BOLIVIAN SPECIAL FORCE FOR THE COMBAT AGAINST NARCO-TRAFFICKING HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE ON THIS MATTER AND CA (b)(7)(C), (b) HAS INFORMED THIS OFFICE THAT THERE IS A VERY STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES WILL LIKEWISE COOPERATE. JOINT OPERATIONS USING RIVERINE AND HELICOPTER AIR ASSAULT WILL MORE THAN LIKELY HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE TRAFFICKING PATTERNS INVOLVED IN THIS AREA. AGAIN, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT ALLOW THE BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKERS TO ESCAPE ACROSS THE BORDER INTO BRAZIL, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL MAKE OUR TASK THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. UNLESS WE COORDINATE JOINT OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, KEY NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS MAY ESCAPE ARREST AND COCAINE PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE REMOVED BY SEIZURE. MUCH OF THE PRECURSOR CHEMICALS NOW FOUND IN BOLIVIA ORIGINATE IN BRAZIL AND WOULD, THEREFORE, BE A KEY TARGET OF OUR JOINT EFFORT. THE CNAC IS PREPARING A MAP AND DETAILED PAPER FOR PRESENTATION AT THE IDEC CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD ON APRIL 25-27, 1990, IN MEXICO CITY. EMBASSY LA PAZ WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER COORDINATE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (DCM, DEA, NAU, MILGRP),

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LA PAZ, AND THE U.S. MISSION BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS  
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MEETING IN BRASILIA ON OR ABOUT THE WEEK OF APRIL 30  
FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS TO SHARE INTELLIGENCE AND DISCUSS  
POSSIBLE STRATEGIES AND TACTICS TO DEVELOP COMBINED  
OPERATIONS.

4. REQUEST (b)(7)(C) COMMENTS.

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