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- NARCOTIC OPERATIONS IN PERU
- OPERATION UCHIZA
- OPERATION CAMPANILLA
- OPERATION AGUAYTIA
- GFAN-87-8003 (b)(7)(E) OPERATION
- SNOWCAP

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2. THIS WEEKLY SUMMARY COVERS THE PERIOD OF MAY 10-16, 1993. IT PROVIDES THE CURRENT STATUS ON THE PROGRESS OF COUNTER-NARCOTIC OPERATIONS IN PERU AND A WEEKLY LIMA COUNTRY OFFICE (LCO) ACTIVITY REPORT. PRIOR WEEKLY REPORTS DEFINED EACH MAJOR AREA OF OPERATION AND PROVIDED RELEVANT INTELLIGENCE.

-- BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED, THE (LCO), IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS R.O., IS CURRENTLY COORDINATING WITH DEA BELGIUM IN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TOP PERUVIAN TRAFFICKER (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) IS A LCO LINEAR APPROACH TARGET AND HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO TKO 558 (PABLO ESCOBAR). AS REPORTED IN PREVIOUS WEEKLY SUMMARIES, AN INDIANAPOLIS R.O. S/A TRAVELLED TO LIMA DURING THE WEEK OF 5/3/93 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE (b)(7)(C) WHO HAS BEEN INDICTED

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IN THE DISTRICT OF INDIANA. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL LEADS APPEARED TO BE PROMISING INITIALLY, IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT (b)(7)(C) IS MOST LIKELY IN BELGIUM. THE LCO WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS R.O., IN FURTHERANCE OF SUBJECT INVESTIGATION.

--- DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 1993, THE LCO WAS ADVISED THAT THE PREVIOUS SAMPLE OF ALLEDGED OPIUM POPPY PLANTS PURCHASED IN THE TOWN OF JELACHE, PERU SENT TO THE DEA SPECIAL TESTING LABORATORY TESTED POSITIVE FOR PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM (OPIUM POPPY), WHICH REPRESENTS THE FIRST LABORATORY CONFIRMATION THAT THESE PLANTS ARE IN FACT AVAILABLE IN PERU. PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE HAS INDICATED ONLY THAT OPIUM POPPIES ARE BEING EXPERIMENTALLY CULTIVATED IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF PERU. SIGINT AND SOME LIMITED HUMINT HAVE FURTHER SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT OPIATES OF VARIOUS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN, AND ARE BEING EXPORTED FROM PERU, AT THE PRESENT TIME. HOWEVER, THIS INTELLIGENCE HAS NOT BEEN CORROBORATED TO DATE.

--- DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 1993, THE LCO COORDINATED WITH THE QUITO C.O IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM THE TWO RECENTLY REPORTED SEIZURES IN ECUADOR, IN BOTH QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL, OF SUSPECTED HEROIN FROM PERU. CURRENTLY THE QUITO C.O. IS CONDUCTING ANALYSIS OF SUSPECTED SAMPLES, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE EXPEDITED TO THE LCO. THE LCO WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH THE QUITO C.O IN FURTHERANCE OF SUBJECT INVESTIGATION, AND SHOULD FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION CONFIRM THAT THESE INCIDENTS IN FACT INVOLVE HEROIN WHICH MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN PERU, THE LCO HAS RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE QUITO C.O. TO DEBRIEF THE DEFENDANTS IN BOTH CASES .

--- ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS FORWARDED TO THE LCO, AS WELL AS TO THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT SNOWCAP TEAMS, BY PERUVIAN NAVY (b)(7)(C) IN PUCALLPA, SEVERAL MAJOR COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS HAVE MOVED THEIR OPERATIONS TO

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## AIRFIELDS LOCATED NEAR THE PERUVIAN-BRAZILIAN BORDER.

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... DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 1993, THE PNP-FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS GROUP (FIG) WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LCO, SEIZED FIVE LIMA AREA PROPERTIES BELONGING TO THE [REDACTED] ORGANIZATION. THE PNP ANTICIPATES SEIZING ANOTHER ELEVEN PIECES OF PROPERTY AND TWO AIRCRAFT FROM [REDACTED] AND HIS BROTHERS DIRECT A DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION WHICH ACQUIRES, PROCESSES AND TRANSPORTS COCAINE BASE AND COCAINE HCL TO CALI, COLOMBIA, BASED TRAFFICKERS.

[REDACTED] DEALS DIRECTLY WITH [REDACTED]

(TKO-551), [REDACTED] (TKO-552) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (TKO-553).

... ACCORDING TO PERUVIAN MEDIA REPORTS ON MAY 1, 1993, TOP ITALIAN DRUG TRAFFICKER [REDACTED] WAS EXTRADICTED FROM PERU TO ITALY [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED BY DIRANDRO IN APRIL 93 IN MIRAFLORES, PERU. THE LCO IS CURRENTLY COORDINATING WITH THE ROME C.O. IN FURTHERANCE OF SUBJECT INVESTIGATION.

3. TARGET AREAS: THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE VIEWED BY THE (LCO) AS CRITICAL STAGING POINTS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF COCA DERIVATIVES.

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THESE AREAS ARE IDENTIFIED AS: A) SAPOSOA  
B) PAMPA HERMOSA, C) CAMPANILLA, D) PUERTO PIZANA, E)  
UCHIZA, F) AGUAYTIA RIVER VALLEY (ARV) AND G) PALMA  
PAMPA.

4. SAPOSOA -- NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

5. PAMPA HERMOSA -- NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

6. CAMPANILLA -- NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

7. PUERTO PIZANA -- NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

8. UCHIZA -- NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

9. AGUAYTIA RIVER VALLEY -- ON MAY 11, 1993 DEA  
SNOWCAP AND APPROXIMATELY 17 PNP FORCES CONDUCTED A  
COUNTER-NARCOTICS MISSION UTILIZING 3 INM HELOS AT THE  
CLANDESTINE AIRFIELD AT BOCA SANTA ANA. A SECOND DEA  
SNOWCAP/PNP REACTION TEAM WAS STAGED FROM PUCALLPA.  
BOCA SANTA ANA IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 55 KMS NORTH  
OF AGUAYTIA ALONG THE SANTA ANA RIVER AT GEO  
COORDINATES 083535S/072410W. BASED ON INFORMATION  
RECEIVED THAT THE AIRFIELD AT BOCA SANTA ANA WAS ONCE  
AGAIN OPERATIONAL, POST THE DEA SNOWCAP DESTRUCTION ON  
4/29/93 (REFTEL B) DEA SNOWCAP AND PNP FORCES  
CONDUCTED AN INFILTRATION NEAR THE BOCA SANTA ANA  
TARGET LOCATION ON MAY 11, 1993. AFTER MOVING  
OVERLAND TO THE TARGETED AREA THE STRIKE TEAM  
CONTINGENT SEIZED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY- SEVEN  
KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE BASE, DETAINED SEVERAL PERSONS  
AND DESTROYED A COLOMBIAN AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND  
BEARING COLOMBIAN REGISTRATION HK3975. ADDITIONALLY,  
DURING THE STRIKE MISSION PNP UNITS WERE FIRED UPON  
RESULTING IN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE, WOUNDING THE PILOT  
AND CO-PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT. NO FRIENDLY FORCES WERE  
HURT. AFTER SECURING THE TARGETED AIRSTRIP A TACTICAL  
DECISION WAS MADE BY THE DEA SNOWCAP TEAM LEADER AND  
PNP FORCES TO REMAIN AT THE TARGET LOCATION FOR THE  
EVENING OF MAY 11, 1993. A PERIMETER WAS ESTABLISHED

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BY THE GROUND UNITS AND USG ASSETS PROVIDED OVERNIGHT COVERAGE. STRIKE TEAM MEMBERS DEPLOYED BACK TO PUCALLPA ON MAY 12, 1993 WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. WEATHER RADAR EQUIPMENT SEIZED ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT DEMONSTRATES A GROWING SOPHISTICATED ON PART OF THE NARCO TRAFFICKERS. THE FACT THAT THIS AIRSTRIP WAS COMPLETELY REPAIRED FOR THE THIRD TIME AND PLACED INTO OPERATION WITHIN 4 DAYS OF BEING RENDERED INOPERABLE ILLUSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRIP TO AREA TRAFFICKERS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BOCA SANTA ANA AIRSTRIP WAS INITIALLY DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED IN JUNE, 1991 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RAID OF A NEARBY, OPERATIONAL HCL LABORATORY, OPERATED BY THE (b)(7)(C) ORGANIZATION ( A TOP LINEAR TARGET IDENTIFIED AS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR TKO'S 551 AND 552).

10. AUCAYACU -- AN AIRSTRIP DENIAL OPERATION INVOLVING THE INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE OBSTACLES WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED BY NAS, CORAH, PNP, AND THE PERUVIAN ARMY ON MAY 8, 1993, ON TWO CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIPS ON AUCAYACU I (GEO COORDINATES 085047'S/761203'W) AND AUCAYACU II (GEO COORDINATES 085136'S/761234'W). THESE TARGETED AIRSTRIPS HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY USED AS A STAGING POINT TO MOVE COCAINE VIA AIRCRAFT TO COLOMBIA BASED CLIENTS.

--- THE LCO IN ACCORD WITH DEA SNOWCAP AND DIRANDRO IS CURRENTLY FORMULATING AN OPERATION PLAN TO DISMANTLE A MAJOR PERUVIAN NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION. THE LCO HAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE (b)(7)(C) NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION IS PRIMARILY BASED OUT OF AUCAYACU AND SAPOSOA AND IS HEADED BY (b)(7)(C) THE LCO HAS LINKED THE (b)(7)(C) ORGANIZATION TO CALI CARTEL TKO'S 551, 552 AND 553 THROUGH SEVERAL INTERMEDIARIES. THE ORGANIZATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTING TON QUANTITIES OF COCAINE BASE TO COLOMBIA ON A MONTHLY BASIS. A COORDINATED JOINT OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AUACAYCU ON APPROXIMATELY MAY 26, 1993, IN AN EFFORT TO ARREST THE PRINCIPALS IN THE ORGANIZATIONS, DESTROY THE

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ORGANIZATION'S BASE LABORATORY AND SEIZE IDENTIFIED ASSETS.

11. PALMA PAMPA-- THE LCO IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEA SNOWCAP HAS IDENTIFIED 14 MAJOR LEVEL PERUVIAN TRAFFICKING NETS, CONNECTED WITH TKO'S 552, 554 AND 558, IN THE APURIMAC VALLEY TOWN OF PALMA PAMPA. THE LCO IS CURRENTLY GATHERING (b)(7)(C) THE NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING SITUATION IN PALMA PAMPA, IN ANTICIPATION OF "OPERATION PAYBACK" (REFTEL/A). TARGET PACKAGES PERTAINING TO APPROXIMATELY 25-30 STORAGE SITES AND CLANDESTINE LABORATORIES LINKED WITH TKO'S 552, 554 AND 558 ARE CURRENTLY BEING COMPILED BY THE LCO INTEL/TAT GROUP. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE VOLUME OF INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED BY THE LCO IN REGARD TO THIS LOCALITY "OPERATION PAYBACK" WILL MOST PROBABLY ENTAIL A TWO-PHASE OPERATION. THE LCO AND THE IN-COUNTRY SNOWCAP TEAM ANTICIPATE THE FIRST PHASE OF OPERATION PAYBACK (OBJECTIVE A) TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1993. OBJECTIVE "A" OF OPERATION PAYBACK" INVOLVES AN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE TOWN OF PALMA PAMPA. THE TARGET CONSISTS OF ONE LARGE COCAINE BASE LABORATORY WITH THE CAPACITY TO PRODUCE APPROXIMATELY 900 KGS OF COCAINE BASE PER WEEK. OBJECTIVE "A" HAS BEEN LINKED WITH TKO'S 552, 554 AND 558. A SCHEDULED DATE FOR OBJECTIVE "A" OF OPERATION PAYBACK WITH BE DECIDED BY THE DEA SNOWCAP TEAM LEADER AND THE LCO COUNTRY ATTACHE PENDING LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE SECOND PHASE OF OPERATION PAYBACK WILL INVOLVE A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH OF THE TOWN ITSELF, PARTICULARLY TARGETTING NUMEROUS COCAINE STORAGE SITES IDENTIFIED BY THREE LCO (b)(7)(C)

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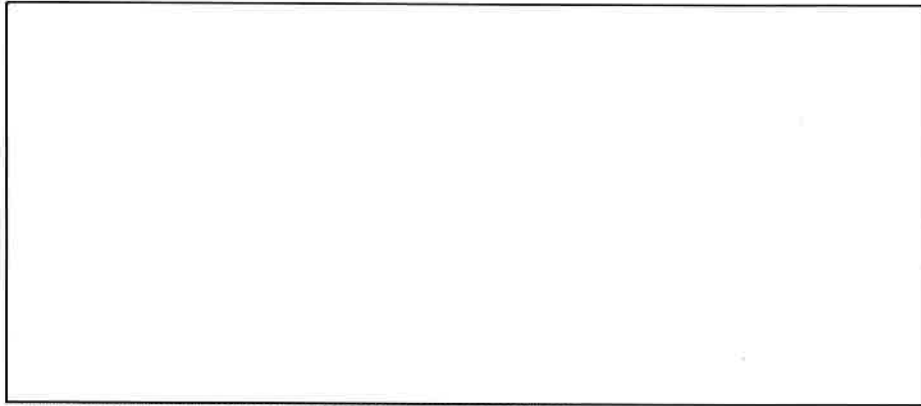
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