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1. ON JULY 30, 1993, BOLIVIAN JNICC OFFICERS ASSISTED BY  
DEA SPECIAL AGENTS AND CHIMORE SNOWCAP ELEMENTS CONTINUED  
TO SEIZE EXTENSIVE ASSETS CONTROLLED BY BOLIVIAN TKO  
SOURCE (b)(7)(C) AND MEMBERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION.

2. BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M., BOLIVIAN  
OFFICERS AND DEA SPECIAL AGENTS LANDED AT (b)(7)(C)  
ESTANCIA SANTA ROSA, WHICH WAS SECURED AND SEIZED WITHOUT  
INCIDENT. INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENT TO THE  
ARRESTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT SANTA  
ROSA (GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES 15-05.2S, 60-35.00W) WAS  
USED AS A STAGING AREA FOR THE SHIPMENT OF MASSIVE  
QUANTITIES OF COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE TO BRAZIL. THE RANCH  
CONSISTED OF A 3,000 FOOT RUNWAY IN EXCELLENT CONDITION  
AND EIGHT BUILDINGS, INCLUDING AN AIRCRAFT REPAIR  
WORKSHOP THAT HOUSED AIRCRAFT PARTS AND 800 LITERS OF  
AVIATION FUEL.

3. ADJACENT TO THE AIRSTRIP, JNICC OFFICERS AND DEA  
AGENTS DISCOVERED A CAMOUFLAGED CESSNA 210-L TURBO-PROP  
AIRCRAFT, TAIL NUMBER N61HC, WITH AVIONICS MODIFICATIONS,  
AN OXYGEN SYSTEM, AND INTERNAL FUEL TANKS THAT WOULD  
ENABLE THE AIRCRAFT TO FLY DIRECTLY TO COLOMBIA WITHOUT  
REFUELING. (b)(7)(C) THIS

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AIRCRAFT WAS ONE OF THE AIRCRAFT UTILIZED TO TRANSPORT THE 2,100 KILOGRAMS SEIZED IN PUERTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL ON JULY 2, 1993. ESTIMATED VALUE: 200,000 USD.

4. AFTER SECURING ESTANCIA SANTA ROSA, JNICC OFFICERS AND DEA AGENTS PROCEEDED APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES NORTHEAST OF SANTA ROSA TO [REDACTED] CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIP IDENTIFIED AS EL PARAISO (GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES 14-48.2S, 60-20.4W). THIS AIRSTRIP IS LOCATED ON TOP OF A 3000 FOOT PLATEAU AND IS APPROXIMATELY 1,200 FEET LONG. AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF EL PARAISO REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF AN INACTIVE COCAINE PROCESSING LABORATORY A MILE FROM THE AIRSTRIP. THE LABORATORY CONTAINED 6 EMPTY 55 GALLON DRUMS OF ACETONE AND ETHER, TWO DRYING PITS, ONE TARP COVERED STRUCTURE, A BATTERY FOR AN HF RADIO, AND NUMEROUS EMPTY PLASTIC CONTAINERS.

5. THESE SEIZURES, WHICH AUGMENT THOSE THAT HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED IN THIS LENGTHY INVESTIGATION, NOW APPROXIMATE SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN VALUE. BOLIVIAN PROSECUTORS ARE NOW PERFORMING EXTENSIVE RESEARCH OF LAND RECORDS TO DETERMINE ABSOLUTE VALUES.

6. AS ONE OF BOLIVIA'S LARGEST TKO [REDACTED] TO THE CALI AND MEDELLEN CARTELS [REDACTED] AND HIS VAST ORGANIZATION HAVE DEVELOPED AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT BOLIVIA. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENT SEIZURES AND TELEPHONE TOLLS IS NOW IN PROGRESS AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A FORTHCOMING CABLE.

7. [REDACTED] ARE CONTINUING IN THIS ULTRA-HIGH IMPACT TKO INVESTIGATION, WHICH CONTINUES TO EXPAND IN INTERNATIONAL MAGNITUDE AND SIGNIFICANCE.

8. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DEA COUNTRY ATTACHE [REDACTED] LA PAZ C.O., OR SANTA CRUZ RAC [REDACTED] SANTA CRUZ R.O.

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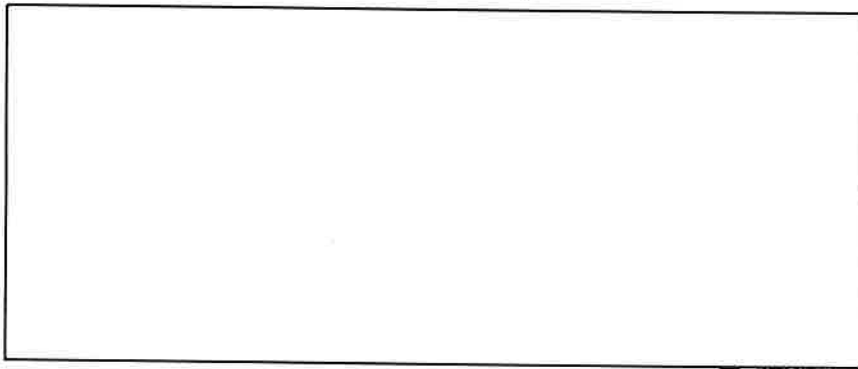
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