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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF MAJOR COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE

LABORATORY; (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) AND ASSOCIATES NEAR SANTA CRUZ,
BOLIVIA

RE: OPERATION NEXUS (b)(7)(C)

ZW-92-0010 (b)(7)(C)

TKO-558, PABLO ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA

TKO-552 (b)(7)(C)

CCX: GL-91-Z024 (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

GFZW-91-8012 (b)(7) OP RADIO FREE BOLIVIA

(SCIP)

ZK-93-0006 (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

ZW-93-0023

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SUMMARY:

1. ON JULY 27-28, 1993, BOLIVIAN JNICC OFFICERS (JOINT NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTER) ASSISTED BY DEA SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA RESIDENT OFFICE SEIZED A MAJOR COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE LABORATORY WITH A MULTI-THOUSAND KILOGRAM HCL CAPACITY SOUTHEAST OF SANTA CRUZ, (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) AND MULTIPLE ASSOCIATES, SEIZED THOUSANDS OF KILOGRAMS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS, A TWIN-ENGINE CAPABLE AIRSTRIP, A SECONDARY AIRSTRIP, AN OPERATIONAL CLANDESTINE RADIO STATION, A CESSNA AIRCRAFT, AND IMMOBILIZED ONE OF BOLIVIA'S HIGHEST

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(b)(7)(C) MEDELLIN TKO VIOLATOR
 PABLO ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA AND THE CALI CARTEL, (b)(7)(C)
 HIGH IMPACT INVESTIGATION WAS THE RESULT OF MONTHS OF
 TIGHTLY COORDINATED ENFORCEMENT PLANNING BY THE MISSION
 OPERATIONS PLANNING GROUP, THE SANTA CRUZ RO, DEA
 SNOWCAP ELEMENTS, DEA INTELLIGENCE, AND THE BOLIVIAN
 JNICC TO DISRUPT ONE OF BOLIVIA'S MOST NOTORIOUS AND
 SECRETIVE TKO (b)(7)(C)

THESE SUCCESSFUL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS CULMINATE A TWO
 AND 1/2 YEAR INVESTIGATION. THE DISMANTLING OF THIS
 TKO-RELATED CASE (TKO 558, PABLO ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA) IS
 PROJECTED TO HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON BOLIVIAN
 TRAFFICKING NETWORKS; (b)(7)(C)
 LONG-TERM HIGH VOLUME SUPPLIER OF COCAINE BASE AND HCL
 TO BRAZILIAN AND COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS, AND OFTEN
 BROKERED LOADS FOR OTHER BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKERS. THE HCL
 LABORATORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WAS SEIZED ON 28 JULY 93
 AND WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN IN EXCESS OF 6,000 LITERS OF
 ACETONE AND SEVERAL THOUSAND LITERS OF OTHER PRECURSOR
 CHEMICALS. THIS LAB STRIKE, AND THE SUBSEQUENT ARREST
 OF (b)(7)(C) WERE THE RESULT OF AN EXHAUSTIVE 24 HOUR
 PER DAY, WEEK LONG SURVEILLANCE/ENFORCEMENT EFFORT.
 REMAINING NETWORK MEMBERS ARE SLATED FOR ARREST THROUGH
 THE WEEK-END, AND ADDITIONAL LAB STRIKES AND
 SIGNIFICANT ASSET/DOCUMENT SEIZURES ARE ANTICIPATED.
 END SUMMARY.

2 (b)(7)(C) ORGANIZATION AND TKO CONNECTIONS:

IN 1988, MEDELLIN TRAFFICKER (b)(7)(C) SENT A
 CHEMIST TO BOLIVIA TO COORDINATE COCAINE HCL SHIPMENTS
 TO COLOMBIA. THE CHEMIST (b)(7)(C) ARRIVED
 IN BOLIVIA WITH APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS
 (USD) TO ESTABLISH COCAINE PROCESSING LABORATORIES AND
 TO PURCHASE COCAINE. HE MET WITH (b)(7)(C) AND
 TOGETHER THEY SET UP A LAB NEAR (b)(7)(C)
 SANTA ROSA. IT WAS ESTIMATED (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(7)(C) PRODUCED APPROXIMATELY 3000
 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE HCL AT THIS LAB DURING 1988.

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3. IN 1989, (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) RELOCATED

THEIR COCAINE LABORATORY TO "EL PARAISO", IN THE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL PARK OF HUANCHACA IN THE REMOTE EASTERN REGION OF BOLIVIA. (b)(7)(C) PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AT THIS LAB SITE VERIFIED THAT 3,000 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE HCL WERE PRODUCED AT THE (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) LOCATION IN 1990. (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) SUBSEQUENTLY DISSOLVED THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

4. ON JULY 7, 1993, THE SANTA CRUZ RESIDENT OFFICE WAS ADVISED THAT (b)(7)(C) ARRIVED IN SANTA CRUZ FROM CALI, COLOMBIA. HE BROUGHT AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CASH FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PENDING SHIPMENT OF COCAINE HCL TO CALI, COLOMBIA. (b)(7)(C) CORROBORATED THE INTENTION OF (b)(7)(C) TO SEND APPROXIMATELY 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE HCL TO CALI WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

5. DEA INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS IN LA PAZ FURTHER CONFIRMED TKO CONNECTIONS HAD BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF A DESIGNATED SENSITIVE (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) ADMINISTERED BY INICC AND SUPPORTED BY AGENTS OF THE SANTA CRUZ RESIDENT OFFICE, WITH SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW-UP THROUGH A FULL ARRAY OF DEA DATABASES. TELEPHONE LINKS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN (b)(7)(C) AND THE CALI CARTEL, SPECIFICALLY THE SON OF (b)(7)(C) (TKO-552).

6. HISTORY OF THE (b)(7)(C) ORGANIZATION:

(b)(7)(C) WAS ORIGINALLY TARGETED IN DECEMBER OF 1991 BY DEA BOLIVIA AS THE HEAD OF A GROUP OPERATING CLANDESTINE COCAINE LABORATORIES (BOTH BASE AND HCL) IN BOLIVIA. (b)(7)(C) WAS KNOWN TO HAVE SHIPPED COCAINE IN 300-400 KILOGRAM QUANTITIES VIA SMALL AIRCRAFT AND TRUCKS TO BOTH ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL FOR SUBSEQUENT TRANSSHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. IN SEPTEMBER 1992, (b)(7)(C) WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE

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SANTA CRUZ RESIDENT OFFICE AS A PRIMARY TARGET DURING THE DEA LA PAZ C.O. TARGETING CONFERENCE WHICH INCORPORATED JNICC AND OTHER AGENCY PARTICIPATION.

7. CASE (b)(7)(C) INDICATED (b)(7)(C) EARNED AN EARLY REPUTATION AS A PROVIDER OF A QUALITY PRODUCT, IN PART BECAUSE HE USED ONLY UNRECYCLED CHEMICALS IMPORTED FROM BRAZIL. ADDITIONALLY, (b)(7)(C) KEPT THE PRICE OF HIS BASE LOW, AND DID A HIGH VOLUME BUSINESS WITH BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA.

8. IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL BOLIVIAN PRACTICES OF EMPLOYING FAMILY MEMBERS AS TRUSTED ASSOCIATES, (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) (BROTHER) AND (b)(7)(C) (FATHER-IN-LAW) WERE KEY PLAYERS IN THE (b)(7)(C) ORGANIZATION. (b)(7)(C) WAS EMPLOYED AS A PILOT AND PROCURER OF AIRCRAFT, AND (b)(7)(C) ACTED AS A MONEY MAN IN PANAMA, ARRANGING WIRE TRANSFERS TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO (b)(7)(C) ACCOUNTS IN SANTA CRUZ. EARLY IN THE INVESTIGATION, (b)(7)(C) TIES TO OTHER BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKERS WERE DOCUMENTED. MOST NOTABLY, (b)(7)(C) WAS IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF (b)(7)(C)

9. BRAZIL - THE PRECIPITATING EVENT: IN JANUARY 1990, A BRAZILIAN AIRCRAFT LOADED WITH 200 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE HCL DEPARTED (b)(7)(C) ESTANCIA SANTA ROSA AND WAS SEIZED BY BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE AS IT LANDED AT A CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIP IN GOANIA, MATTO GROSSO, BRAZIL. BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE RAIDED (b)(7)(C) APARTMENT IN GOANIA, SEIZING DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS; (b)(7)(C) WAS USING THE ALIAS OF (b)(7)(C) AT THE TIME.

10. BRAZIL - THE SECOND (b)(7)(C) SEIZURE: ON JULY 2, 1993, BRAZILIAN NATIONAL POLICE SEIZED 2100 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE HCL AT AN IMPORT-EXPORT COMPANY IN NUEVO HAMBURGO (NEAR PUERTO ALEGRE), BRAZIL. THE COCAINE, HIDDEN IN AN UNTANNED LEATHER SHIPMENT AND SLATED FOR DELIVERY IN ITALY, WAS OWNED BY THE (b)(7)(C) ORGANIZATION AND OTHER BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKERS, IN

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PARTNERSHIP WITH CALI CARTEL MEMBERS.

11. BOLIVIA/BRAZIL INVESTIGATION: DURING MID-JULY 93, AGENTS OF THE SANTA CRUZ RESIDENT OFFICE TRAVELLED TO SOUTHERN BRAZIL AND INTERVIEWED DEFENDANTS ARRESTED FOLLOWING THE JULY 2 SEIZURE IN NOVO HAMBURGO.

BRAZILIAN PILOT (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) AND OTHERS IDENTIFIED (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) FROM

A PHOTO LINEUP AS THE BOLIVIAN (b)(7)(C) COCAINE. LEGAL DECLARATIONS FROM DEFENDANTS WERE OBTAINED FOR PROSECUTION PURPOSES IN BOLIVIA, AND COPIES OF CASE DOCUMENTS WERE RETURNED TO SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA FOR FURTHER DEA INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS.

12. TELEPHONE TOLLS FROM BOTH (b)(7)(C) REFLECT MULTIPLE CALLS BETWEEN THE TWO OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. DEA INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS OF TOLLS FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE (b)(7)(C) ORGANIZATION ALSO DOCUMENTS DIRECT CALLS TO (b)(7)(C) DURING THE PERIOD DIRECTLY PRIOR TO THE 2 JUL 93 SEIZURE.

COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATION EFFORTS BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE AND AGENTS OF THE SANTA CRUZ OFFICE AND JNICC ARE CONTINUING.

EVENTS LEADING TO THE SEIZURE:

13. ON JULY 26, 1993, INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE DEA SANTA CRUZ R.O. REVEALED THAT (b)(7)(C) ADVISED HIS BROTHER (b)(7)(C) THAT HE WAS CURRENTLY AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE (b)(7) BROTHERS. (b)(7)(C) ASKED HIS BROTHER IF ALL THE SUPPLIES WERE READY. (b)(7)(C) WAS ENROUTE TO DELIVER 5,000 DOLLARS TO HIS BROTHER. JNICC AND DEA SANTA CRUZ COMMENCED A SURVEILLANCE OF THE (b)(7) RESIDENCE LOCATED ON KILOMETER 5 NORTE, SANTA CRUZ BOLIVIA. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (PROTECT) INDICATED THAT (b)(7) WAS MOBILIZING EFFORTS AT AN UNDISCLOSED LABORATORY.

14. ON JULY 26, 1993, A DEA (b)(7)(C) REPORTED THAT (b)(7)(C) HAD ENCOUNTERED (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(7)(C) AND ONE OF THE (b)(7) BROTHERS DRIVING TOWARDS SANTA CRUZ FROM PILON (30 KILOMETERS EAST OF SANTA CRUZ) IN A RED TOYOTA PICK-UP TRUCK. DURING THIS ENCOUNTER (b)(7)(C) WAS PROVIDED SEVERAL GRAMS OF COCAINE FROM (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) WAS TOLD THAT THIS WAS A PRODUCT FROM A LABORATORY AND THAT THEY WOULD BE RETURNING SHORTLY TO THE LABORATORY SITE TO BEGIN PROCESSING 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF BASE TO COCAINE HCL FOR (b)(7)(C)

15. THE LOCATION OF TRAVEL BY (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) CORROBORATED EXISTING (b)(7)(C) THAT (b)(7)(C) HAD A LABORATORY APPROXIMATELY 150 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SANTA CRUZ.

16. ON JULY 27, 1993, BASED ON THAT INFORMATION, DEA AGENTS AND JNICC OFFICERS ESTABLISHED SURVEILLANCE OF THE RESIDENCE OF (b)(7) BROTHERS NEAR KILOMETER 5 CARRETERA NORTE, SANTA CRUZ. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 AM, SURVEILLANCE AGENTS OBSERVED AND PHOTOGRAPHED THE ARRIVAL OF A RED PICK-UP TRUCK AT THE (b)(7)(C) RESIDENCE. THE DRIVER WAS IDENTIFIED AS (b)(7)(C) (THE BROTHER OF (b)(7)(C) SURVEILLANCE AGENTS OBSERVED THAT THE PICK-UP TRUCK'S BED WAS LOADED WITH SUPPLIES INDICATING THAT THIS VEHICLE WOULD BE CONDUCTING A RESUPPLY OF (b)(7)(C) LABORATORY SITE. THE JNICC AND SCRO MOBILIZED ALL AVAILABLE PERSONNEL FOR MOVING SURVEILLANCE OF THE TOYOTA PICK-UP TRUCK.

17. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 AM, SEVEN MALE INDIVIDUALS EXITED THE (b)(7) RESIDENCE AND ENTERED THE PICKUP. SCRO AND JNICC OFFICERS ENACTED A MOBILE SURVEILLANCE AND FOLLOWED THE PICK-UP AS IT HEADED EAST OF SANTA CRUZ ON A TWO LANE PAVED ROAD. THE VEHICLE WAS FOLLOWED TO THE NEIGHBORING TOWN OF COTOCA AND THEREAFTER, TO AN AREA KNOWN AS "PILON", A LONG TRUSSEL BRIGE WHICH SPANS THE RIO GRANDE. ONCE PAST THE RIO GRANDE THE ROAD EVOLVED INTO A SINGLE LANE FLAT DESOLATE ROAD APPROXIMATELY 80 KILOMETERS EAST OF SANTA CRUZ. DURING THE NEXT HOURS, THE DRIVER OF THE PICKUP PERFORMED SEVERAL COUNTER-SURVEILLANCE STOPS.

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18. APPROXIMATELY 2:40 PM, AFTER CONTINUING ITS COURSE OF TRAVEL, THE PICKUP TRUCK TURNED SHARPLY INTO A RANCH 120 KILOMETERS FROM SANTA CRUZ (GEO COORDINATES 18-07.52S 62-48.48W). IT APPEARED AT THIS POINT THAT SURVEILLANCE EFFORTS WERE POSSIBLY COMPROMISED AND THE (b)(7) BROTHERS WERE ESTABLISHING A TURN OFF PATTERN FOR A POSSIBLE AMBUSH ATTEMPT OF TRAILING SURVEILLANCE VEHICLES. SAFETY CONCERNS DICTATED THAT JNICC AND SCRO AGENTS CONDUCT A CONTROLLED ENFORCEMENT STOP PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM THE RANCH.

19. AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM, JNICC AND DEA AGENTS CONDUCTED AN ENFORCEMENT STOP OF THE PICK-UP TRUCK AS IT WAS ABOUT TO DEPART THE RANCH PROPERTY. THE SIX OCCUPANTS INCLUDING (b)(7)(C) BROTHER) WERE DETAINED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THREE LONG GUNS AND A CONCEALED 22 CALIBER DERINGER REVOLVER WERE TAKEN FROM THE OCCUPANTS. PERSONAL USE QUANTITIES OF COCAINE WERE FOUND IN THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT AND ON ONE DETAINEE. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE DISCLOSED AN HF BASE RADIO, PLASTIC TARPS, OTHER LABORATORY PARAPHERNALIA, BEDDING, AND SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF CONSUMABLES.

20. THE DETAINEES WERE SEPARATED BY JNICC PERSONNEL. CONFLICTING AND COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STORIES WERE OFFERED BY THE DETAINEES AS TO THE PURPOSE AND NATURE OF THEIR TRIP. USING THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE GATHERED IN THE VEHICLE STOP, AND EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION OBTAINED AGAINST (b)(7)(C) IN THIS TKO INVESTIGATION, JNICC OFFICERS COMMENCED AN INTERROGATION OF THE DETAINEES. SUBSEQUENTLY TWO DETAINEES ADMITTED KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF A HIDDEN RADIO STATION AND AIRCRAT.

21. THE FIVE PRISONERS WERE SECURED AT THE RANCH. UTILIZING ONE OGV AND THE DEFENDANTS' UNLOADED TOYOTA PICK-UP AS THE LEAD VEHICLE, 5 JNICC OFFICERS AND 3 DEA AGENTS PROCEEDED FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS 90 KILOMETERS SOUTH EAST.

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22. AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 PM AT POSITION 18-40-OLS, 62-39.56W, THE RAID TEAM ARRIVED AT A STRAIGHT, FLAT SECTION OF THE ROAD WHERE THE VEGETATION WAS CUT ON EITHER SIDE TO MAKE A HARD SURFACE RUNWAY 1500 METERS LONG BY 30 METERS WIDE (TWIN ENGINE CAPABLE).

23. APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS WEST OF THE CENTER OF THE AIRSTRIP A TRAIL LED JNICC AND DEA AGENTS TO A RADIO BASE STATION WHERE TWO DEFENDANTS WERE ARRESTED. THE BASE STATION CONTAINED A KENWOOD TS-140S HF RADIO POWERED BY A YAISU BATTERY, HAMMOCKS, FOOD AND COOKING UTENSILS AND A 12 GAUGE SHOT GUN. ONE HUNDRED METERS EAST OF THE ROAD (AIRSTRIP) JNICC AND DEA AGENTS LOCATED A CESSNA 182 SKYLINE BOLIVIAN TAIL NUMBER CP-932.

24. AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH THE DEA CASA 212 (USED AS AN AIRBORNE RADIO PLATFORM FOR THIS OPERATION) TO RELAY INFORMATION TO THE SCRO. PLANS WERE MADE FOR A FIRST LIGHT HELICOPTER INSERTION OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR AND FAB/NAS AVIATION ADVISOR TO RETRIEVE THE AIRCRAFT AND EVIDENCE.

25. THE TWO DEFENDANTS FROM THE RADIO/AIRCRAFT STATION AND THE TWO (b)(7)(C) WERE TRANSPORTED BACK TO THE RANCH ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30PM. WHILE PLANS WERE MADE TO TRANSPORT THE PRISONERS TO SANTA CRUZ, (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) COCAINE PROCESSING FACILITY WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS 2 HOURS BY VEHICLE PAST THE LOCATION OF THE SEIZED AIRCRAFT.

26. AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 AM, TWO TEAMS WERE FORMED AND DEPARTED THE RANCH. ONE TEAM, CONSISTING OF JNICC AND DEA AGENTS TRANSPORTED THE SEVEN DEFENDANTS TO SANTA CRUZ. THE SECOND TEAM OF JNICC POLICE AND DEA PROCEEDED WITH (b)(7)(C) TO THE LAB SITE WHICH WAS LOCATED 19 KILOMETERS ON THE SAME ROAD PAST THE LOCATION OF THE SEIZED AIRCRAFT.

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27. APPROXIMATELY 7 KILOMETERS ALONG THIS ACCESS ROAD, THE RAID VEHICLES ARRIVED AT A CLANDESTINE GASOLINE RE-SUPPLY SITE CONSISTING OF TWO 55 GALLON DRUMS OF FUEL AND SYPHON HOSES. BOTH VEHICLES WERE FILLED AT THIS TIME. FOURTEEN KILOMETERS ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD, THE RAID VEHICLES ARRIVED AT THE LIVING/BASE RADIO STATION OF THE LAB SITE, GEO COORDINATES (18-49.02S 62-30.05W). THIS SITE IS LOCATED 215 KILOMETERS BY ROAD SOUTH WEST OF SANTA CRUZ. (BY AIRCRAFT THE LOCATION IS 110 KILOMETERS FROM SANTA CRUZ). TWO LAB WORKERS WERE CAUGHT OFF GUARD AND ARRESTED WITHOUT INCIDENT AT THIS LOCATION. WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME (b)(7)(C) WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT INCIDENT BY JNICC OFFICERS IN SANTA CRUZ.

28. AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 AM, TWO FAB RED DEVIL HELICOPTERS FROM SANTA CRUZ ARRIVED WITH SPECIAL PROSECUTOR (b)(7)(C) FELCN MAJOR (b)(7)(C) AND ONE DEA SPECIAL AGENT AT THE LAB SITE. EVIDENCE PROCESSING COMMENCED CONSISTING OF PHOTOGRAPHIC AND VIDEO RECORDS OF THE LAB SITE AND SAMPLE GATHERING OF CHEMICALS FOR ANALYSIS.

29. THE LAB SITE CONSISTED OF VEHICLE CAPABLE ACCESS ROADS WHICH CONNECTED THE LIVING/EATING AREA, THE PRECURSOR STORAGE AREA, THE PLANNED LAB SITE LOCATION AND NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 30 X 300 METER LANDING STRIP. (b)(7)(C) WAS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING THE LA TITA LAB SITE TO THIS LOCATION WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE PLANNED SIZE AND COCAINE PROCESSING CAPABILITY OF THIS LAB SITE WAS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT A BULLDOZER WAS UTILIZED TO CARVE OUT AREAS, BUILD VEHICLE ACCESSSES, AND CONSTRUCT A RUNWAY.

30. THE PRECURSORS ON HAND WERE CAPABLE OF PROCESSING IN EXCESS OF 1280 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE WITHOUT PRECURSOR RECYCLING OR CONSERVATION. WITH RECYCLING AND CONSERVATION THE PRECURSOR WOULD HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT TO

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MANUFACTURE IN EXCESS OF 2,100 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE.
THE BOLIVIAN POLICE AND SPECIAL PROSECUTOR SEIZED OR
DESTROYED THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE AT APPROXIMATELY
10:00AM:

- (32) 55 GALLONS DRUMS OF ACETONE
- (9) 70 LITER PLASTIC CONTAINERS OF ETHER
- (7) 25 LITER PLASTIC CONTAINERS OF ETHER
- (1) 55 GALLON DRUM OF DIESEL FUEL
- (2) 55 GALLON DRUMS OF GASOLINE
- (6) GAS DRIVEN DRYING LAMPS
- (1) KENWOOD TS-140S HF RADIO AND JA
- (1) OHAUS SCALE
- (2) KILOGRAM COCAINE PRESSES
- (100) LIGHT BULBS
- (1) PLASTIC BAG FILLED WITH WIRES, CABLES, SWITCHES
- (1) WATERPUMP
- N-13 (200) APPROX ROLLS OF ADHESIVE TAPE
- N-14 (200) APPROX CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS
- N-15 (200) APPROX BLACK PLASTIC BAGS
- N-16 (5) GREEN LARGE CANVAS TARPS FOR COVERING AND
ROOFING
- N-17 (1) COMPLETE SET OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL
TOOLS
- N-18 (1) TOOL BOX AND TOOLS
- N-19 (1) LARGE METAL COOLER FOR STORAGE OF MEAT AND
PERISHABLES

31. SIMULTANEOUSLY, JNICC OFFICERS ACCOMPANIED BY DEA
SCRO AGENTS APPREHENDED (b)(7)(C) AS HE
DEPARTED HIS RESIDENCE IN SANTA CRUZ BOLIVIA. POST-
ARREST DEFENDANT STATEMENTS INDICATE THAT THE
LABORATORY HAD PRODUCED APPROXIMATELY 500 KILOGRAMS OF
COCAINE WHICH WAS PART OF THE 2,100 KILOGRAMS OF
COCAINE SEIZED IN PUERTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL ON 7/2/93. THE
PILOT OF THE SENECA III AIRCRAFT USED TO TRANSPORT TE
COCAINE TO BRAZIL WAS IDENTIFIED AS (b)(7)(C)
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32. ARRESTS OF APPROXIMATELY 15 ADDITIONALLY IDENTIFIED

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DEFENDANTS IN SANTA CRUZ AND EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND OBTAIN DRUG AND NONDRUG EVIDENCE FROM A NUMBER OF LAB SITES (PROBABLY DEACTIVATED) ARE BEING PLANNED BY SCRO, LPCO, OPG AND JNICC FORCES.

33. THIS TKO CASE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED BY THE USE OF A FULL ARRAY OF NATIONAL LEVEL AND LOCAL ASSETS, INCLUDING THE OPERATION FESCO PROGRAM, SPECIAL AIR ASSETS, AND OVERHEAD IMAGERY PROGRAMS. ARRESTS AND SEIZURES BY JNICC OFFICERS AND THE SANTA CRUZ RESIDENT OFFICE CONTINUE, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM MIAMI FIELD DIVISION S/A (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

34. IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

AS ONE OF THE TOP TKO (b)(7)(C) OF SUPPLY IN BOLIVIA TO THE CALI AND MEDELLIN CARTELS, THE COHESIVE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THAT LED TO THE ARREST OF (b)(7)(C) AND HIS LIEUTENANTS ARE EXPECTED TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION IN THE FLOW OF COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE EMANATING FROM BOLIVIA. AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE TASKED OPERATION FESCO AND HUMINT (b)(7)(C) IN BOLIVIA TO PROVIDE ANY INTELLIGENCE THAT MAY HELP US FURTHER QUANTIFY THE DEGREE OF DISRUPTION THAT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED. THIS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A FUTURE CABLE.

35. DEA INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS CONTINUES IN SANTA CRUZ AND LA PAZ IN THE FORM OF DOCUMENT EXPLOITATION. BASED ON THE VOLUME OF DOCUMENT SEIZURES, DEA HQS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION MAY BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ANALYTICAL PERSONNEL IF REQUIRED.

36. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT DEA COUNTRY ATTACHE (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) OR SCRO RAC (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) SANTA CRUZ SATCOM (b)(7)(C)

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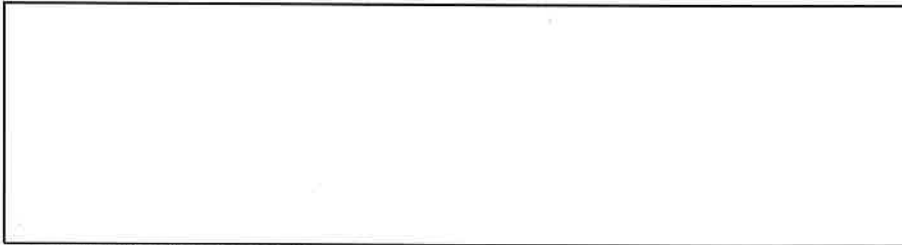
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