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1. TRENDS:

-COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS CONTINUE OPERATING IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL AMERICA USING BOTH SEA AND LAND ROUTES.

-SMUGGLING COCAINE WITHIN PRODUCTS SHIPPED VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINES CONTINUES.

-SMUGGLING COCAINE VIA SUITCASES WITH FALSE BOTTOMS AND CONCEALED COMPARTMENTS CONTINUES.

-THE GUAJIRA PENINSULA CONTINUES TO BE USED TO SHIP COCAINE VIA SMALL VESSELS IN THE CARIBBEAN. COCAINE IS ALSO SHIPPED FROM THE GUAJIRA VIA AIR DESTINED FOR THE U.S. TRANSITTING CENTRAL AMERICAN AND MEXICO.

-ARRESTS OF COLOMBIANS SMUGGLING COCAINE AND HEROIN IN WESTERN EUROPE CONTINUES.

2. SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL SEIZURES:

-06/22/92 - THE CNP (DAN) SEVENTH COMPANY SEIZED 500 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE HCL FROM AN ACTIVE HCL LABORATORY DURING A HELIBORNE OPERATION NEAR SAN MARTIN, META DEPARTMENT.

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-06/23/92 - CNP (DAN) NINTH COMPANY SEIZED 1,120 KGS OF COCAINE HCL FROM AN ACTIVE HCL LABORATORY DURING AN OPERATION NEAR THE TOWN OF TRES ESQUINAS, PUTOMAYO DEPARTMENT. CHEMICALS WERE ALSO SEIZED AND DESTROYED. THE LABORATORY WAS ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY A PUTUMAYO POLITICIAN.

-06-27-92 - CNP DESTROYED A MAJOR LABORATORY NEAR THE TOWN OF CALOTO, CAUCA DEPARTMENT, COLOMBIA. SEIZED AND DESTROYED AT THE SITE WERE 287 KGS COCAINE AND VARIOUS CHEMICALS. FIVE ARRESTS WERE MADE. THE LABORATORY WAS BELIEVED CONNECTED TO THE CALI CARTEL.

3. SIGNIFICANT UNILATERAL SEIZURES (COLOMBIAN AGENCIES):

-06-16-92 - THE CNP (DAN) SEVENTH COMPANY SEIZED 480 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT A CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIP AT FINCA EL PROGRESO, CANDILEJAS COUNTY, GUAVIARE DEPARTMENT.

4. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

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-ON 06-16-92, THE COLOMBIAN MEDIA REACTED NEGATIVELY TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S RULING IN THE (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) CASE. THE MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE DECISION WAS AN AFFIRMATION THAT THE U.S. WILL VIOLATE THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF WHATEVER COUNTRY IT WISHES. COLOMBIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WERE SUPPORTIVE OF THE RULING.

-ON 06-21-92, HEBER RUEDA-SILVA WAS ASSASSINATED IN THE CARCEL MODELO IN BOGOTA SHORTLY AFTER VISITING HOURS HAD

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TERMINATED. RUEDA-SILVA WAS IMPLICATED AND ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS CARLOS GALAN-SARMIENTO ON 08-18-89. THIS ASSASSINATION IS ANOTHER KILLING OF A POSSIBLE KEY WITNESS IN THE CASES AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

5. STATISTICS:

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1992, AS REPORTED BY ALL COLOMBIAN AGENCIES:

A. TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED

- NATIONALS: 237
- FOREIGNERS: 3

B. DRUGS SEIZED

- COCAINE HCL: 2,839 KGS
- COCAINE BASE: 143 KGS
- BAZUCO: 17 KGS
- COCA LEAVES: 1,737 KGS

C. CROPS DESTROYED

- COCA: 65 HECTARES

(NOTE: CONCENTRATION CONTINUES TARGETTING THE DESTRUCTION OF OPIUM POPPIES. DURING JUNE 1992, 1,054 HECTARES WERE DESTROYED.

D. ARMS, VEHICLES AND OTHER SEIZURES:

- ARMS: 48
- VEHICLES: 24
- AIRCRAFT: 8
- VESSELS: 0

E. LABORATORIES AND CHEMICALS SEIZED:

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- LABS DESTROYED: 22
- ELECTRIC PLANTS: 12
- PRESSES: 10
- SCALES: 22
- GASOLINE: 18,055 GALLONS
- ETHER: 31,175 GALLONS
- ACETONE: 19,823 GALLONS
- AMMONIA: 2,332 GALLONS
- SULFURIC ACID: 5,331 GALLONS
- HYDROCHLORIC ACID: 3,290 GALLONS
- MEK: 13,870 GALLONS
- HEXENE: 0
- LIGHT CARBONATE: 1,771 KGS
- POTASSIUM PERM: 2,873 KGS

F. AIRSTRIPS DESTROYED: 13

G. ASSET SEIZURES

- PROPERTIES: 0
- MONEY:
- PESOS: 0
- DOLLARS: \$1,516.54

FOR THE PERIOD COVERING 01-01-92 TO DATE, COLOMBIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REPORT THE FOLLOWING SEIZURES:

- COCAINE HCL: 15,183 KGS
- COCAINE BASE: 5,012 KGS
- ETHER: 113,622 GALLONS
- ACETONE: 132,922 GALLONS
- MEK: 38,647 GALLONS
- LIGHT CARBONATE: 24,402 KGS
- POTASSIUM PERM: 46,094 KGS

5. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, 22 LABS WERE SEIZED AND DESTROYED. THREE LABS WERE CONSIDERED MAJOR HCL LABS BASED ON CRITERIA.

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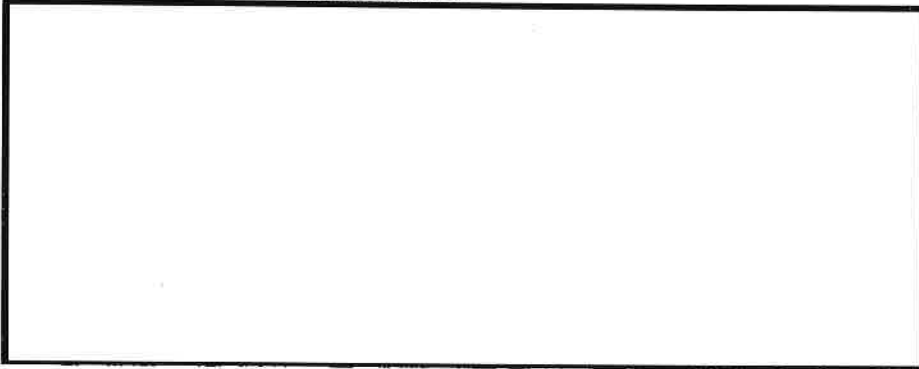
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