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1. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF OCTOBER 28, 1992, COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE (CNP)/MEDELLIN TASK FORCE MAJOR (b)(7)(C) TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BOGOTA COUNTRY OFFICE (BCO) S/A (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(C) REGARDING MEDELLIN CARTEL SICARIO (ASSASSIN) BRANCE MUNOZ-MOSQUERA, AKA TAYSON. MAJOR (b)(7)(C) ADVISED THAT TAYSON HAD BEEN KILLED DURING A FIREFIGHT WITH MEMBERS OF THE CNP/MEDELLIN TASK FORCE (DIJIN) AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00AM ON OCTOBER 28, 1992.

2. AS INFORMATION, TAYSON HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED AS ONE OF THE MAIN SICARIO LEADERS WORKING DIRECTLY FOR PABLO ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA, AND HAS CERTAINLY PROVEN HIMSELF TO BE ONE OF THE MOST VICIOUS AND BRUTAL INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE EVER ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. TAYSON, WHO IS THE BROTHER OF (b)(7)(C) HAS BEEN CREDITED WITH HUNDREDS OF MURDERS OF COLOMBIAN POLICE OFFICERS, INNOCENT VICTIMS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE PERCEIVED AS THREATS TO THE CARTEL AND ITS MEMBERS. TAYSON IS ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN

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INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING OF THE AVIANCA AIRLINES
FLIGHT DURING NOVEMBER, 1989, AND POSSIBLY THE DEATH
OF LEADING COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS
CARLOS GALAN DURING AUGUST, 1989.

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PERIMETER.

6. AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00AM ON OCTOBER 28, 1992, THE CNP/DIJIN EXECUTED A SEARCH WARRANT AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN. ENTRY INTO THE HOUSE WAS GAINED THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR AND THE GARAGE DOOR WHICH WERE OPENED WITH THE USE OF "DETONATION CORD". UPON ENTERING THE RESIDENCE, TAYSON FIRED AN ESTIMATED THIRTY (30) ROUNDS FROM AN H&K MP5 SUB-MACHINE GUN WHICH WAS EQUIPPED WITH A SILENCER. TAYSON THEN ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE THROUGH A REAR WINDOW. A SECOND FIREFIGHT ENSUED IN WHICH TAYSON WAS SHOT THREE (3) TIMES AND DIED AT THE SCENE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO ANY CNP PERSONNEL.

7. FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, THE LOCAL FISCAL ARRIVED AT THE SCENE TO CONDUCT HIS/HER INVESTIGATION. THE FISCAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CNP/CUERPO ELITE FOR PROTECTION, HOWEVER, THE CNP/MEDELLIN TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAD ALREADY DEPARTED. AFTER A SHORT TIME, TWO (2) VEHICLES WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS DROVE BY THE SITE AND BEGAN FIRING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AT THE CNP PERSONNEL. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE CNP WERE UNABLE TO GIVE PURSUIT TO THE VEHICLES IN QUESTION. THE CNP ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THIS SECOND INCIDENT AND SPECULATE THAT TAYSON, OR ANOTHER UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL SYMPATHETIC TO ESCOBAR, MAY HAVE ALERTED THESE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS. IT APPEARS THAT THESE WOULD-BE ASSASSINS WERE ATTEMPTING TO RETALIATE AGAINST THE CNP FOR TAYSON'S DEATH.

8. THE CNP/MEDELLIN TASK FORCE ADVISED THAT THE ONLY OTHER INDIVIDUALS LOCATED IN THE RESIDENCE DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE SEARCH WARRANT WERE TAYSON'S GIRLFRIEND, (b)(7)(C) AND A SMALL CHILD. THE CNP WERE ABLE TO LEARN THAT TAYSON HAD BEEN USING THE ALIAS OF FABIO BENITEZ WHILE LIVING AT THIS RESIDENCE. ALSO, TAYSON HAD DRASTICALLY ALTERED HIS APPEARANCE. TAYSON HAD GAINED CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT MAKING HIM APPEAR FAT AND HAD CHANGED HIS

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HAIRSTYLE. THE CNP ADVISED THEY WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED TAYSON IF THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED HIM ON THE STREET. TAYSON'S IDENTITY WAS VERIFIED THROUGH A FINGERPRINT COMPARISON.

9. ADDITIONALLY, FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, THE CNP ADVISED THAT SEVERAL OF TAYSON'S FAMILY MEMBERS ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. AFTER VIEWING THE BODY AND TALKING WITH THE NEIGHBORS, THE FAMILY MEMBERS THANKED THE CNP FOR NOT TORTURING TAYSON PRIOR TO HIS DEATH, AND FOR HELPING TAYSON TO DIE THE WAY HE WANTED, WHICH WAS "TO GO DOWN FIGHTING".

10. FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, THE CNP AND THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY HAVE INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES IN THE MEDELLIN AREA. THIS IS IN ANTICIPATION OF RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL.

11. THE CNP AND THE BCO ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THIS OPERATION. THIS ENFORCEMENT ACTION HAS PROVEN TO ESCOBAR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA IS COMMITTED TO CAPTURING ESCOBAR AND HIS ASSOCIATES. AT THIS POINT, IT IS SPECULATED THAT ESCOBAR MAY WISH TO SURRENDER AT AN EARLIER DATE TO PREVENT THE SAME OUTCOME AS TAYSON.

12. THE BCO HAS OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPHS AND A VIDEO CASSETTE OF THE SEARCH WARRANT SITE AND OF TAYSON'S BODY. THESE ITEMS, WHICH WILL BE ON FILE AT THE BCO, WILL BE PHOTOCOPIED AND FORWARDED TO DEA/HQS.

13. THIS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. FURTHER INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO BCO S/A'S (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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14. PER S/A MANUAL SEC. 6242.11, THE INSTANT TWX IS IN LIEU OF DEA-6.

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CARRERA 66C NO. 32B-56, MEDELLIN, COLOMBIAN.

2. ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA, PABLO: NADDIS 1020528.

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