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SUBJECT: "LOS PEPES" TARGET LONDONO WHITE BROTHERS;

- 2 MORE MEDELLIN MASSACRES; 2 LOCAL POLS SLAIN

"LOS PEPES" GO AFTER LONDONO WHITE BROTHERS

1. (U) EARLY MARCH 1, THE BULLET-RIDDLED BODY OF LUIS GUILLERMO LONDONO WHITE, WAS FOUND IN MEDELLIN WITH A SIGN ACCUSING HIM OF LINKS TO PABLO ESCOBAR AND ATTRIBUTING THE SLAYING TO "LOS PEPES" (PERSECUTED BY PABLO ESCOBAR). LUIS GUILLERMO'S DEATH CAME TWO DAYS AFTER PRESUMABLY "LOS PEPES" TORCHED ON FEBRUARY 27 A MEDELLIN-AREA FARMHOUSE REPORTEDLY BELONGING TO HIS BROTHER, FRANCISCO DIEGO LONDONO WHITE, A MEDELLIN ARCHITECT AND REAL ESTATE BROKER WITH ALLEGED LINKS TO ESCOBAR. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ABOUT 50 MEN TRAVELING IN 15 VEHICLES ARRIVED BEFORE DAWN AT THE RIONEGRO FARM. AFTER REPORTEDLY ASKING FOR DIEGO LONDONO (WHO ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT HAD FLED ON SEEING THE APPROACHING CARAVAN), THE ARMED MEN ORDERED THE SERVANTS OUT, BEFORE TORCHING THE LUXURY HOUSE AND A MERCEDES.

2. (C) DIEGO AND ANOTHER BROTHER, JORGE ALFONSO, WERE ARRESTED IN MEDELLIN JANUARY 18 ON ORDERS FROM THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND FLOWN TO BOGOTA FOR QUESTIONING; HOWEVER, THEY WERE RELEASED A FEW DAYS LATER. DIEGO AND YET ANOTHER BROTHER, SANTIAGO, HAVE APPEARED IN EMBASSY FILES SINCE AS EARLY AS 1988 AS KEY ESCOBAR FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND MONEY LAUNDERERS.

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TWO MORE MEDELLIN STREET-CORNER MASSACRES

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3. (C) A TOTAL OF 10 YOUTHS WERE SHOT TO DEATH IN TWO SEPARATE MEDELLIN-AREA STREET-CORNER MASSACRES (FIVE SLAIN IN EACH INCIDENT) LATE FEBRUARY 27. THESE ATTACKS, COMMON TO MEDELLIN-AREA POOR BARRIOS AND TYPICALLY OCCURRING ON WEEKENDS, ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT, WERE THE FIFTH AND SIXTH OF 1993, FOR A TOTAL OF 32 DEATHS. THEY USUALLY ARE NOT RELATED TO ESCOBAR. THE VICTIMS OFTEN ARE SMALL-TIME NEIGHBORHOOD HOODS OR OTHER UNDESIRABLES, AND THE PERPETRATORS RANGE FROM RIVAL GANGS TO POPULAR MILITIAS OR OTHER "CLEANUP" KILLERS. GUERRILLAS BLAMED FOR AMBUSH OF 2 LOCAL POLITICIANS

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4. (U) MEANWHILE, THE HEAD OF CUNDINAMARCA DEPARTMENT'S WATER AND SANITATION INSTITUTE AND THE MAYOR OF RURAL LA PALMA WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR VEHICLE WAS AMBUSHED FEBRUARY 28 ON A ROAD NEAR LA PALMA (ABOUT 75 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF BOGOTA). WHILE THE GUNMEN REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED, THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN GUERRILLAS FROM THE FARC'S 22ND FRONT, WHICH OPERATES IN THE AREA.

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