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SUMMARY: (U) A SPANISH JUDGE ISSUED DETAINING ORDERS  
ON REPORTED INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS, CITING THAT  
COLOMBIAN, PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH DRUG TRAFFICKERS MET  
IN PORTUGAL IN JANUARY 1989 TO COORDINATE DRUG FLOW INTO  
EUROPE THROUGH THE IBERIAN PENINSULAR.

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TEXT: 1. (U) LISBON WEEKLY "EXPRESSO" REPORTEDLY OBTAINED A COPY OF AN ORDER ISSUED BY SPANISH JUDGE BALTAZAR GARZON TO DETAIN WITHOUT BAIL POSSIBILITY TWELVE SPANIARDS IMPLICATED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING. THE DETENTION ORDER CITES THAT, FROM 23 TO 26 JANUARY 1989, "JOSE PAZ CARBALLO, ALBINO PAZ DIZ, RAMON LONGA VIDAL, JOSE LONGA VIDAL, AND FRANCISCO JAVIER MARTINEZ SAN MILLAN AND OTHERS"..., "TO COORDINATE ILLICIT TRAFFICK WHICH THEY PURSUED, SPECIFICALLY THE STUPEFYING SUBSTANCE KNOWN AS COCAINE, MET IN CASCAIS, PORTUGAL, WITH FABIO OCHOA VAZQUEZ, A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL, AND LAURIANO OUDINA PINEIRO, VICENTE OTERO PAREZ, MANUEL LOPEZ BUGALLO, MANUEL CHARLIN POMARES AND OTHERS NOT SUFFICIENTLY IDENTIFIED". ANOTHER MEETING, IN FEBRUARY 1988, WAS NOTED AS TAKING PLACE IN COLOMBIA BETWEEN TWO SPANIARDS AND PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA. THE COURT DOCUMENTS ARE MORE EXTENSIVE, BUT REPORTEDLY THE OTHERS REMAINED "SECRETS OF JUSTICE".

2. (U) THE REPORT CONTINUES THAT FOUR OF THOSE IMPLICATED NEGOTIATED THE TRANSFER OF 3500 KILOS OF HASHISH WHICH WAS BROUGHT THROUGH PORTIMAO (GRID COORD: 3708N 0832W) ON THE PORTUGUESE ALGARVE COAST AND CARRIED OVERLAND TO THE GALIZA DISTRICT OF SPAIN. ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF HASHISH, 5000 KILOS FROM MORROCCO, WAS TRANSDORDED AT SEA AND BROUGHT IN AROUND THE AREA OF SETUBAL, SOUTH OF LISBON.

3. (U) A PORTION OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH AFFIRMS THE DETENTION OF JOSE MANUEL PADIN GESTOSO, NOTES THAT 450 KILOS OF PURE COCAINE WERE TRANSPORTED FROM PUNTA ARGUELLES TO THE AZORES (SPECIFIC SITE NOT IDENTIFIED) AND THEN TRANSSHIPPED TO THE GALIZA DISTRICT. PAYMENT FOR THE SHIPMENT WAS REPORTEDLY 20 MILLION PESETAS AND WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PADIN GESTOSO THROUGH PORTUGUESE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO THE ACCOUNT OF A PANAMANIAN FIRM, PROMASA.

4. (U) SEVERAL OTHER NAMES HAVE FIGURED IN THESE INVESTIGATIONS. A PORTUGUESE, EDUARDO MARIA ((SANTOS)),

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OWNER OF THE LISBON-BASED SHIPPING FIRM, EDUMAR, IS CITED AS AN ASSOCIATE OF OUBINA AND IS ALSO SAID TO OWN TWO SHIPS USED IN DRUG TRANSIT, THE LIBERTY MOON AND THE VICTORIA. ANOTHER PORTUGUESE, VITAL NUNES DE ((CARVALHO)), OWNS HOTELS IN THE AREA OF SAGRÉS ON THE ALGARVE COAST. A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, HE IS A NOTARY FOR THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN VILA DO BISPO. CONTACTED BY A LOCAL NEWSPAPER, VITAL DE CARVALHO ACKNOWLEDGED ACQUAINTANCE WITH EDUARDO MARIA SANTOS SINCE HE (CARVALHO) HAD PREVIOUSLY OWNED A NAVAL SCRAPPING BUSINESS. HE DENIED KNOWING OUBINA. TWO FEMALES WERE NAMED. THE FIRST, A PANAMANIAN, BETENCURT (NFI), WAS FORMERLY PANAMANIAN CONSUL IN LISBON BUT NOW IS CONSUL IN THE SPANISH CITY OF CORUNHA. THE PRESENT PANAMANIAN VICE-CONSUL STATED THAT BETENCURT WAS PROBABLY NAMED BECAUSE SHE HAD WITNESSED DOCUMENTS FOR COMPANIES WHICH THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE TO BE FICTITIOUS, NAMELY JESMAR STEAMSHIP CORPORATION AND AMESCHAW FINANCE CORPORATION. BETENCURT'S NAME REPORTEDLY APPEARS ON OTHER FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS SEIZED BY THE SPANISH. THE PORTUGUESE WOMAN, MARIA ((LOURENCO)), WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF MONCAO IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL, IS ALSO ACCUSED OF LAUNDERING MONEY. SHE IS NOT AVAILABLE. A COUSIN TOLD REPORTERS SHE WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR THE WEEKEND; HER DAUGHTER SAID SHE HAD DIED TWO YEARS AGO; AND A POLICEMAN SAID HE HAD SEEN HER 'A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO.

5. (U) SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE POLICE ARE REPORTEDLY WORKING IN COMBINATION AGAINST THESE GROUPS. RECENTLY, ON 9 JULY 90, SPANISH AUTHORITIES APPREHENDED SEVERAL PEOPLE AND CONFISCATED 500 KILOS OF COCAINE. THIS HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED BY THEM FROM PORTUGAL TO MADRID AND HAD BEEN TRACKED FROM ORIGIN TO DESTINATION BY THE COMBINED POLICE OPERATION. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WERE MANUEL CHARLIN GAMA, HEAD OF THE SO-CALLED CHARLIN CLAN WHICH FORMERLY TRAFFICKED IN CONTRABAND TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND HIS ASSOCIATE, ALFREDO CORDERO GONZALEZ.

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