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(b)(1) 1.4(c),(b)(3):50 U.S.C. § 3024(i),(b)(3):10 U.S.C. § 424

SUMMARY: (U) THE COLOMBIAN ARMY DISMISSES THE COMMANDER
AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SIXTEENTH INFANTRY BATTALION
IN HONDA FOR NEGLIGENCE IN PURSUING JAIME EDUARDO ((RUEDA))
RUC'HA, A PARAMILITARY LEADER OPERATING IN THEIR AREA.

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RUEDA ROCHA HAS STRONG LINKS TO NARCOTRAFFICKERS.

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TEXT: 1. [REDACTED] ON 920419 THAT THE BATTALION COMMANDER AND A MAJOR FROM THE INFANTRY BATTALION IN HONDA HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR COMPLICITY WITH NARCOTRAFFICKERS. THE MOST JUNIOR LIEUTENANT IN THE BATTALION WAS PLACED IN CHARGE OF GUARDING THE TWO ARRESTED OFFICERS BECAUSE HE WAS CONSIDERED THE MOST RELIABLE OFFICER AVAILABLE.

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2. (U) [REDACTED] ON 920429 THAT THE BATTALION COMMANDER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM THE COLOMBIAN ARMY'S PATRIOTAS INFANTRY BATTALION IN HONDA WERE DISMISSED FROM THE ARMY FOR NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY FOR FAILING TO PURSUE THE PARAMILITARY GROUP HEADED BY JAIME EDUARDO ((RUEDA)) ROCHA. THE DISMISSED BATTALION COMMANDER IS LIEUTENANT COLONEL JULIO ANIBAL ((ANGARITA)) VIVAS. THE DISMISSED EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS MAJOR CARLOS ENRIQUE ((MARTINEZ)) OROZCO. THE COMMANDER OF THE ARMY REPORTED THAT THE TWO OFFICERS WERE DISMISSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CESAR ((GAVIRIA)) TRUJILLO.

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3. (U) [REDACTED] RUEDA ROCHA AND HIS PARAMILITARY GROUP MOVED WITH IMPUNITY THROUGHOUT THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SIXTEENTH BATTALION. A MONTH PREVIOUSLY, RUEDA ROCHA KILLED THE MAYOR OF PUERTO BOYACA, GUSTAVO ((LONDONO)) AND FOUR COMPANIONS. RUEDA ROCHA HIMSELF AND SEVEN OF HIS MEN WERE KILLED IN HONDA A WEEK AGO [REDACTED] RUEDA ROCHA WAS KILLED ON 920423.) A SERGEANT FROM THE SIXTEENTH BATTALION WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN MEN KILLED WITH RUEDA ROCHA.

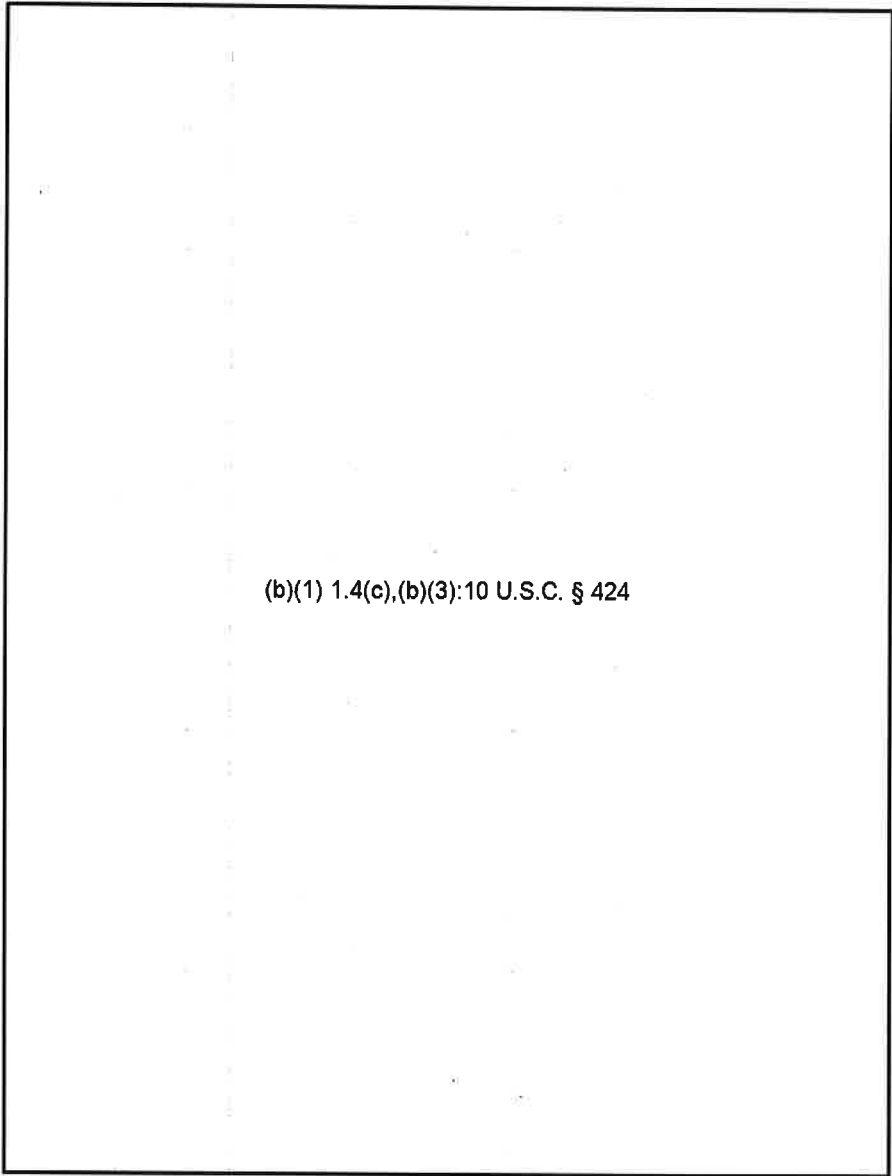
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4. (U) [REDACTED] RUEDA ROCHA WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ASSASSINS FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND ONE OF THE MEN WHO ASSASSINATED LUIS CARLOS ((GALAN)) ON 920818. HE WAS ARRESTED SHORTLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BUT WALKED AWAY FROM THE PRISON ON 920918. SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE MAGDELENA MEDIC REGION TRYING TO BRING THE PARAMILITARY FORCES THERE BACK UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. EIGHT DAYS AFTER RUEDA ROCHA KILLED THE MAYOR OF PUERTO BOYACA [REDACTED] HE WAS EMPLOYED BY EMERALD DEALERS WHO WERE TRYING TO GAIN

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CONTROL OF THE MAGDELENA MEDIO PARAMILITARY FORCES.
NEVERTHELESS (b)(3):50 U.S.C. § 3024(i),(b)(3):10 U.S.C. § 424 DO
NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT RUEDA ROCHA WORKED
DIRECTLY FOR PABLO ((ESCOBAR)) OR FOR NARCOTRAFFICKERS FROM
THE VALLE DE CAUCA.



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