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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. FONMIN NOEMI SANIN CALLED THE AMBASSADOR IN THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 6 TO EXPLAIN THAT CONTRARY TO THE MEDIA REPORTS SHE HAD NOT SAID OVERFLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE ENVIGADO/MEDELLIN AREA HAD ENDED. SANIN SAID THAT SHE HAD ACTUALLY SAID THAT WHILE ONE OPERATION WAS CONCLUDING OTHERS WERE BEGINNING AND THAT THE SEARCH FOR PABLO ESCOBAR WITH THE U.S. ASSISTANCE WAS CONTINUING. [REDACTED]

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3. THE GENESIS OF THE AMBASSADOR BEING CALLED IN WAS THE ABOVE MENTIONED MEDIA REPORT. [REDACTED]

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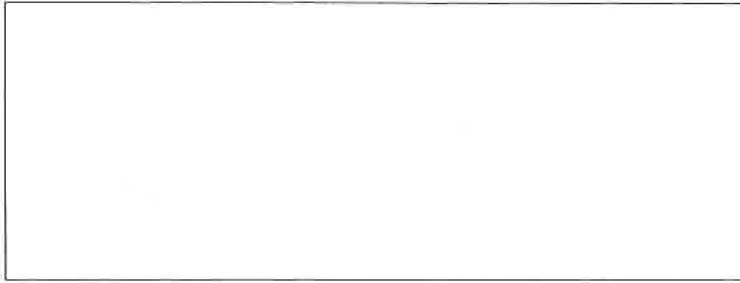
[REDACTED] IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, SHE WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO PRAISE THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE "EXCELLENT WORK" HE IS DOING IN COLOMBIA.

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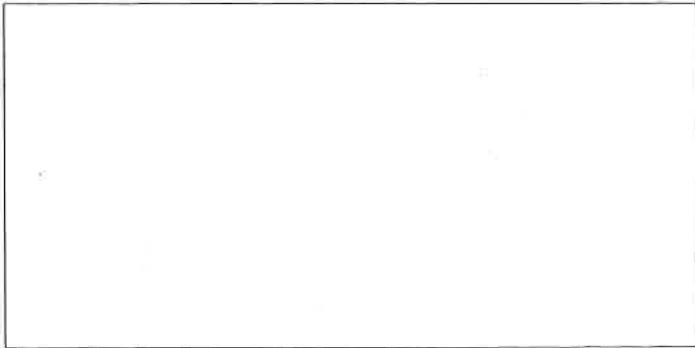
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5. COMMENTING ON THE CONTINUING SEARCH FOR PABLO ESCOBAR, SANIN ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR OF HER TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORT AND SAID THAT THE FASTER ESCOBAR HAS CAPTURED THE BETTER FOR COLOMBIA. NOTHING, SHE SAID, SHOULD DETER THE GOC EFFORT TO DESTROY ESCOBAR AND THE NARCOTRAFFICKING INFRASTRUCTURE IN GENERAL. SHE ADDED THAT RECENT ANTI-NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING COMMENTS BY LEADING ANTIOQUIAN POLITICIANS KNOWN TO BE FRIENDS TO PABLO HAS AN INDICATOR THAT THEY BELIEVED PABLO HAS "MUERTE," MEANING DONE FOR, EVEN IF NOT ACTUALLY DEAD.

6. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, SANIN RAISED TWO CONCERNS. FIRST, THAT OF HER OWN PHYSICAL SECURITY IN LIGHT OF PABLO ESCOBAR'S THREATS TO GOC OFFICIALS.



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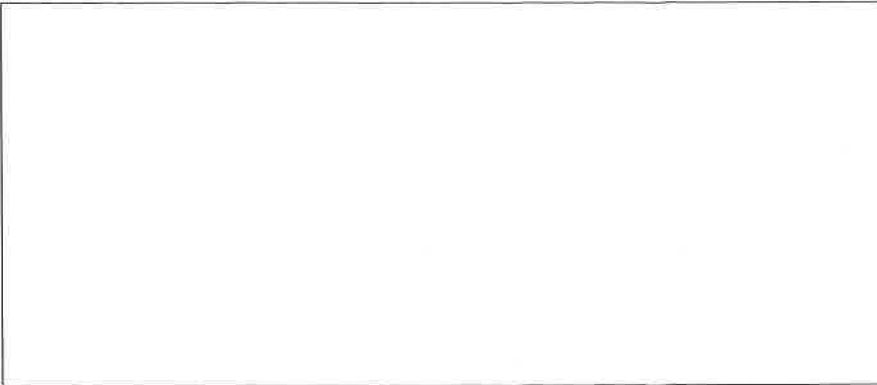
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B. SANIN CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT GAVIRIA WOULD BE GOING TO THE UNGA. SHE ASKED FOR U.S. SUPPORT IN INSURING THAT HIS TIME IN NEW YORK WAS PROFITABLE. PRESUMABLY THIS IS THE FIRST HINT THAT COLOMBIA WILL SEEK A MEETING BETWEEN GAVIRIA AND PRESIDENT BUSH AND/OR GAVIRIA AND THE SECRETARY.

9. COMMENT: EMBASSY SUPPORTS A GAVIRIA/BUSH MEETING. WHETHER OR NOT THE COLOMBIANS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CAPTURING ESCOBAR BY THE TIME THE UNGA CONVENES, THE EFFORT GAVIRIA WILL HAVE PUT INTO DESTROYING NARCO TRAFFICKING WILL HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE. HE WILL DESERVE OUR HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION. BUSBY

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