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2. AFTER HYSTERICALLY CRITICIZING PRESIDENT GAVIRIA FOR ALLOWING USG OVERFLIGHTS OVER MEDELLIN TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR DRUG BOSS PABLO ESCOBAR (REF A) ANTIOQUIA GOVERNOR JUAN GOMEZ MARTINEZ (A KNOWN NARCO SYMPATHIZER) AND MEDELLIN MAYOR LUIS ALFREDO RAMOS ARE NOW SINGING A DIFFERENT TUNE. FOLLOWING A 50 MINUTE MEETING AUGUST 12 WITH PRESIDENT GAVIRIA, THE TWO VOICED THEIR SUPPORT FOR GAVIRIA'S ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICIES AND EXPRESSED THEIR BELIEF (COMMENT: READ "HOPE") THE POLICIES WOULD NOT LEAD TO A NEW WAVE OF NARCO TERRORISM. BOTH TOLD THE PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT FURTHER USG OVERFLIGHTS WOULD NOT BE CAUSE FOR CONCERN BECAUSE THE POPULATION OF MEDELLLN NOW KNOWS THE PURPOSE OF THE FLIGHTS:

3. THE TWO HAD REQUESTED A MEETING WITH GAVIRIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE JULY 29 OVERFLIGHT CONTROVERSY, BUT GAVIRIA PUT THEM OFF (REF B). WHEN THE ACTING DCM ASKED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADVISOR GABRIEL SILVA THE REASON FOR THEIR ABOUT FACE, SILVA REPLIED, "THE PRESIDENT IS VERY PERSUASIVE."

4. COMMENT: THE SURRENDER DECREES THAT LED TO ESCOBAR'S INCARCERATION LAST YEAR GAINED GAVIRIA MUCH SUPPORT IN VIOLENCE-WEARY ANTIOQUIA. HIS AGGRESSIVE

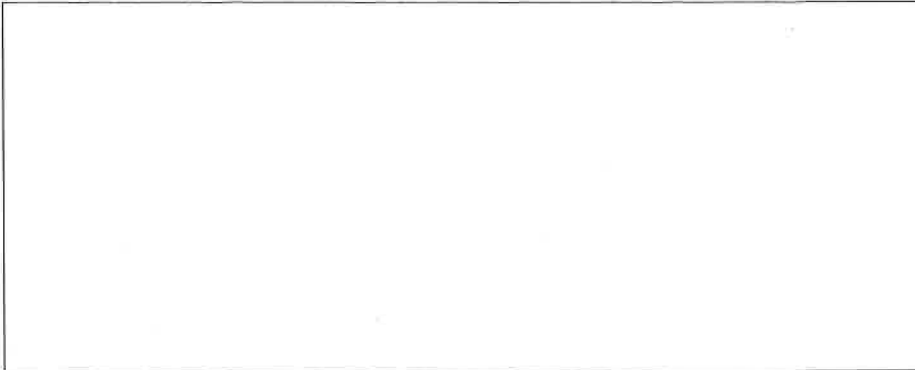
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HUNT FOR ESCOBAR AND HIS CONFRONTATION WITH THE MAYOR AND GOVERNOR COULD COST HIM SOME SUPPORT IN THIS POLITICALLY KEY DEPARTMENT. NEVERTHELESS, HIS ANGRY WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE TWO ANTIOQUIA OFFICIALS REMINDING THEM OF HIS AUTHORITY (REF A), AND HIS DELAY IN RECEIVING THEM MAKES IT CLEAR HE WILL NOT LET LOCAL POLITICAL INTERESTS DETER HIM FROM CONTINUING THE SEARCH FOR ESCOBAR. BUSBY

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