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1. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MADE PUBLIC AUGUST 14 A REWARD OFFER OF UP TO DOLS 2 MILLION FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND/OR INDICTMENT OF PABLO ESCOBAR.

2. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT, WHICH WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY RELEASED TO THE PRESS IN WASHINGTON AND IN BOGOTA FOLLOWS. IT SHOULD ASSIST YOUR STAFFS IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON THE REWARDS PROGRAM.

3. SECURITY AND ENFORCEMENT STAFFS SHOULD KNOW THE SPECIAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET UP IN BOGOTA TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM PERSONS HAVING INFORMATION ABOUT ESCOBAR: 287-2786, AND 287-2908.

4. TEXT OF STATEMENT.

(STATEMENT BY RICHARD BOUCHER, DEPUTY SPOKESMAN)  
REWARD FOR PABLO ESCOBAR

PERSONS PROVIDING INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF

PABLO ESCOBAR ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REWARDS OF UP TO \$2 MILLION.

THE REWARD OFFER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IS MADE PURSUANT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITIES UNDER 1985 LEGISLATION WHICH AUTHORIZES REWARDS OF UP TO \$2 MILLION FOR (A) INFORMATION THAT PREVENTS OR RESOLVES ACTS OF TERRORISM OR WHICH LEADS TO THE ARREST OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH INCIDENTS, AND/OR (B) INFORMATION

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THAT LEADS TO THE ARREST OF MAJOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

ESCOBAR HAS BEEN INDICTED FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING VIOLATIONS BY SEVERAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, THE INDICTMENTS DATING FROM 1984 THROUGH 1990. ESCOBAR WAS INDICTED AUGUST 13 BY A GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF AVIANCA FLIGHT 203, A CRIME THAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE AN ACT OF TERRORISM UNDER US LAW.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BRINGS TO \$3.4 MILLION THE POSSIBLE TOTAL OF REWARDS OFFERED FOR ESCOBAR'S ARREST. THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS WEEK AN OFFER OF \$1.4 MILLION.

THE REWARDS PROGRAM, IN ADDITION TO FINANCIAL INCENTIVES, INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF RELOCATION TO THE US TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF WITNESSES WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH LEADS TO AN ARREST. IDENTITIES OF INFORMANTS ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. FAMILY MEMBERS MAY ALSO BE RELOCATED.

THE US HAS PAID APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION IN ANTI-TERRORIST REWARDS UNDER THIS PROGRAM, AND \$350,000 IN NARCOTICS-RELATED REWARDS.

PERSONS IN COLOMBIA WITH INFORMATION ON ESCOBAR'S WHEREABOUTS ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE. PERSONS IN THE US SHOULD CONTACT THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

ANYONE WISHING TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION MAY ALSO WRITE TO: PROGRAM DIRECTOR, PO BOX 96781, WASHINGTON DC USA 20090-6781.

5. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE PUBLIC A REWARD OFFERING IN CONNECTION WITH A MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKER. NORMALLY, THE AVAILABILITY OF REWARDS IS

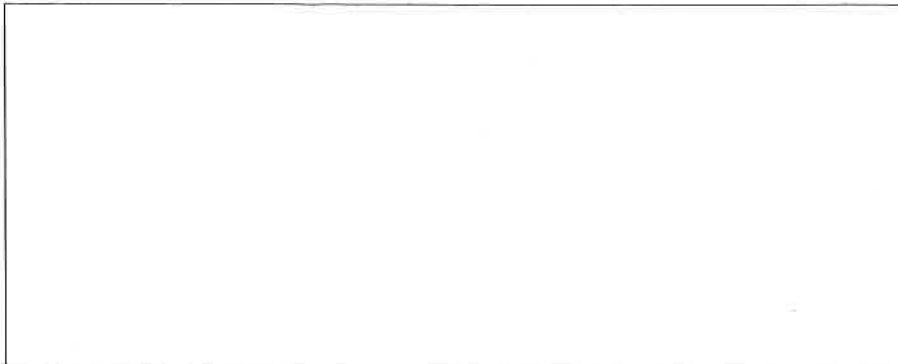
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6. THIS REWARDS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE, AS NOTED, TO ASSIST US AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN OBTAINING INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND/OR INDICTMENT OF TERRORISTS AND MAJOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, INCLUDING MONEY LAUNDERERS. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REWARDS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE AMBASSADOR AT EVERY US EMBASSY. EAGLEBURGER  
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