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2. AS OF 10:00 A.M. JULY 29, IT APPEARS MEDELLIN KINGPIN PABLO ESCOBAR HAS SLIPPED PAST COLOMBIAN POLICE FORCES CLOSING IN ON HIS LOCATION NEAR ENVIGADO EARLY THIS MORNING. ALTHOUGH ESCOBAR HAS MOVED, HE MAY STILL BE IN THE GENERAL AREA AND HAVE NOT YET MANAGED TO COMPLETELY ESCAPE. WE ARE CONTINUING USG TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE, AND ARE URGING THE POLICE TO CONDUCT A DETAILED SWEEP OF THE AREA.

3. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE CNP ASSAULT PLAN WORKED OUT WITH USG ASSISTANCE WAS EXCELLENT BUT NOT CARRIED OUT. UNEXPLAINED ACTIONS BY CNP FIELD COMMANDER LT. COL. LINO PINZON APPEAR TO HAVE ALLOWED ESCOBAR TO SLIP AWAY. WE WILL BE MEETING LATER TODAY WITH CNP COMMANDER GEN. GOMEZ PADILLA TO DISCUSS THE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE AND THE PROBLEMS THAT OCCURRED.

4. RADIO CARACOL IS HYSTERICALLY REPORTING THE PRESENCE OF USG AIRBORNE PLATFORMS AS PART OF AN INVASION. THERE WERE ALSO REPORTS OF DEA AGENTS BEING ARRESTED, WHICH ARE UNTRUE. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE QUICKLY ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE EXPLAINING THAT THE USG AIRCRAFT WERE REQUESTED BY THE GOC TO ASSIST IN "CONFRONTING INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING" AND THAT THEY IN NO WAY VIOLATED COLOMBIA'S SOVEREIGNTY.

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5. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PUBLICIZED US ROLE IN THE OPERATION WILL RAISE THE SECURITY THREAT HERE EVEN HIGHER, AND ARE REVIEWING EMBASSY SECURITY PROCEDURES.

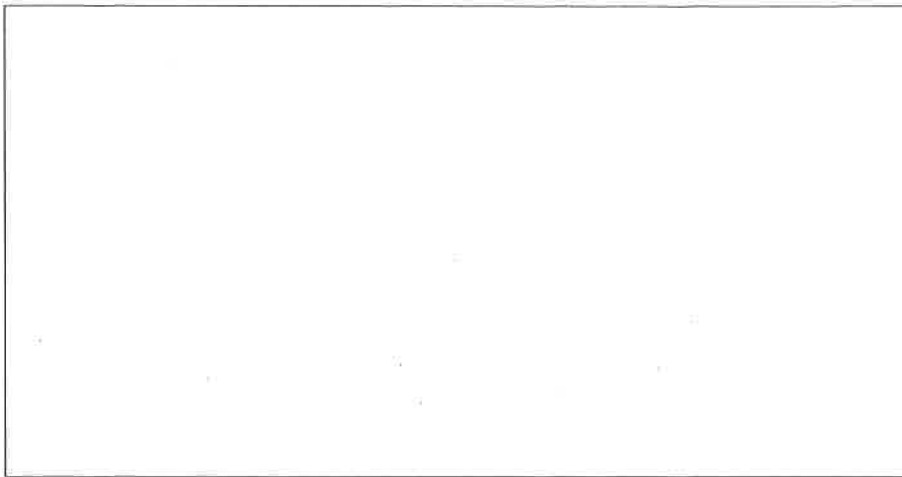
6. COMMENT: ESCOBAR GOT PAST THE INITIAL ASSAULT, BUT HE IS NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET. WE AND THE GOC HAVE THE AREA CLOSELY SURVEILLED AND ANOTHER ASSAULT MAY STILL BE IN THE OFFING.

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