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2. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 27 AMBASSADOR, DCM, DEA, MILGROUP AND NAU CHIEFS HAD BREAKFAST WITH CNP CHIEF GENERAL GOMEZ PADILLA AND HIS DEPUTY GENERAL MUNOZ. GOMEZ REMARKED ON HIS RECENT MEETING WITH THE CARDINAL OF MEDELLIN, PROSPECTS FOR EXTRADITION UNDER THE GAVIRIA ADMINISTRATION, AND THE NEED FOR BULLETPROOF VESTS IN MEDELLIN. HE COMMENTED ON THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM IN THE CNP AIR SERVICE (SAPOL) AND ON THE ENFORCEMENT ASPECT OF THE GOC'S RECENT CHEMICAL DECREE. AMBASSADOR RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT OPERATION AND ASKED FOR BOTH OFFICERS VIEWS ON ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE CNP IN MEDELLIN. END SUMMARY.

3. GOMEZ SAID THAT ON JUNE 26 HE MET WITH THE CARDINAL OF MEDELLIN TO DISCUSS THE WAVE OF VIOLENCE IN THAT CITY. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON HOW THE CHURCH COULD BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT CRISIS IN MEDELLIN. HE NOTED THAT HE NEEDED THE MORAL ASSISTANCE OF THE CHURCH. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THE GOC CONSIDER GETTING THE CHURCH TTO EXCOMMUNICATE ASSASSINS AS A MESSAGE. GOMEZ SAID ONE SUCH EXCOMMUNICATION OCCURRED WHICH WAS NOT PUBLICIZED IN MEDELLIN. GOMEZ FEEL\$ THIS ACTION WILL

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SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO FAMILIES OF SICARIOS. THE CARDINAL OUTLINED A PLAN TO REACH FAMILY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY MOTHERS, OF THESE HIRED THUGS IN AN EFFORT TO WIN THEM OVER (SUCH AN EFFORT HAS SINCE BEEN MENTIONED ON THE TV NEWS). GOMEZ DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS VERY POSITIVE.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE RECENT SLOW DOWN IN EXTRADITIONS GOMEZ SAID THAT THE BARCO ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT WANT TO LET GAVIRIA INHERIT THIS PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT PRESENTLY THERE ARE 3-4 INDIVIDUALS PENDING EXTRADITION. HE EXPECTS THESE WILL TAKE PLACE WELL BEFORE THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS ON AUGUST 7.

5. GOMEZ REITERATED HIS ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR BULLET PROOF VESTS FOR HIS BELEAGUERED POLICE UNITS IN MEDELLIN, NOTING THAT 153 POLICEMEN HAD ALREADY BEEN KILLED THIS YEAR. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THE VESTS GOMEZ REQUESTED WERE UNFORTUNATELY NOT NORMALLY A STOCK ITEM AND THAT THE MANUFACTURER HAD TO PRODUCE THEM FROM SCRATCH. NAU SAID THAT THE ORDER WAS BEING EXPEDITED BY INM OFFICIALS AND THAT DELIVERY COULD BE EXPECTED BY MID JULY.

6. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THE CNP FEELS THAT THE NARCOS ARE HIRING SO-CALLED SUICIDE KILLERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR EVIL PLANS OR WERE THESE KILLERS UNWITTINGLY KILLED BY THOSE WHO SENT THEM. GOMEZ SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME "KAMIKAZI" ASSASSINS. IN SOME CASES THE NARCOS HAVE HIRED TERMINALLY ILL ASSASSINS WHO WERE PROMISED THAT THEIR FAMILIES WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF ONCE "THE JOB" WAS COMPLETED. THE ASSASSINS WERE "USING PABLO" (ESCOBAR) AS THEIR LIFE INSURANCE.

7. DEA COUNTRY ATTACHE SAID THAT A THEORY CIRCULATING IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY IS THAT SOME OF THE SO-CALLED SUICIDE KILLERS HAD OPERATED UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD BACK UP FORCES TO PROTECT THEM. IN FACT THESE SICARIOS WERE LIED TO AND THEY ARE KILLED. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THIS SHOULD BE

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EXPLOITED BY THE GOC IN THE NEWS MEDIA. BOTH OFFICERS AGREED. (STORIES ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW UP IN THE PRESS ABOUT THE "DISPOSABLES" (DESHECHABLES) -- ASSASSINS WHO DIE WHEN THEIR ACCOMPLICES DETONATE BOMBS TOO EARLY OR SET THEM UP TO BE KILLED AFTER A "HIT.")

8. AMBASSADOR RAISED THE ISSUE OF BETTER EXPLOITATION OF TRAINING PROVIDED SAPOL PERSONNEL UNDER THE CURRENT NAU PROGRAM. HE URGED A SYSTEM OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOLLOWED BY AN ASSIGNMENT TO A PARTICULAR UNIT FOR 2-3 YEARS. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT WHILE SAPOL PILOTS STAY IN THE UNIT, A SYSTEM WAS NEEDED TO RETAIN MECHANICS AND LOGISTICS PERSONNEL BEYOND THE NORMAL TWO YEAR ROTATION POLICY OF THE CNP. MUNOZ RESPONDED THAT THINGS ARE CHANGING IN SAPOL AND THAT A SYSTEM WAS BEING SET UP TO RETAIN THESE SPECIALISTS. WHEN ASKED HOW THE CNP PLANNED TO RETAIN THE EXPERTISE GAINED BY THE TRAINING THE ELITE CORPS HAS RECEIVED MUNOZ SAID PLANS ARE TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR UNITS FOR ONE TO ONE AND HALF YEAR TOURS OF DUTY. FOLLOWING THAT THEY WOULD BE REASSIGNED WITHIN THE CNP TO OTHER UNITS REQUIRING THEIR SKILLS AND WOULD STILL BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ELITE CORPS EFFORTS.

9. MUNOZ WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THE CNP NEED FOR BASES IN VALLEDUPAR, SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE, AND MARIQUITA. VALLEDUPAR WILL COVER THE SAN LUCAS MOUNTAINS, CESAR AND GUAJIRA DEPARTMENTS. SAN JOSE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LLANOS AND MARIQUITA WILL FOCUS ON THE MEDIO MAGDELENA VALLEY. DCM ASKED IF THERE WERE SIGNS OF LARGE HCL LABS IN THAT VALLEY. MUNOZ SAID NO, BUT AS A NARCO STRONGHOLD, THEY CAN REESTABLISH LABS THERE IF WE GET CARELESS. HENCE THE NEED FOR A BASE IN MARIQUITA.

10. DEA CHIEF SAID THAT WE WERE PLEASED WITH THE RECENT SIGNING OF THE CHEMICAL CONTROL DECREE AND NOTED THAT DEA RECENTLY PROVIDED THE CNP WITH DIVERSION TRAINING WITH ANOTHER SIMILAR TRAINING PROGRAM PENDING. HE SAID THAT THE DECREE SEEMED TO LEAVE THE ENFORCEMENT UP TO COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS AND THE PORT POLICE

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AND ASKED WHAT ROLE THE DIVERSION-TRAINED POLICE WOULD HAVE? GOMEZ REPLIED THAT THE DIVERSION-TRAINED PERSONNEL WOULD BE USED IN A SPECIALIZED DIVERSION UNIT UNDER EITHER DIJIN (F-2) OR THE ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICE (DAN).

11. AMBASSADOR OUTLINED AN OFFER OF A JOINT AIR ASSAULT TRAINING EXERCISE WITH US ARMY 101 AIRBORNE TROOPS AND A POLICE UNIT, EXPLAINING THAT WE COULD OBSERVE FIRST HAND HOW THE CNP CONDUCTS FIELD OPS. HE SAID THIS OFFER COULD BE TAILORED ANY WAY THE CNP WISHED. GOMEZ OPINIONED THAT THIS MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE, BUT HIGHER AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED. MUNOZ SAID IN THEORY THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA, BUT IT WOULD NEVER WORK IN COLOMBIA BECAUSE OF INEVITABLE PRESS LEAKS WITH EXAGGERATIONS OF US TROOPS RUNNING AMOK IN COLOMBIA.

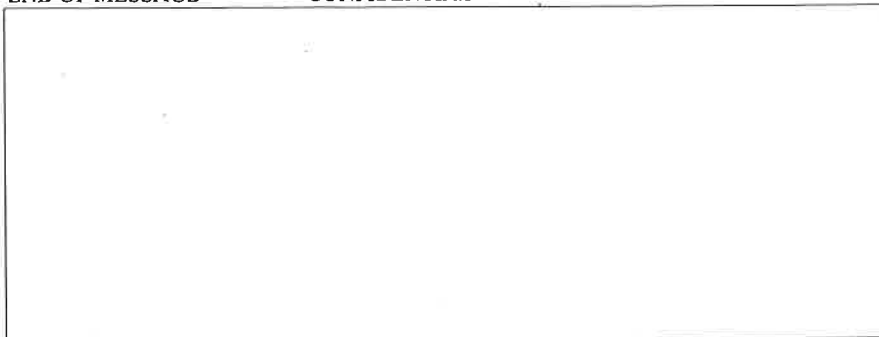
12. NAU DIRECTOR SAID THAT BASED ON VISITS TO DAN FIELD INTEL CELLS IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A LACK OF PERSONNEL TO MAN THESE UNITS. NOTING THAT THE CNP HAS A REQUEST TO INCREASE THESE INTEL UNITS TO 20 WITH CORRESPONDING INTEL GATHERING EQUIPMENT, HE ASKED HOW THE CNP PLANNED TO STAFF THESE NEW UNITS. MUNOZ SAID, WHILE IT APPEARS THESE UNIS ARE ALONE, IN FACT THEY ARE WORKING WITH OTHER POLICE IN THE AREA ALSO GATHERING INTELLIGENCE.

13. BOTH OFFICERS VIEWS ON ALLEGED CNP HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN MEDELLIN WERE REPORTED REF B.

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