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1. (C) A GROUP OF RIGHT WING ARMED VIGILANTES CALLING ITSELF THE "PEASANT SELF-DEFENSE MOVEMENT OF COLOMBIA" RECENTLY ISSUED A STATEMENT DEPLORING THE ASSASSINATION OF M-19 CANDIDATE CARLOS PIZARRO. THE COMMUNIQUE CRITICIZES THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT GIVING PIZARRO SUFFICIENT PROTECTION. THE DOCUMENT, WHICH IS AN IMPLICIT DENIAL BY THE RIGHT-WING GROUPS OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE PIZARRO KILLING, IS SIGNED BY SIX "SELF-DEFENSE GROUP" LEADERS, INCLUDING THE NOTORIOUS HENRY PEREZ, WHO IS LINKED WITH RODRIGUEZ GACHA'S ORGANIZATION. FIDEL CASTANO (ALIAS RAMBO), WHO SOME PRESS REPORTS HAVE LINKED TO THE PIZARRO MURDER, IS NOT A SIGNATORY.

2. (C) AN EARLIER COMMUNIQUE BY THE MEDELLIN CARTEL FRONT GROUP "THE EXTRADITABLES," WHICH DENIED THAT THE NARCOS HAD HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PIZARRO KILLING, ALSO ALLEGES THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAD ISSUED "FALSE TELEPHONE CALLS AND FALSE COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THEY ATTRIBUTE TO US DIVISIONS IN OUR ORGANIZATION OR CRIMES AND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE LEFT".

3. (C) COMMENT: NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE NARCOS AND THE RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS, WHO HAD BOTH PREVIOUSLY DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE JARAMILLO ASSASSINATION, LACK CREDIBILITY. THE PHRASE "FALSE TELEPHONE CALLS AND FALSE COMMUNIQUE" IN THE NARCO DOCUMENT IS APPARENTLY

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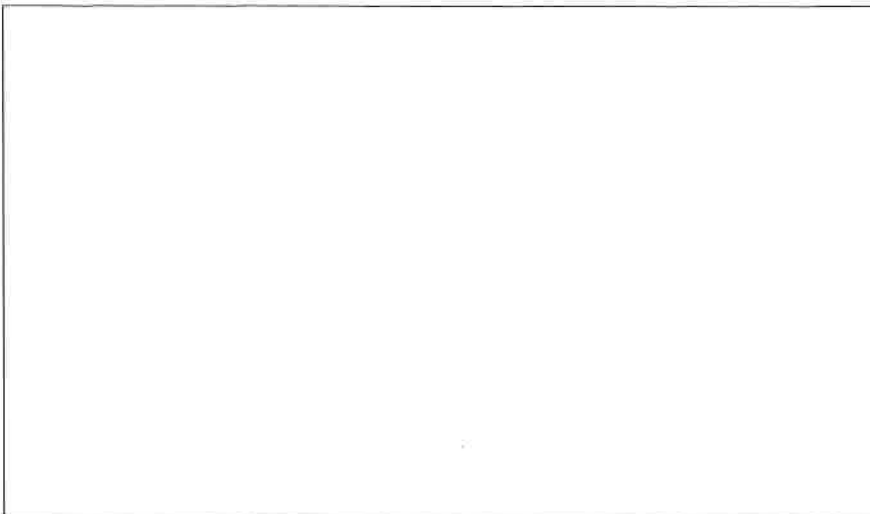
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MEANT TO BRAND AS GOVERNMENT BLACK PROPAGANDA PHONE  
CALLS TO THE MEDIA WHICH CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE  
JARAMILLO AND PIZARRO ASSASSINATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE  
TRAFFICKERS AND AN APRIL 15 COMMUNIQUE, SUPPOSEDLY FROM  
"THE EXTRADITABLES," WHICH CLAIMED THAT THE GROUP HAD  
BROKEN WITH PABLO ESCOBAR. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE  
APRIL 15 COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BY SOME ELEMENT OF THE  
GOC SECURITY FORCES. ON THE OTHER HAND IT COULD ALSO  
HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY MEMBER(S) OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL  
OPPOSED TO ESCOBAR, OR THE CALI CARTEL.

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