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1. MEDELLIN POLICE ARRESTED APRIL 16 AND TRANSFERRED TO
BOGOTA NINE SUSPECTED NARCOTERRORISTS BELIEVED TO HAVE
PLACED A CAR BOMB CONTAINING 800 KILOS OF DYNAMITE IN
NORTHERN BOGOTA APRIL 5. THE BOMB FAILED TO EXPLODE AND
WAS DEACTIVATED (REFTEL). THE PRESS REPORTED POLICE
INVESTIGATORS AS SAYING THAT THE SUSPECTS ARE MEDELLIN
HIT MEN WHO WERE HIRED FOR THAT PURPOSE BY THE NARCO
GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE "EXTRADITABLES."

2. AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT RELEASED ANY EVIDENCE
POSITIVELY LINKING THE NINE SUSPECTS WITH THE BOGOTA
TRUCK BOMB. THE CAPTURE OF THE NINE RAISES TO ELEVEN
THE NUMBER OF SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN RELATION TO THE
APRIL 5 INCIDENT. THE TWO OTHERS ARE A MAN SEIZED BY
THE POLICE AS HE FLED THE TRUCK BOMB AREA APRIL 5, AND
THE OWNER OF THE TRUCK. THE DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE (DAS) HOLDS A TWELFTH SUSPECT BELIEVED TO
BE A TOP TERRORIST CONFIDANTE OF PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA,
GUSTAVO MESA MENESES (AKA "EL ZARCO") (SEE BOGOTA 5658

AND 5564).
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior
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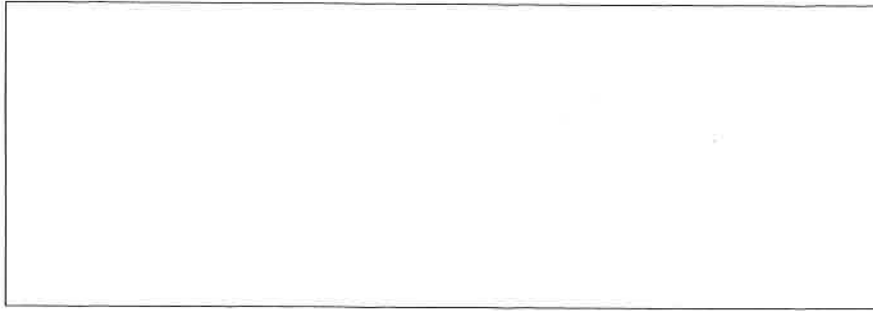


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