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1. SUMMARY: THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE SEIZED OVER FOUR METRIC TONS OF COCAINE IN MARCH WHILE CONTINUING AN INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR DRUG KINGPIN PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA. THE POLICE HAVE SHOWN THEIR ABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY MOUNT SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. COCAINE INTERDICTION/PRECURSOR CONTROL: THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE SEIZED 4,063 KILOS OF COCAINE HCL AND BASE IN MARCH, MOST OF IT IN OPERATIONS IN PUTUMAYO DEPARTMENT. THIS IS THE HIGHEST MONTHLY COCAINE SEIZURE TOTAL SINCE AUGUST 1989 WHEN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS CARLOS GALAN WAS ASSASSINATED AND GOC FORCES DIRECTED EFFORTS AT CAPTURING THE MAJOR NARCOS. THE CNP CONTINUES TO PROVE THAT IT IS CAPABLE OF SURPASSING LAST YEAR'S RECORD BREAKING TOTALS AND AT THE SAME TIME EXERTING FULL PRESSURE ON THE NARCOS. THE CNP WAS HEAVILY ON ESCOBAR'S TRAIL IN MEDELLIN IN THE LAST TEN DAYS OF MARCH WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDUCTING ASSAULTS ON COCAINE LABS IN PUTUMAYO DEPARTMENT. THUS THE CNP HAS INTEGRATED ITS TWO MAJOR TASKS (LABORATORY DESTUCTION AND NARCO-PRESSURING) REMARKABLY WELL.

3. IN MARCH THE POLICE CONDUCTED LARGE SCALE LABORATORY RAIDS IN VALLE DEL CAUCA, WHERE THEY SEIZED 1,880 KILOS COCAINE, AND IN PUTUMAYO DEPARTMENT WHERE THEY NETTED 1,187 KILOS OF COCAINE AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS. SEIZURES OF ETHER, ACETONE, AND METHYL-ETHYL-KETONE TOTALED 92,710 GALLONS IN MARCH, ENOUGH TO MAKE OVER 23 METRIC TONS OF COCAINE BASED ON DEA CONVERSION

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4. CANNABIS ERADICATION/MARIJUANA INTERDICTION: THE CNP SEIZED 77 METRIC TONS OF MARIJUANA THIS MONTH, MOST OF IT FOUND IN NORTHERN COLOMBIA. IN RECENT OVERFLIGHTS THE CNP HAS SPOTTED CANNABIS GROWING ON THE VENEZUELAN SIDE OF THE PERIJA. THEY OBSERVED SOME SMALL PLOTS BEING PREPARED ON THE COLOMBIAN SIDE OF THE PERIJA WHICH COULD BE FOR CANNABIS; THEY WILL NOT KNOW FOR SURE FOR A FEW MONTHS.

5. THE FOLLOWING ARE SEIZURE TOTALS REPORTED BY THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE:

	MARCH 1990	1990 YTD
COCAINE HCL SEIZED (KILOS)	3,889	6,376
COCAINE BASE SEIZED (KILOS)	174	924
COCA LEAVES SEIZED (KILOS)	46,929	70,684
COCA PLANTS DESTROYED (HECT.)	15	42
COCA SEEDS SEIZED (KILOS)	.80	.80
BASUCO SEIZED (KILOS)	69	125
LABS DESTROYED-COCA/COCAINE	22	44
MARIJUANA SEIZED (MT TONS)	77	167
CANNABIS SPRAYED (HECT)	0	0
MANUAL CANNABIS DEST. (HECT)	4	4
MARIJUANA SEEDS SEIZED (KGS)	0	0.56
HASHISH SEIZED (KILOS)	0	0
HASHISH LABS DESTROYED	0	0
OPIUM POPPY PLANTS DEST.	0	0
OPIUM GUM (KG)	0	0
ETHER SEIZED (GAL)	48,395	90,766
ACETONE SEIZED (GAL)	41,000	69,567
M.E.K. SEIZED (GAL)	3,315	33,015
PERSONS ARRESTED	584	1,673
AIRCRAFT SEIZED	0	5
AIRSTRIPS DESTROYED	4	27
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LABORATORY ANALYSIS CONDUCTED IN COLOMBIA FOUND NO
OPIATES IN THE GUM-LIKE SUBSTANCE SEIZED IN FEBRUARY AND
THE CNP HAS REMOVED THIS SEIZURE FROM ITS STATISTICS.

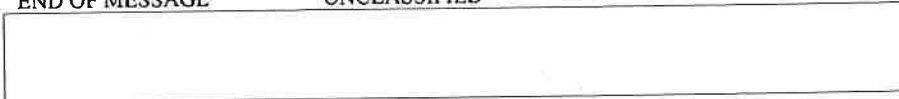
6. JUDICIAL PROTECTION: THE REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR THE
TROOPERS (DAMAGED IN THE DAS BOMBING IN DECEMBER) HAVE
FINALLY BEEN ORDERED AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING
DELIVERED. INM COMMO SPECIALISTS AL CARPENTER AND BOB
YATES VISITED BOGOTA IN MARCH TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF
\$1 MILLION IN SECURE COMMO EQUIPMENT FOR THE JUDICIAL
PROTECTION PROGRAM. THEY ALSO CONDUCTED A JOINT
INVENTORY (WITH THE CNP COMMO EXPERT) OF THE \$610,000 IN
COMMO GEAR FOR THE NATIONAL POLICE PROJECT. THEY
DISCUSSED INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT AND LEFT WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CNP CAN INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT WITH
MINIMAL ASSISTANCE FROM INM.

7. VISITORS: STAFFERS FROM THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AGRICULTURE & JUSTICE AND A GAO
AUDITOR VISITED COLOMBIA IN MARCH TO BECOME MORE INFORMED
ON JUDICIAL PROTECTION AND ANTI-NARCOTICS MATTERS.
CONTROL OFFICER ANNE AGUILERA AND NAU AVIATION ADVISOR
ACCOMPANIED STAFFERS TO SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE TO VIEW THE
CNP AIR BASE THERE.

8. TRAINING: MTT BLATANT WISH II COMPLETED TRAINING
ASSISTANCE VISITS FOR CNP FIELD UNITS IN SAN JOSE DEL
GUAVIARE, MIRAFLORES AND VILLAVICENCIO.
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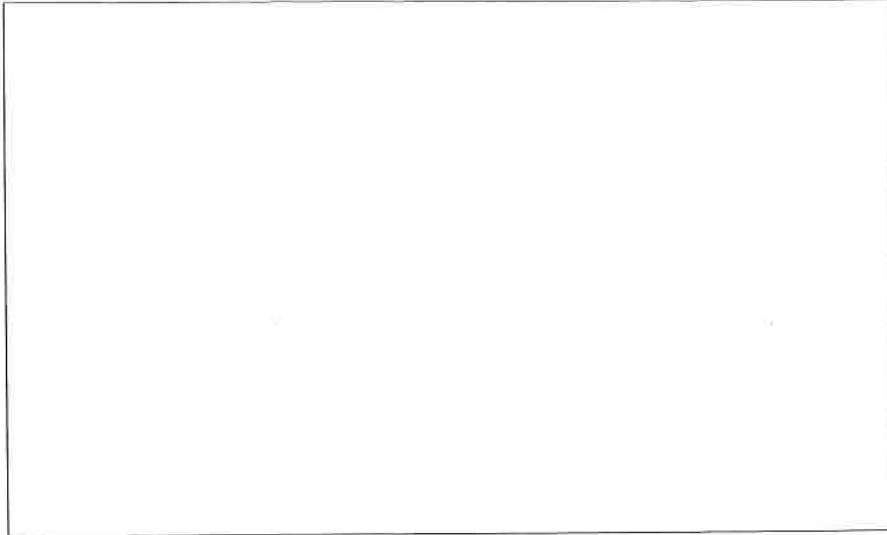


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