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2. COLOMBIA'S INDEPENDENT WATCHDOG PROCURADURIA HAS FOUND LITTLE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CLAIMS BY NARCOS THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO A PATTERN OF GRAVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE AUTHORITIES. IN AN OCTOBER 30 COMMUNIQUE (REF A), THE NARCOS REITERATED THEIR EARLIER ALLEGATION THAT GUSTAVO GAVIRIA AND LUIS HERNANDO GAVIRIA, KEY LIEUTENANTS OF NARCO KINGPIN PABLO ESCOBAR, HAD BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY EXECUTED BY AUTHORITIES EARLIER THIS YEAR. POLICE SAY THE TWO DIED RESISTING ARREST.

3. A NOVEMBER 19 FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN LEADING BOGOTA DAILY EL TIEMPO (WHOSE EDITOR, PROBABLY NOT COINCIDENTLY, IS CURRENTLY A NARCO KIDNAP VICTIM) IMPLIED THAT PROCURADOR GENERAL ALFONSO GOMEZ MENDEZ (WHO HAD NOT YET SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION) HAD AUTHORIZED A MAJOR INVESTIGATION BY THE INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION INTO THE NARCO CHARGES. PROCURADOR DELEGATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS JAIME CORDOBA, A STRONG OPPONENT OF THE NARCOS, TOLD POLOFF, HOWEVER, THAT THE EL TIEMPO ARTICLE WAS EXAGGERATED. WITH RESPECT TO VIOLATION OF NARCO RIGHTS, CORDOBA'S OFFICE HAS ONLY UNCOVERED THE THREE CASES OF MEDELLIN AREA EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS, OR ATTEMPTED EXECUTIONS, MENTIONED IN REF B. CORDOBA AND

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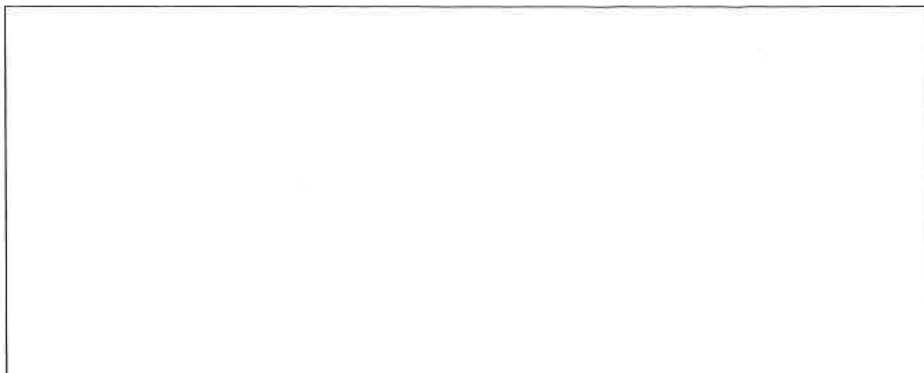
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ANOTHER SENIOR PROCURADURIA OFFICIAL HAVE TOLD US THAT
THEY HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT NARCO CHARGES THAT
THE POLICE MURDERED.EITHER GUSTAVO OR LUIS HERNANDO
GAVIRIA. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE CLEARLY BEEN SIGNIFICANT
ABUSES, CORDOBA BELIEVES MOST NARCO CHARGES ARE "WITHOUT
FOUNDATION" AND MADE PURELY FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

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