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1. (C) SUMMARY: THE EXTRADITABLES HAVE PROPOSED A "GRAND COMMISSION" OF NOTABLES TO ENGAGE IN PEACE TALKS WITH NARCOS IN A LETTER TO CONGRESS OCTOBER 23. THE LETTER FALSELY ASSERTS THAT THE SUPREME COURT'S OCTOBER 3 RULING ON EXTRADITION PROHIBITS ADMINISTRATIVE EXTRADITION TO THE U.S. THE LETTER RECEIVED SHORT SHRIFT FROM THE GOC, WHICH REITERATED IT WILL CONTINUE EXTRADITING DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND WILL NOT DIALOGUE WITH THEM. THE ONLY NOTABLE WHO ACCEPTED THE NARCOS' OFFER TO JOIN THE COMMISSION IS THE MAYOR OF MEDELLIN, JUAN GOMEZ MARTINEZ.

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SUMMARY.

2. (U) IN AN OCTOBER 23 LETTER ADDRESSED TO CONGRESS PRESIDENT LUIS GUILLERMO GIRALDO, THE NARCO GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE EXTRADITABLES PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A "GRAND COMMISSION" OF NOTABLES TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE TO END NARCO-RELATED VIOLENCE IN COLOMBIA. THE EXTRADITABLES SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED COMMISSION INCLUDE CARDINALS MARIO REVOLLO AND ALFONSO LOPEZ TRUJILLO, FORMER MINISTER (AND GODFATHER OF MEDELLIN CAPO PABLO ESCOBAR) JOAQUIN VALLEJO ARBELAEZ, MEDELLIN MAYOR JUAN GONZALEZ MARTINEZ, AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN (AND NARCO LAWYER) GUIDO PARRA. THE EXTRADITABLES ADDED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "ARMED AND POLITICAL BRANCHES OF THE LEFT, AS WELL AS SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS," SHOULD ATTEND THE TALKS.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer

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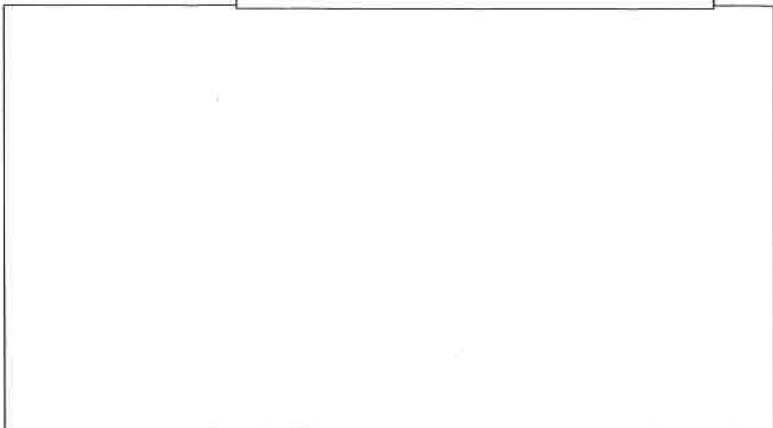
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3. (U) THE EXTRADITABLES PROMISED TO SUSPEND VIOLENT ACTIVITIES IN COLOMBIA ONCE THE COMMISSION IS FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF "EVALUATING SUCH PRACTICES AS EXTRADITION." THEIR LETTER INCORRECTLY ASSERTS THAT THE SUPREME COURT'S OCTOBER 3 RULING ON EXTRADITION PROHIBITS ADMINISTRATIVE EXTRADITION TO THE U.S. AND SAID THAT THE EXTRADITABLES AGREE WITH THE GOC THAT EXTRADITION SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN A REFERENDUM. THEY ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT THE VOTERS' OPINION SHOULD BE CONSULTED REGARDING THE PEACE DIALOGUE PROPOSED BY THEM. THE LETTER DECRIED WHAT IT TERMED THE "SUSPENSION OF CIVIL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS TO NATIONALS, AND THE LARGESSE EXTENDED TO THE DEMANDS OF FOREIGN INTERESTS," CAUSED BY THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GOC UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE DECREE."

4. (C) PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE LETTER, AN OCTOBER 24 COMMUNIQUE BY THE GOC CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF SUSPENDING EXTRADITION BY ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OR ENGAGING IN DIALOGUE WITH NARCOTRAFFICKERS (SEPTEL). JUAN GOMEZ MARTINEZ, THE MAYOR OF MEDELLIN, WAS THE ONLY NOTABLE MENTIONED IN THE LETTER WHO JUMPED AT THE OFFER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PROPOSED "GRAND COMMISSION." HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT "EVERY PROPOSAL TO BRING PEACE TO COLOMBIA SEEMS IMPORTANT TO ME."

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5. (C) COMMENT: UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM THE

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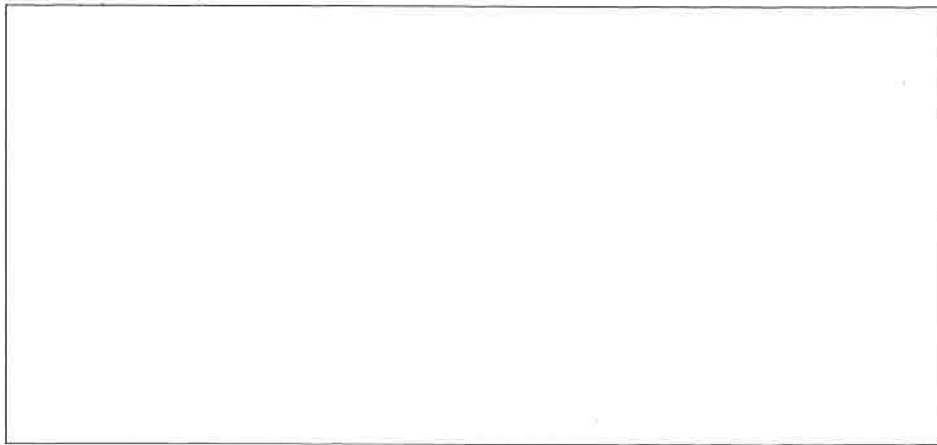
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GOVERNMENT, AND HAVING SEEN THEIR EFFORTS TO OVERTURN EXTRADITION FAIL, THE NARCOS APPEAR TO HAVE LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO PUSH THE GOVERNMENT INTO A "DIALOGUE." BARCO WILL STAUNCHLY REFUSE TO TALK TO THE NARCOS, HOWEVER, AND THE PROPOSED PEACE COMISSION SEEMS TO BE A DEAD LETTER. MOREVOVER, THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO AVOID A VOTE ON DIALOGUE IN THE REFERENDUM THAT WILL RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. IF CONGRESS DOES PUT THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT, C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 BOGOTA 16662

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HOWEVER, THE NARCOS, WITH THEIR UNLIMITED FUNDS, MAY BE ABLE TO CONVINC MANY VOTERS THAT TALKING WITH TRAFFICKERS IS NO WORSE THAN NEGOTIATION WITH THE M-19 OR THE FARC.

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