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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN A MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 WITH AMBASSADOR BUSBY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT MUELLER AGREED TO VISIT COLOMBIA AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS EVIDENCE SHARING IN THE CASES OF THE OCHOA BROTHERS AND PABLO ESCOBAR WITH APPROPRIATE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10 APPEARS TO BE THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY FOR MUELLER'S VISIT.

3. THE RATIONALE FOR THE INVITATION IS THAT MUELLER WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH A VARIETY OF OFFICIALS IN COLOMBIA, MORE INDIVIDUALS THAN WE COULD EXPECT THE COLOMBIANS TO SEND ON A MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES. IT WILL DEMONSTRATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN THE MATTER OF EVIDENCE SHARING AND SHOULD ENABLE US TO DEFINE GOC NEEDS IN TERMS OF WHAT THE PROSECUTION MUST SHOW TO CONVICT. MUELLER WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT EVIDENCE THE U.S. IS ABLE TO PROVIDE IN THESE CASES. IF, AFTER CONSULTATIONS, THERE ARE COLOMBIAN REQUESTS THE U.S. CANNOT GRANT, MUELLER WILL BE TO EXPLAIN THE U.S. RATIONALE FOR THE REFUSAL.

4. THE UNITED STATES SHARES COLOMBIA'S INTERESTS IN ACHIEVING APPROPRIATE PRISON SENTENCES FOR THE OCHOAS AND ESCOBAR AND MUELLER WILL BE PREPARED TO BE AS FORTHCOMING WITH COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS AS POSSIBLE.

5. MUELLER'S VISIT TO COLOMBIA OUGHT TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE COLOMBIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior  
Reviewer

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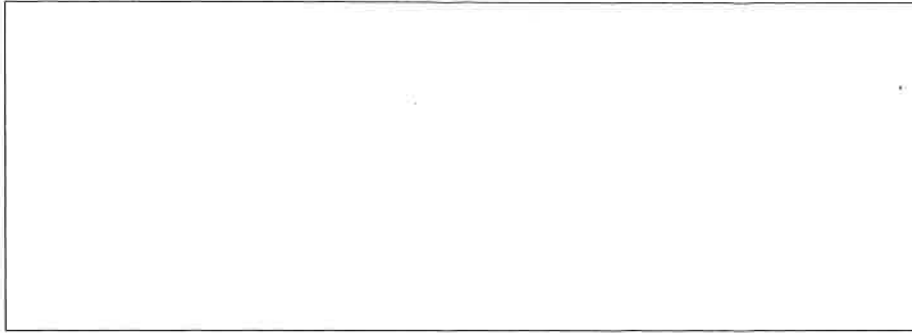
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