

SECRET//EXDIS

35340573
TITLE: SUBJECT: EXTRADITION/EXPULSION OF 12 MAJOR
TRAFFICKERS FROM BRAZIL
ORIGDATE: 198909290240
SOURCE: STATE
DOCNO: STATE 312450
TEXT:
TAGS: CJAN, SNAR, PREL, CO, BR
SUBJECT: EXTRADITION/EXPULSION OF 12 MAJOR
TRAFFICKERS FROM BRAZIL

RELEASED IN PART
B1,25X6,B7(C),B3 CIA PERS/ORG

DECAPTIONED

REFS: (A) BRASILIA 11288 (B) BRASILIA 10431
(C) STATE 271339 (D) 88 STATE 280225 (NOTAL)
(E) 88 STATE 237192 (NOTAL)

1. (C) DEPARTMENT (ARA, INM AND L) HAS NOT/NOT BEEN
SPEAKING TO ANY GOB OFFICIALS ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT
COLOMBIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS MAY BE IN BRAZIL. WE WOULD
SURMISE THAT FORMER GOB FEDERAL DRUG COUNCIL PRESIDENT
LAERCIO PELLEGRINO IS REFERRING TO THE USG'S
PROVISIONAL ARREST REQUESTS FOR THE 12 COLOMBTAN
KINGPINS (REFTELS B AND C).

2. (C) WASHINGTON AGENCIES APPRECIATE GOB EFFORTS TO
DATE TO PROCEED WITH PROVISIONAL ARREST REQUESTS FOR
THE TWELVE. [REDACTED]

25X6
B1

3. (C) IN LIGHT OF REPEATED REPORTS THROUGH DEA AND
OTHER CHANNELS THAT TRAFFICKERS DO OWN PROPERTY IN THE
MANAUS REGION OF NORTHERN BRAZIL, WHICH PELLEGRINO IN
EFFECT CONFIRMS, WASHINGTON AGENCIES (DEPARTMENT, DOJ
AND DEA) BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD USE PELLEGRINO'S
STATEMENTS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS GOB ON EFFORTS TO
LOCATE AND APPREHEND THE COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS AND TO
OFFER USG ASSISTANCE. (WE BELIEVE IT IS ESPECIALLY
IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE CASES IN

Classification Extended on : 08/21/2014
~ Class: SECRET ~ Reason: 25X6

SECRET//EXDIS

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Adolph Eisner, Senior
Reviewer

SECRET//EXDIS

LIGHT OF PAST PROBLEMS IN EXTRADITION CASES WITH BRAZIL
(REFTEL E.)

4. (C) ACTION REQUESTED. CHARGE IS ASKED TO RESPOND TO FORMIN'S CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS 9/21/89 QUERY ABOUT PELLEGRINO'S STATEMENT USING THE TALKING POINTS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARAS 5 - 6 BELOW AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION DEA BRASILIA PROVIDES. OTHER EMBOFFS AND DEA ARE ASKED TO RAISE MATTER WITH THEIR CONTACTS, AS APPROPRIATE.

5. (L) TALKING POINTS:

-- USG APPRECIATES THE GOB'S RAPID ASSISTANCE IN CONSIDERING USG'S REQUESTS FOR THE PROVISIONAL ARREST OF THE 12 MOST WANTED COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. (WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE GOB'S CONSIDERATION OF THESE REQUESTS -- E.G. HAVE ARREST WARRANTS BEEN ISSUED?)

-- WE CANNOT UNDERScore STRONGLY ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT WE BELIEVE THE APPREHENSION AND RETURN TO JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES OF THESE FUGITIVES IS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

-- THE USG HAS NO CONFIRMED REPORTS OF ANY OF THE TRAFFICKERS BEING LOCATED IN BRAZIL AND CERTAINLY HAS NOT PROVIDED INFORMATION TO PELLEGRINO SUGGESTING THAT EIGHT OF THE TWELVE MOST WANTED COLOMBIAN KINGPINS HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN BRAZIL SINCE LATE AUGUST.

-- NONETHELESS, THE USG HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS, INCLUDING JORGE OCHOA AND OTHERS ON OUR "12 MOST WANTED LIST",

OWNING PROPERTY IN THE MANAUS REGION OF NORTHERN BRAZIL AND OF TRAVELLING FREELY IN AND OUT OF BRAZIL.

-- THUS, WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTRIGUED BY PELLEGRINO'S STATEMENTS AND ASK THAT APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS SPEAK

SECRET//EXDIS

2

SECRET//EXDIS

WITH MR. PELLEGRINO TO DETERMINE ANY MORE DETAILS HE MIGHT HAVE ABOUT COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS LOCATED IN BRAZIL.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT FUGITIVES MAY BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE MANAUS REGION OF BRAZIL AND HIDE THERE WITHOUT YOUR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES BEING AWARE OF SUCH MOVEMENT.

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING THESE FUGITIVES AND TO PROVIDE ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN HAVING YOUR POLICE AUTHORITIES ARREST ANY FUGITIVE LOCATED AND THEN RETURNING THEM TO JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE.

6. (C) STRONGLY PREFERRED USG OPTION WOULD BE FOR BRAZIL TO LOCATE (PERHAPS WITH USG ASSISTANCE) AND ARREST ANY OF THE 12 COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS AND THEN TO IMMEDIATELY EXPEL THE TRAFFICKER(S) ARRESTED TO USG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STANDING BY ON A US AIRCRAFT. EMBOFFS SHOULD RAISE POSSIBILITY OF EXPLUSION DRAWING FROM POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL C PARA 6 AND IN LIGHT OF FOLLOWING: (A) CURRENT EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES; (B) THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA'S EXPRESSED POSITION THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT THIRD COUNTRIES EXPELLING COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES; AND (C) THE SUBSTANTIAL RISK TO THE GOB OF POSSIBLE VIOLENT ATTACKS AND/OR BRIBERY APPROACHES TO POLICE AND PRISON OFFICIALS, AND PRESIDING MAGISTRATE SHOULD LENGTHY EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS ENSUE.

7. (C) IN THE ALTERNATIVE, WE ARE PREPARED TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT EXPEDITIOUSLY EXTRADITION REQUESTS FOR THE FUGITIVES. (F.Y.I. ONLY/ONLY. AS DISCUSSED REFTEL D, WE ALREADY HAVE TRANSLATED INTO PORTUGUESE THE STRONG S.D. FLA. INDICTMENT DESCRIBED REFTEL C, PARAS 10 - 13 (INCORRECTLY REFERRED TO IN REFTEL C AS A "S.D.N.Y. INDICTMENT) CHARGING PABLO EMILIO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA, JOSE GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA, JORGE LUIS OCHOA VASQUEZ, AND

UAN DAVID OCHOA VASQUEZ, FABIO OCHOA VASQUEZ

SECRET//EXDIS

3

SECRET//EXDIS

(FUGITIVES A, C, D, E, AND F, DESCRIBED REFTEL C)).

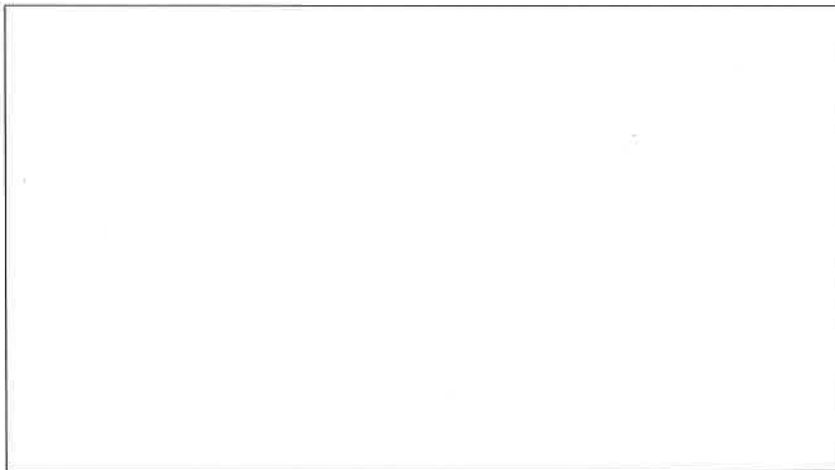
8. (S) AS APPROPRIATE, USG IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE GOB WITH ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING THE FUGITIVES. DEA AGENTS IN BRAZIL WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH GOB FEDERAL POLICE TO COORDINATE LEADS AND INTELLIGENCE IN THE MANAUS AREA. INR IS PRESENTLY CONSULTING WITH THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING THE GOB WITH SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE TO AID IN LOCATING TRAFFICKERS OR MONITORING THEIR ACTIVITIES. SHOULD SUCH SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE BE A POSSIBILITY, WE WILL ADVISE BY SEPTTEL; EMBASSY SHOULD NOT/NOT AWAIT SEPTTEL BEFORE APPROACHING GOB ON OTHER POINTS.

9. (C) USMS COULD WITHIN A SHORT TIME PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION OF FUGITIVES SERVICE COULD ALMOST IMMEDIATELY (I.E. WITHIN 48FROM BRAZIL TO U.S.

10. (L) THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. PLEASE RESPOND VIA THIS CHANNEL AND INCLUDE STATE, JUSTICE, USMS AND DEA AS ADDRESSEES ON CABLES ON THIS TOPIC, CAPTION STATE FOR L/LEI AND ARA; JUSTICE FOR DEPUTY ASSIST AG MRICHARD, CRIM/OIA AND CRIM/NARC AND DEA FOR [] AND OF - [] EAGLEBURGER
END OF MESSAGE SECRET

B7(C)

B3 CIA PERS/ORG



SECRET//EXDIS

SECRET//EXDIS

89 4252719 SSO PAGE 001 NC 4252719
 TOR: 291113Z SEP 89 STATE 312450

CLASS: SECRET

CONTROLS: S E C R E T STATE 312450 EXDIS FOR CHARGE AND DEA E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

DECLASSON: MR

DOCPREC: O

DOCST: ACTIVE

DOCTYPE: OUT

DOCUMENT_ID: 35340573

DOR: 19890929

FROM: FM SECSTATE WASHDC

GUIDE-UID: 1012/lyjdx

HEADER: OO RUEAIIIB

ZNY SSSSS ZOC STATE ZZH

OO RUEHC

DE RUEHC #2450 2720245

ZNY SSSSS ZZH

O <ORIGDTG>290240Z SEP 89</ORIGDTG>

<FROM>FM SECSTATE WASHDC</FROM>

<TO>TO RUEHBR/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE 0000</TO>

INFO RUEHRI/AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO IMMEDIATE 0000

RUEHSO/AMCONSUL SAO PAULO IMMEDIATE 0000

RUEHBO/AMEMBASSY BOGOTA 0000

RUEHPE/AMEMBASSY LIMA 0000

RUEHLP/AMEMBASSY LA PAZ 0000

RUEHME/AMEMBASSY MEXICO 0000

BT

INPUT_ID: 89 4252719

NONICMARKINGS: EXDIS

ORIGIN:

PRÓDUCER: WASHDC

RECEIPT DATE: 89 425271919890929071340

SOURCE-INFO: STATE OUT O STATE 312450 WASHDC 198909290240

TAGS: TAGS: CJAN, SNAR, PREL, CO, BR

TO: TO RUEHBR/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE 0000

TOR: 071340

XREFS: REFS: (A) BRASILIA 11288 (B) BRASILIA 10431

SECRET//EXDIS

5

SECRET//EXDIS

(C) STATE 271339 (D) 88 STATE 280225 (NOTAL)

(E) 88 STATE 237192 (NOTAL)

SECRET//EXDIS