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1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING A LULL IN OPERATIONS WHILE THE VAST MAJORITY OF POLICE AND MILITARY PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE MARCH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND MAYORAL ELECTIONS, THE CNP ANTI-NARCOTICS UNITS ARE AGAIN READY TO RESUME OPERATIONS. EMBOFFS CONDUCTED SEVERAL PLANNING SESSIONS WITH KEY CNP OFFICIALS THIS WEEK; THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY:

A. ALL CNP AND MILITARY WILL REVERT TO A PUBLIC ORDER ROLE IN EARLY MAY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ON MAY 27. THUS THEY HAVE SIX WEEKS TO DEVOTE TO ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITY.

B. A LARGE OPERATION IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE SOUTHERN BORDER REGION WITH ECUADOR IN PUTUMAYO AND NARINO DEPARTMENT. IT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE LATE NEXT WEEK, WITH U.S. OBSERVERS ACCOMPANYING THE STRIKE FORCE.

C. DEPUTY CO OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DIVISION, COLONEL PINEDA, TOLD EMBOFFS THAT HE EXPECTS A COMPLETE RELIEF OF CNP ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMAND AND STAFF BY THE END OF JUNE 1990 AS THE NEW PRESIDENT ELECT BEGINS CONFIRMING OR REPLACING GENERAL OFFICERS.

D. THE NAU FIELD ADVISOR AND THE CNP ARE PLANNING AN "OPERATIONAL PLANNING SEMINAR" FOR THE NEW ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMANDER AND HIS STAFF BEGINNING IN JULY. THE DATES AND DETAILS WILL HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR OF ANTI-NARCOTICS (DAN) WHEN HE IS DESIGNATED.

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E. THE U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND HAS APPROVED A SIXTY DAY MILITARY TRAINING TEAM FOR THE JUNE - JULY TIME FRAME TO TRAIN NEWLY ASSIGNED ANTI-NARCOTICS OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS AT THE CNP ESPINAL TRAINING CENTER. COMPANY COMMANDERS AND THEIR SUBORDINATES WILL BE GIVEN BASIC TACTICAL INSTRUCTION PRIOR TO REPORTING TO THEIR NEW ASSIGNMENTS.

F. A SCHEDULE FOR THE CONTINUING DEPLOYMENT OF THE TWO MAN U.S. ARMY MTT CURRENTLY IN COUNTRY WAS DEVELOPED. THE TWO SPECIAL FORCES SERGEANTS HAVE COMPLETED TRAINING ASSISTANCE VISITS TO PUERTO ASIS, POPAYAN, AND FLORENCIA. SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE AND MIRAFLORES ARE THE NEXT LOCATIONS FOR UNIT VISITS.

3. COMMENTS:

A. ESCOBAR REMAINS WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE: WHILE MOST GOC MILITARY/POLICE FORCES WERE SECUNDED TO PUBLIC ORDER MISSIONS; THE HUNT FOR PABLO ESCOBAR REMAINS THE TOP PRIORITY OF ALL GOC FORCES. ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY OF THE CNP WERE PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE RECENT ELECTIONS THE CNP F-2 FORCES FROM BOGOTA ARE STILL OPERATING ON TDY IN ANTIOQUIA, THEY WERE NOT PULLED BACK FOR SECURITY MISSIONS. THE F-2'S MAIN MISSION IS GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF ESCOBAR AND THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE CNP IS HIS CAPTURE AND ARREST.

B. THE PROPOSED OPERATION ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER IS ESSENTIALLY THE OCTOBER 1989 "IDEC" OPERATION THAT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE EMERGENCY THAT FOLLOWED THE MURDER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GALAN.

C. MOST OF THE TARGETS IN THIS AREA BELONG TO THE CALI CARTEL. THE CNP HAVE DEVOTED MOST OF THEIR ATTENTION TO THE MEDELLIN MAFIA IN THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS BECAUSE THE VIOLENCE OF THAT ORGANIZATION HAS MOST AFFECTED COLOMBIAN

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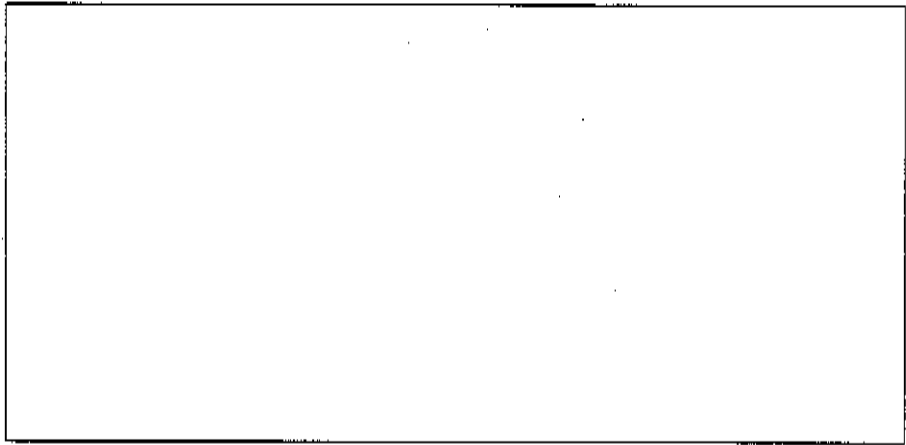
SOCIETY. FOR THAT REASON EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS IS A  
DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO RESTORE BALANCE.

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C. APRIL 1990 WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR BG MUNOZ  
TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS PRIOR TO RELINQUISHING HIS POSITION  
AS DAN COMMANDER. [redacted]

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