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1. MEDELLIN CARTEL CHIEF PABLO ESCOBAR RELEASED AN
EIGHT-POINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION TO
SURRENDER AND REJECTING REPORTS HE MADE FURTHER DEMANDS
(REFTEL). THE LETTER IS AUTHENTICATED WITH ESCOBAR'S
THUMB PRINT AND SIGNATURE.

2. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF ESCOBAR'S
COMMUNIQUE:

BEGIN TEXT.

(FROM) PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA, TO THE PUBLIC:

REGARDING THE FALSE REPORT PUBLISHED MAY 30 BY A
NEWSPAPER OF THE REPUBLIC:

1. DRS. GUSTAVO SALAZAR PINEDA AND RAMIRO IRWIN GARCES
ARE NOT, AND HAVE NEVER BEEN, MY LAWYERS. I AM SURE
THEY HAVE NEVER VISITED ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO
UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO MY POSSIBLE SURRENDER
TO THE COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. I HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED CONDITIONS BEFORE THE LAW
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ANY CITIZEN MAY DEMAND FROM THE
JUSTICE (SYSTEM) AND THE GOVERNMENT.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior
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3. A SINGLE LAWYER, ONLY ONE, DIFFERENT FROM THOSE MENTIONED BY EL ESPECTADOR, HAS UNDERTAKEN DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO PRISON SECURITY AND REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIFE, THE MOST IMPORTANT RIGHTS DURING THE TIME OF CONFINEMENT.

4. NEITHER MY LAWYER, NOR MYSELF, NOR ANYONE ELSE HAVE MENTIONED THE NAMES OF THE POLICE OR DAS OFFICIALS CITED BY THE NEWSPAPER.

5. I HAVE NOT REQUESTED A PARDON, NOR THE RECALL OF (ARMED) FORCES, NOR HAVE I DEMANDED THE SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS, NOR PROPOSED CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, NOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES OR RADARS. NOR (HAVE I DEMANDED) ANY TYPE OF ARMORED VEHICLE.

6. I HAVE NOT DEMANDED THAT I BE RELIEVED FROM ANY PENAL PROCESSES, NOR HAVE I SOLICITED LEGALIZATION OF MONEY OR PROPERTIES.

7. I ASPIRE TO TURN MYSELF IN STRICTLY UNDER THE DECREES 2047, 3030, AND 303 AND UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY THAT ENEMIES OF PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF COLOMBIAN JUSTICE EXIST.

8. TO DRS. BERNARDO GUERRA, RAMIRO IRWIN GARCES, GUSTAVO SALAZAR AND THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THESE FALSE REPORTS, I IMPORE THEY MAKE CLARIFYING STATEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC.

ATTENTIVELY, PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA

END TEXT.

3. MEANWHILE, IN A MAY 30 LETTER TO EL ESPECTADOR GAVIRIA CONFIRMED THAT ESCOBAR WOULD RECEIVE THE SAME TREATMENT AS OTHERS WHO HAVE SURRENDERED UNDER HIS DECREES. GAVIRIA'S LETTER INCLUDING A REHASH OF HIS NARCO-JUSTICE POLICY, AND AGAIN COMPARED THE US PLEA

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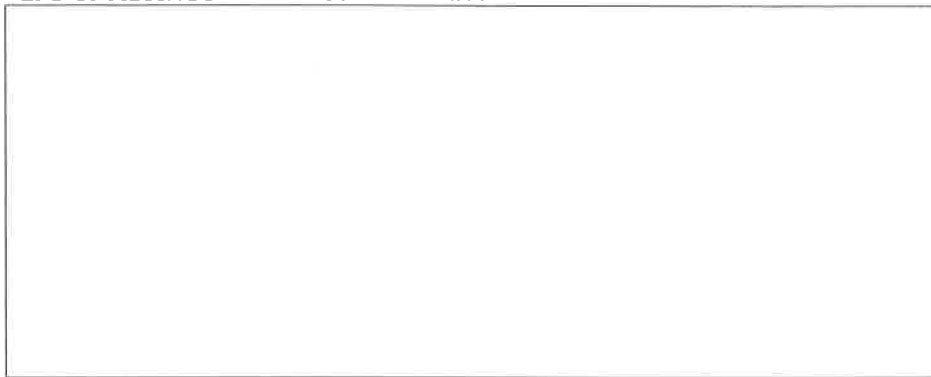
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BARGAINING SYSTEM TO HIS SENTENCE-REDUCTION DECREES.
GAVIRIA REMINDED IN THE LETTER THAT CRIMINALS WHO DO NOT
CONFESS TO CRIMES WHICH ARE LATER PROVEN WOULD NOT
RECEIVE A REDUCTION IN PENALTIES.

4. COMMENT: THE FACT GAVIRIA HIMSELF WROTE TO EL
ESPECTADOR IS AN INDICATION OF HOW BADLY HE WANTS TO
AVOID ANY FOUL-UPS IN ESCOBAR'S SURRENDER, WHICH COULD
HAPPEN ANYTIME.

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