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2. SUMMARY. NAS FIELD ADVISOR ROBERT BROWN VISITED ANTI-NARCOTICS FORCES ARRAYED AGAINST THE CALL CARTEL MAY 2L-23, L99L. THE FOLLOWING ARE OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE CALI CARTEL AND THE "GOOD GUYS" OPPOSING THEM.

3. THE SENIOR COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE (CNP) ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMANDER IN THE AREA IS A MAJOR BASED AT TULUA (4 DEGREES L0 MINUTES NORTH, 76 DEGREES L2 MINUTES WEST) WHO COMMANDS THE SOUTH ZONE OF DAN (DIRECTORATEOF ANTI-NARCOTICS). HE HAS LL0 MAN FIELD COMPAIES AT TULUA, POPAYAN (2DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH, 76 DEGREES 33 MINUTES WEST), PUERTO ASIS (0 DEGRES 24 MINUTES NORTH, 76 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) FLORENCIA (L DEGREE 40 MINUTES NORTH, 75 DEGRES 4L MINUTES WEST), AND MARIQUITA (5 DEGREES 8 INUTES NORTH, 74 DEGREES 56 MINUTES WEST). HE AS AN ADDITIONAL PROVISIONAL GUARD UNIT AT FINC NAPOLES, THE FORMER PROPERTY OF PABLO ESCOBAR. HE CURRENTLY HAS NO FIXED WING OBSERVATIN AIRCRAFT AND ONLY ONE UH-LH HELICOPTER ASSIGND TO HIS ZONE. HE ESTIMATED THAT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL VECHICLES IN HIS UNITS ARE INOPERABLE. HE RECIVES 600,000 PESOS PER COMPANY, PER MONTH (\$USD 83) TO FEED AND HOUSE THE UNIT. THE PROVISIONA UNIT IS NOT BUDGETED, AND HE FUNDS IT OUT-OF-PCKET. HE HAS NO DOCTOR AND ONLY ONE DENTIST FO SIX UNITS.

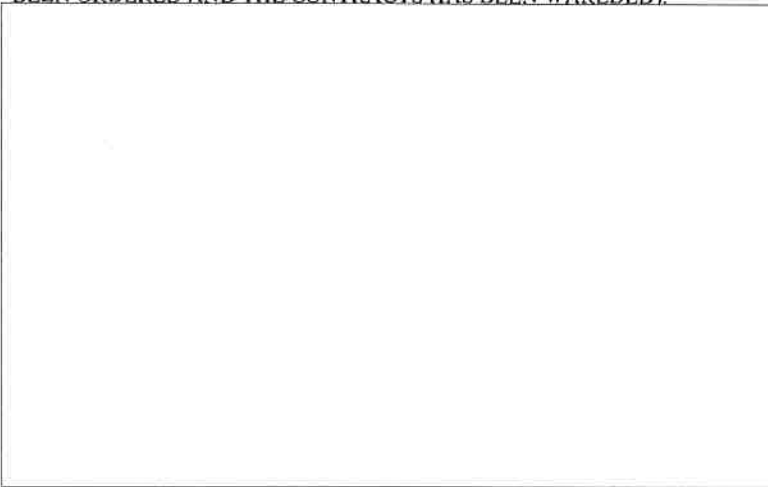
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ANTI-NARCOTICS UNITS. IT IS COMMANED BY A CAPTAIN WITH TWO LIEUTENANTS AND L05 ME. THE TROOPS ARE ARMED WITH ISRAELI GALIL AUTOATIC RIFLES AND HAVE ONE U.S. SUPPLIED M-60 MACINE GUN. THEY HAVE A NEW NAS PROVIDED HF SECUR VOICE AND TELETYPE RADIO. HAND HELD UHF RADIOSARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. THE UNIT HAS THREE, ONE-AD-A-HALF TON NAS-SUPPLIED TRUCKS AND ONE PICK-U. THE PICK-UP AND ONE OF THE TRUCKS ARE OPERABE. (NAS COMMENT: AN AUTOMOBILE PARTS CONTRACT S PENDING, AS IS AN ORDER VIA GSA FOR 2L NEW PICK-U TRUCKS. HANDHELD RADIOS FOR TACTICAL UNITS ALO HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND THE CONTRACTS HAS BEEN WAREDED).



6. LOCATED IN CALL AR 322 LEGALLY REGISTERED USERS OF PRECURSOR CHEMCALS (PAINT AND PLASTIC FACTORIES, AUTOMOBILE BDY SHOPS, FERTILIZER PLANTS ETC.). SINCE HE WAS ASSIGNED 60 DAYS AGO, THE CAPTAIN SPENDS 80% OF HIS TIME PROCESSING THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS (8 PAGES PER COPY) FOR THE 322 INDUSTRIES. HE IS REQUIRED TO INSPECT AND INTERVIEW EACH ONE BEFORE VERIFYING THEIR LEGITIMATE NEED FOR THE CHEMICALS. UNANNOUNCED FOLLOW-UP INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO MONITOR FOR DIVERSION.

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7. THE ZONE COMMANDER AND THE CALI [REDACTED] GROUP COMMANDER OFFERED THE FOLLOWING (INFORMAL) OPINIONS OF THE CALL CARTER:

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A. THEY AVOID VIOLENCE AND PUBLICITY WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND PREFER INVISABILITY.

B. THE MAJORITY OF THEIR LABS ARE LOCATED IN CAQUETA, PUTUMAYO, AND VALLE DEL CAUCA.

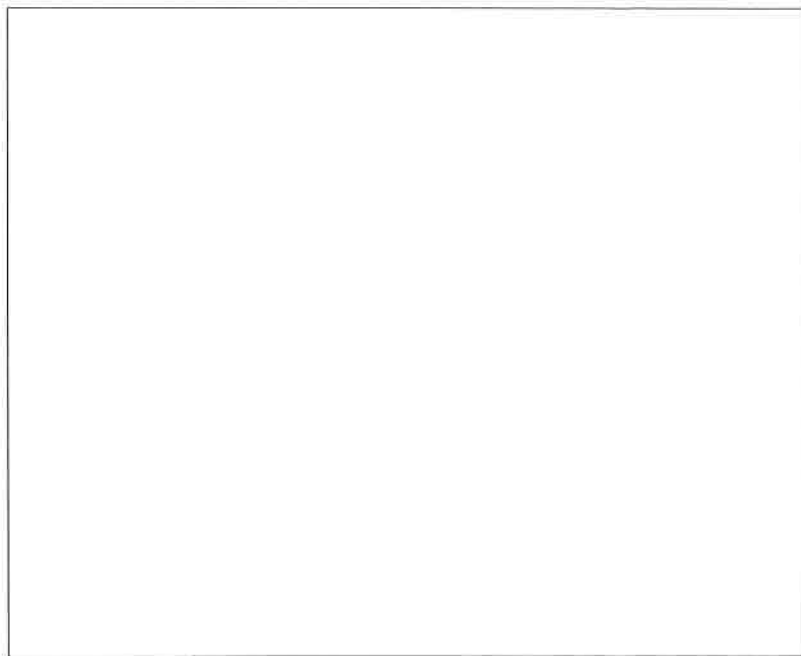
C. CARTAGO (4 DEGREES 50 MINUTES NORTH, 75 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST) IS A MAJOR CENTER OF FAMILY CONNECTIONS AND ACTIVITY.

D. THEY BUY MOST OF THEIR COCAINE BASE IN PERU AND TRANSPORT IT TO HCL LABS IN THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT.

E. THEIR PREFERRED ROUTE FOR EXPORTING COCAINE HCL IS VIA CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO.

F. THEIR WAR WITH THE MEDELLIN CARTER CONTINUES BUT AT A REDUCED LEVEL OF VIOLENCE DUE TO EXTENSIVE CNP PRESSURE ON MEDELLIN.

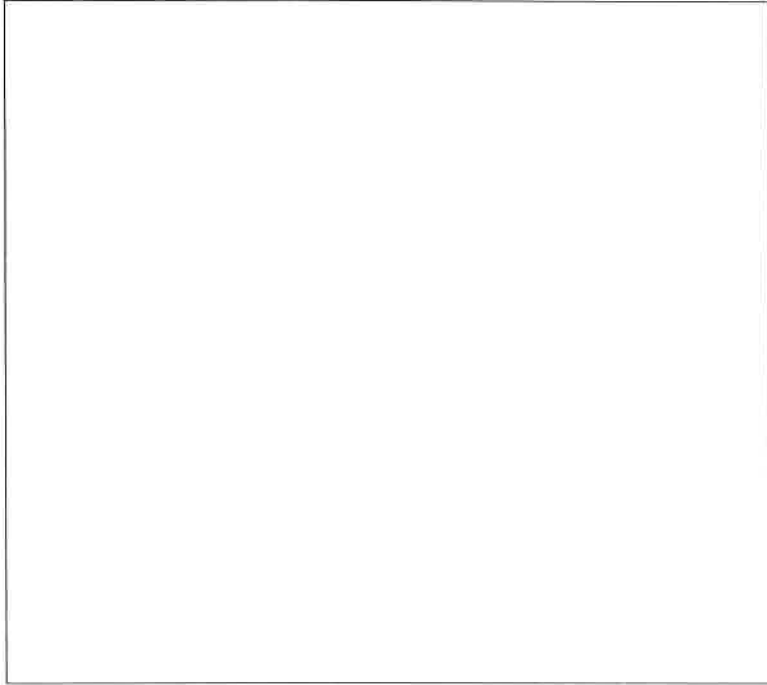
G. SAN ANDRES ISLAND IN THE CARIBBEAN IS "CONTROLLED" BY CALI AND USED LARGELY FOR INVESTMENT IN HOTELS, ETC.



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A. WHILE EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE HAD REASON TO SUSPECT PREVIOUS CALI [REDACTED] GROUP COMMANDERS OF CORRUPTION INCLUDING RUMOURS OF \$17,000 USD MONTHLY PAYOFFS, THE INCUMBENT AS WELL AS THE ZONE COMMANDER ARE NOT CURRENTLY SUSPECT AND APPEAR TO BE HARD WORKING AND HONEST.

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C. THE CNP/NAS NEEDS TO SUPPORT THESE VITAL UNITS WITH MORE FUNDS, VEHICLE REPAIR, AND HELICOPTERS.

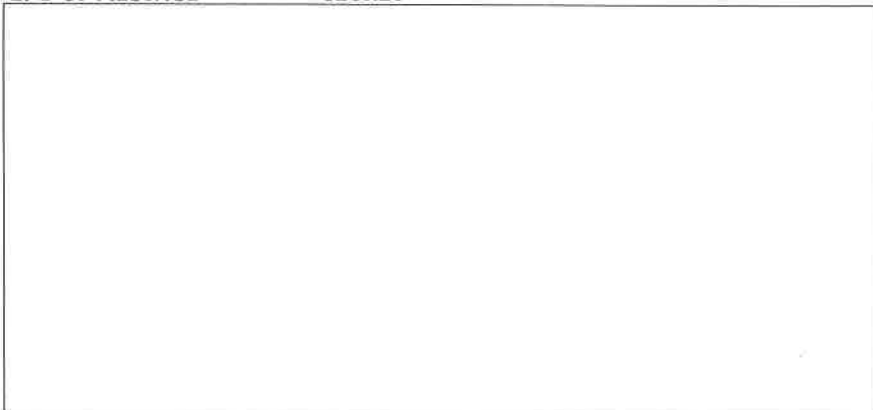
D. THERE IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE FOR THE ALERT VISITOR FAMILIAR WITH BOTH CALL AND MEDELLIN. CALI IS RELAXED, CALM AND CHEERFUL. MEDELLIN IS OMINOUS, THREATENING, AND HEAVY HANDED. THE TWO CARTELS SEEM TO REPRESENT THEIR ENVIRONMENTS.  
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