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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF THE U.S. FUNDED NARCOTICS PROGRAM -- COLOMBIA -- APRIL 1991

1. MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

--EX-MINISTER OF JUSTICE IS SLAIN.

--FIVE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE (CNP) DIRECTORATE OF ANTI-NARCOTICS (DAN) AGENTS ARE KILLED IN A FIREFIGHT, BRINGING THE 1991 DAN TOTAL FOR KILLED IN ACTION TO 21.

--CNP DAN SEIZE 10.2 METRIC TONS OF COCAINE HCL IN MONTERIA DEPARTMENT.

--INSTALLATION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC ORDER JUDGES IN CALI IS COMPLETED.

--IX IDEC CONFERENCE IS HELD IN CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF DEA CHIEF ROBERT BONNER.

--THE PROCURADURIA CONFIRMS THAT THE BULLET WHICH KILLED JOURNALIST DIANA TURBAY WAS NOT FIRED BY THE POLICE.

2. COCAINE INTERDICTION/PRECURSOR CHEMICAL CONTROL/HEROIN

A. CONTINUING THEIR SERIES OF EXTRAORDINARY BUSTS, DAN TROOPS FROM THE 3RD COMPANY IN APARTADO SEIZED AND DESTROYED 10.2 METRIC TONS OF COCAINE HCL ON APRIL 15TH NEAR MONTERIA. THIS WAS THE THIRD MAJOR SEIZURE IN THIS

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AREA (THE CNP GOT 4,532 KILOS ON FEBRUARY 17 AND 6,910 KILOS ON MARCH 30). INTENSIVE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY IN MONTERIA SINCE THE JANUARY KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF A CNP DIJIN (F-2) CAPTAIN AND SERGEANT, WHOSE BODIES HAVE STILL NOT BEEN LOCATED. THE THREE SEIZURES TOTAL OVER 21.6 METRIC TONS, THUS RANKING THE OVERALL OPERATION AS THE LARGEST BUST IN HISTORY AND OUTSTRIPPING BOTH THE TRANQUILANDIA AND PETROLERA OPERATIONS.

B. THERE ARE REPORTS OF CONTINUED CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPIES IN THE TOLIMA/HUILA/CAUCA AREA. THE CNP HAVE RECENTLY SEIZED POPPY SEEDS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

3. CANNABIS ERADICATION/MARIJUANA INTERDICTION

A. A CNP DAN UNIT SEIZED 21.5 TONS OF MARIJUANA ON APRIL 18 IN MARIANGOLA, NEAR VALLEDUPAR, CESAR DEPARTMENT.

B. 7.5 TONS OF MARIJUANA WERE SEIZED ON APRIL 15 FROM A FARM NEAR EL DESASTRE IN CESAR DEPARTMENT.

4. POLICE INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS

A. FIVE CNP DAN TROOPS WERE KILLED AND FOUR POLICE AIR SERVICE (SAPOL) HELICOPTERS DAMAGED DURING A FIREFIGHT WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC) ON APRIL 28TH NEAR RIONEGRO, CAQUETA INTENDENCIA. HAVING COMPLETED AN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATION, THE DAN TROOPS WERE RETURNING TO BOGOTA WHEN THEY WERE ORDERED TO ASSIST A POLICE STATION UNDER ATTACK AT RIONEGRO. ONE HELICOPTER RECEIVED 14 HITS AND LOST AN ENGINE, ANOTHER TEN HITS, AND THE THIRD AND FOURTH HELICOPTERS ONE HIT EACH. ALL RETURNED TO BASE. THESE DEATHS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAN TROOPS KILLED IN ACTION DURING 1991 TO 21.

B. THE CAQUETA OPERATION RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF

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THREE AIR STRIPS AND SOME AVIATION FUEL.

C. POLICE STATISTICS:

THE FOLLOWING ARE APRIL SEIZURE TOTALS REPORTED BY THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE:

A. CNP MONTHLY TOTALS (INCLUDES F-2/DIJIN)

	APR 91	91 YTD	90 TOTAL
COCAINE HCL SEIZED (KG.)	18,966.43	39,881	15,704
COCAINE BASE SEIZED (KG.)	212.68	2,615	3,427
COCA LEAVES SEIZED (MT.)	2.58	9	528
COCA PLANTS DEST. (HECT.)	132.63	136	161
BASUCO SEIZED (KG.)	6.61	397	655
LABS DESTROYED-COCA/COCAINE	20.00	29	269
MARIJUANA SEIZED (MT.)	29.27	79	664
MARIJUANA SPRAYED (HECT.)	0.02	0	66
CANNABIS DESTROYED (HECT.)	0.00	0	36
HASHISH SEIZED (KG.)	0.00	0	0
HASHISH LABS DESTROYED	0.00	0	0
OPIUM POPPY PLANTS DEST.	4,500.00	34,500	0
OPIUM GUM (KG.)	0.00	0	0.3
ETHER SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	368.27	1,251	11,509
ACETONE SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	249.36	1,795	16,016
M.E.K. SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	0.00	194	7,802
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE (MT.)	0.13	.13	24
ARRESTS	100.00	1,406	6,150
CLAND. AIRSTRIPS (DEST.)	11.00	37	129
AIRCRAFT SEIZED	0.00	4	17
VEHICLES SEIZED	4.00	38	163
ARMS SEIZED	29.00	129	NO REC

5. NON-CNP INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS:

A. COLOMBIAN MARINES BASED AT PUERTO LEGUIZAMO USING NEWLY USG-PROVIDED 22-FOOT PATROL BOATS RAIDED A COCAINE PRODUCTION SITE AT PUNTO ROJO (ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS NW OF PUERTO LEGUIZAMO) ON THE CAUCAYA RIVER IN PUTUMAYO INTENDENCIA ON APRIL 24. THE MARINES DESTROYED TWO LABS

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AND 5 KILOS OF COCAINE HCL; 80 KILOS OF BASE; 400 KILOS OF COCA LEAF; ETHER; POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE; AND GASOLINE. THE SITE ALSO INCLUDED 3-HECTARE COCA FIELDS, ALSO DESTROYED.

B. ARMED FORCES/POLICE COOPERATION

PREPARATIONS FOR HELICOPTER FORWARD OPERATING LOCATIONS (FOL) AT PUERTO LEGUIZAMO, PUTUMAYO, PROGRESSED. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF SEVERAL FOLS INTENDED FOR JOINT USE BY CNP AND COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES UNITS IN ANTINARCOTICS OPERATIONS.

C. NON-POLICE INTERDICTION STATISTICS

1) APRIL 1991

	ARMY	NAVY	AIR F.	DAS
COCAINE HCL SEIZED (KG.)	9	5	0	4
COCAINE BASE SEIZED (KG.)	2	80	0	4
COCA DESTROYED (HECT.)	25	3	0	0
CANNABIS DESTROYED (HECT.)	0	0	0	0
LABS DESTROYED-COCA/COCAINE	1	2	0	0
BULK MARIJUANA SEIZED (MT.)	0	0	0	.4
BAZUCO SEIZED (KG.)	162	0	0	0
ETHER SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	66	22.3	0	0
ACETONE SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	352	0	0	0
M.E.K. SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	0	0	0	0
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE (MT.)	0	.07	0	0
ARMS SEIZED	5	5	0	0
VEHICLES SEIZED	1	0	0	1
AIRCRAFT SEIZED	0	0	0	0
BOATS	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS	21	10	0	14

2) 1991 CUMMULATIVE THROUGH APRIL

	ARMY	NAVY	AIR F.	DAS
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COCAINE HCL SEIZED (KG.)	28	5	0 4
COCAINE BASE SEIZED (KG.)	2002	80	0 4
COCA DESTROYED (HECT.)	25	3	0 0
CANNABIS DESTROYED (HECT.)	0	0	0 0
LABS DESTROYED-COCA/COCAINE	6	2	0 0
BULK MARIJUANA SEIZED (MT.)	0	0	0 4
BAZUCO SEIZED (KG.)	162	0	0 0
ETHER SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	166	22.3	0 0
ACETONE SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	352	0	0 0
M.E.K. SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	0	0	0 0
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE (MT.)	0	.07	0 0
ARMS SEIZED	11	5	0 0
VEHICLES SEIZED	3	0	0 1
AIRCRAFT SEIZED	0	0	1 0
BOATS	0	1	0 0
ARRESTS	43	10	4 17

3) 1990 TOTAL - COMPARATIVE

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	ARMY	NAVY	AIR F.	DAS
COCAINE HCL SEIZED (KG.)	28,760	2,752	0	55
COCAINE BASE SEIZED (KG.)	2,232	1	0	141
COCA DESTROYED (HECT.)	504	256	0	106
LABS DESTROYED-COCA/COCAINE	37	31	0	17
BULK MARIJUANA SEIZED (MT.)	1.5	2.9	0	0
ETHER SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	81,565	0	0	0
ACETONE SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	34,375	0	0	0
M.E.K. SEIZED (55-GL. BL.)	12,485	0	0	0
ARMS SEIZED	505	196	0	7
VEHICLES SEIZED	104	21	1	9
AIRCRAFT SEIZED	17	7	1	0
BOATS	1	3B	0	1
ARRESTS	456	188	0	51

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

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A. DEATHS/ARRESTS/RELEASES

1) TOP MEDELLIN ASSASSIN PAUL DANIEL MUNOZ MOSQUERA ("LA QUICA") ESCAPED FROM BOGOTA'S MODELO PRISON ON APRIL 18. THIS WAS MUNOZ'S SECOND ESCAPE FROM PRISON; HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BROKEN OUT OF BELLA VISTA PRISON ON AUGUST 2 ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER BRANCE ("TYSON"), ANOTHER TOP MEDELLIN ASSASSIN.

2) THE PROCURADURIA REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE DIANA TURBAY SHOOTING WAS DELIVERED APRIL 5 TO PRESIDENT GAVIRIA. SOME OF THE SECRET REPORT'S FINDINGS WERE REVEALED TO THE PRESS BY PROCURADOR GENERAL ARRIETA. THE FATAL BULLET WAS FOUND NOT TO HAVE BEEN FIRED BY THE POLICE. NEWS ARTICLES CLAIM THAT THE REPORT ALLEGED MAJOR MISCONDUCT BY SEVERAL OF THE POLICE INVOLVED IN THE TURBAY OPERATION.

B. SIGNIFICANT NARCOTRAFFICKER ACTIVITIES

1) EX-MINISTER OF JUSTICE ENRIQUE LOW MURTRA WAS MURDERED APRIL 30, THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF JUSTICE MINISTER LARA BONILLA. MINISTER OF JUSTICE FROM 1987-1988, LOW HAD ORDERED THE ARREST OF TOP NARCOTRAFFICKERS SUCH AS PABLO ESCOBAR, GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA, AND THE OCHOA BROTHERS FOR EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS ORDER WAS LATER OVERTURNED BY A COLOMBIAN COURT, BUT LOW MURTRA REMAINED A SUPPORTER OF EXTRADITION. FOLLOWING HIS PERIOD AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, LOW MURTRA HAD SERVED A TOUR AS THE COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND THEN RETURNED TO BOGOTA AS THE DEAN OF ECONOMICS AT LA SALLE UNIVERSITY. HE HAD JUST FINISHED TEACHING A CLASS AND WAS CATCHING A TAXI WHEN A "SICARIO" (HIRED ASSASSIN) OPENED FIRE ON HIM.

2) POPULAR TV PRIEST FATHER RAFAEL GARCIA HERREROS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PABLO ESCOBAR AND THAT ESCOBAR WANTS TO BE REINCORPORATED INTO SOCIETY.

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7. EXTRADITION UPDATE

A BAN ON EXTRADITION IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN. A SPECIAL SUBGROUP OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WROTE AND PASSED A PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE A BAN ON EXTRADITION IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION. THE PROPOSAL HAS TO BE CONSIDERED AND PASSED BY THE TWO CA SUBCOMMISSIONS BEFORE GOING TO THE PLENARY OF THE CA. THERE, IT WILL HAVE TO BE READ AND PASSED TWICE BEFORE FINAL ADOPTION. AT THE END OF APRIL, THE PROPOSAL WAS STILL BEFORE THE TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS.

8. INSTITUTION BUILDING

A. PROJECT AGREEMENTS:

1) DURING APRIL, THE FY 91 NATIONAL POLICE PROJECT LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR USD 17.3 MILLION WAS SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR MCNAMARA. WE EXPECT DEFENSE MINISTER BOTERO TO SIGN IT SOON.

2) A VISITING DSAA TEAM (APRIL 15-19) MET WITH CNP GENERAL MUNOZ AND DAN AND SAPOL COLONELS TO COMPLETE THE FMF CASE FOR TWO TURBO-MODIFIED C-47 AIRCRAFT FOR SAPOL. IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS MOD BOTERO APPROVES IT.

C. TRAINING AND CONFERENCES:

1) A MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT) COMPLETED WEAPONS AND TACTICAL TRAINING FOR DAN UNITS AT TULUA AND MARIQUITA. THEY ALSO TRAINED THE COMPOSITE CNP TASK FORCE AT FINCH NAPOLES, A FORMER PROPERTY OF TRAFFICKER PABLO ESCOBAR.

2) DELEGATES TO THE APRIL 25-26 MEETING OF THE CHEMICAL ACTION TASK FORCE IN WASHINGTON DC INCLUDED MARIA ALEXANDRA VELEZ (FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY), LUIS EDUARDO MONTOYA (NATIONAL DIRECTORATE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS), AND FERNANDO NAVAS DE BRIGARD (FOREIGN MINISTRY). THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATES FAVORED ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF CHEMICALS.

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3) COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS DIRECTOR MAURICIO VILLEGAS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR FOR DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CUSTOMS, HELD FROM APRIL 22-24 IN CARACAS.

4) NAS-SPONSORED U.S. TRAINING FOR POLICE PERSONNEL IN APRIL INCLUDED:

--AN ELECTRONIC FUNDAMENTALS COURSE AT HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA;

--AN AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL REPAIR COURSE AT HOMESTEAD;

--AN AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS/NAVIGATION COURSE AT HOMESTEAD;

--AN AVIONICS INSTRUMENT COURSE AT HOMESTEAD;

--A HELICOPTER MECHANICS COURSE AT HOMESTEAD;

--A NICAD BATTERY COURSE AT HOMESTEAD;

--A 10-WEEK TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER COURSE AT THE U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS (USARSA), FT. BENNING, GEORGIA (TWO PERSONS).

--A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER COURSE AT USARSA (TWO PERSONS).

D. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

1) NAS-FINANCED CONSTRUCTION OF AN IMPROVED INTEL UNIT IN ATLANTICO DEPARTMENT (CARTAGENA) WAS COMPLETED IN APRIL.

2) WORK WAS COMPLETED ON THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE BARRACKS CONSTRUCTION FOR DAN TROOPS AT SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE. ADDITIONAL BARRACKS FOR NCO'S AND OFFICERS ARE STILL NEEDED.

9. SAPOL AVIATION ACTIVITY

1991 STATISTICS:

1) HOURS

MONTH	HELICOPTERS	FIXED WING
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JAN	647.90	322.80
FEB	600.30	338.00
MAR	715.70	388.60
APR	689.50	394.00
91 YTD	2,653.40	1,444.40
90 TOTAL	10,102.20	4,734.75

2) AVAILABILITY (IN PERCENTAGES)

MONTH	HELICOPTERS	FIXED WING
=====	=====	=====
JAN	59.01	70.11
FEB	58.13	58.32
MAR	66.10	53.90
APR	61.36	55.37
91 YTD	62.48	57.82
90 TOTAL	72.86	70.12

3) UTILIZATION (IN PERCENTAGES)

MONTH	HELICOPTERS	FIXED WING
=====	=====	=====
JAN	47.10	36.39
FEB	46.92	47.65
MAR	50.20	50.50
APR	52.72	49.50
91 YTD	52.44	47.72
90 TOTAL	49.42	37.00

10. DEMAND REDUCTION/DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

A. FY 90 DEMAND REDUCTION MATERIALS WERE PRESENTED TO THE GOC BY AMBASSADOR MCNAMARA. SOME 220,000 MANUALS AND 300,000 WORKBOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY A VARIETY OF PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

B. THE USIA (PRIVATE SECTOR GRANT)/PARTNERS OF THE

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AMERICAS TRAVELLING SEMINAR FOR U.S., EUROPEAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN JOURNALISTS MET IN BOGOTA FROM APRIL 15-19. NAS BOGOTA HELPED ARRANGE SPEAKERS FOR THE SEMINAR FROM THE CNP AND THE DNE ON TOPICS SUCH AS CNP INTERDICTION EFFORTS, CHEMICAL CONTROL, GOC ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICIES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE.

C. THE REIGNING MISS UNIVERSE WAS IN BOGOTA TO ATTEND FUND RAISERS FOR THE FIRST LADY'S FUNDACION COLOMBIA PRESENTE (COLOMBIA PRESENT FOUNDATION), WHICH AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES SUPPORTS DEMAND REDUCTION AND DRUG EDUCATION PROJECTS.

11. JUDICIAL ISSUES

A. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

1) GENERAL

--COLOMBIAN CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE LEONEL RINCON TORRES WAS MURDERED IN THE COMMUNITY OF EL CASTILLO (META DEPARTMENT) BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN ON APRIL 18.

--THE COLOMBIAN SUPREME COURT FOUND GUILTY A JUDGE AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE PROCURADURIA FOR CORRUPTION ("PREVARICATO") FOR IMPROPERLY RELEASING SEVERAL MARIJUANA TRAFFICKERS. THE COURT ISSUED AN ARREST WARRANT FOR THE TWO AND REFUSED TO SUSPEND THEIR 30-MONTH SENTENCES.

2) SURRENDER DECREES

--AN ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR THE JUDGE WHO LAST JANUARY RELEASED NARCOTRAFFICKER GONZALO MEJIA SANIN (WHO HAD SURRENDERED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOC'S NO EXTRADITION/REDUCTION OF SENTENCES PLEA BARGAIN DECREES). ALTHOUGH THESE DECREES PROHIBIT IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THOSE SURRENDERING, ACTING JUDGE ARISTIDES BETANCUR CIUFELLI SUSPENDED MEJIA SANIN'S SENTENCE AND

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RELEASED HIM.

--A LAWYER FOR DRUG KINGPIN JORGE LUIS OCHOA TOLD THE DAILY "EL ESPECTADOR" THAT OCHOA FACES NO COLOMBIAN OR INTERNATIONAL CHARGES OTHER THAN THOSE TO WHICH HE HIMSELF CONFESSED WHEN HE SURRENDERED UNDER THE PLEA BARGAIN DECREES. JUSTICE MINISTER JAIME GIRALDO LATER REFUSED TO CONFIRM THIS TO THE PRESS.

3) PUBLIC ORDER COURT DECREES

THE COLOMBIAN SUPREME COURT UPHELD THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF KEY SECTIONS OF THE DECREE ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC ORDER COURTS (DECREE 2790 OF 1990) ON APRIL 11.

B. JUDICIAL PROTECTION

THE JUDICIAL PROTECTION RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN CALI. NAS-PURCHASED SIRENS/LOUDSPEAKERS WERE ALSO INSTALLED IN NAS ARMORED VEHICLES IN CALI. RADIO EQUIPMENT ON LOAN WAS REMOVED FROM CALI, BUGA, CARTAGO, AND OTHER NEARBY CITIES.

12. THIRD COUNTRY ACTIVITY

A. THE LONG ARM OF THE COLOMBIAN CARTERS WAS EVIDENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. IN PANAMA, NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR GONZALO MENENDEZ FRANCO ON APRIL 17 ASSERTED "THAT PANAMA HAS BECOME A 'SECOND HEADQUARTERS' FOR THE COLOMBIAN DRUG CARTELS." NEWS REPORTS ALSO CITED A RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORT THAT CLAIMED NINE PANAMANIAN GANGS ARE CONTROLLED BY COLOMBIANS. IN BRAZIL, A FEDERAL JUDGE IMPOSED THE LONGEST POSSIBLE SENTENCES ON FOUR COLOMBIANS CAUGHT IN NOVEMBER 1990 WITH 500 KILOS OF COCAINE, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS "THE LARGEST SEIZURE EVER IN THE COUNTRY."

B. NAS OFFICERS MET DURING APRIL WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CANADIAN, BRITISH, ITALIAN, AND SPANISH EMBASSIES TO DISCUSS CN EFFORTS BY THEIR COUNTRIES. THE CANADIANS

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HOSTED A CN DONOR LUNCHEON, THE SECOND IN A SERIES BEGUN BY NAS IN MARCH.

13. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND MEDIA ISSUES

A. AN APRIL 1 "EL ESPECTADOR" ARTICLE CRITICIZED U.S. AID FOR BEING TOO LITTLE AND TOO MILITARY. ON APRIL 2 "EL ESPECTADOR" CARRIED A USIS-SUPPLIED ARTICLE ON THE EXTENT OF U.S. NON-MILITARY AID, BUT IN ITS COVERAGE OF THE ANTI-DRUG CONFERENCE IN LIMA AGAIN CRITICIZED U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR BEING TOO MILITARY ORIENTED.

B. JUSTICE MINISTER JAIME GIRALDO TOLD NEWS MEDIA THAT EVIDENCE SHARING TALKS WERE ON TRACK AND TOOK EXCEPTION TO "NEWSDAY" ARTICLES QUOTING COLOMBIAN AND U.S. OFFICIALS THAT EVIDENCE SHARING WAS FAILING AND THE OCHOAS WOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN THREE MONTHS. THE MEDIA ALSO CARRIED THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIAL OF THE "NEWSDAY" ARTICLE.

C. AMBASSADOR MCNAMARA WENT ON THE OFFENSIVE VIA AN APRIL 15 BRIEFING FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND AN APRIL 25 SPEECH AT LOS ANDES UNIVERSITY. AMBASSADOR MCNAMARA LABELED THE BANNING OF EXTRADITION "A MISTAKE FOR COLOMBIA." THE LOS ANDES SPEECH GARNERED WIDE PRESS COVERAGE THAT EMPHASIZED AMBASSADOR MCNAMARA'S ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LEGALIZATION OF THE DRUG TRADE (A TOPIC REGULARLY DISCUSSED ON COLOMBIAN EDITORIAL PAGES AND AMONG POLICY MAKERS).

14. MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

A. THE APRIL 23-26 MEETING OF THE IXTH INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE (IDEC) IN CARTAGENA (38 NATIONS REPRESENTED) DREW AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MEDIA ATTENTION BOTH BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER IT. IDEC FOCUSED ON MONEY LAUNDERING AND CONTROL OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS. REPRESENTATIVES OF 38 NATIONS ATTENDED. IN

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HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, PRESIDENT GAVIRIA SAID THAT WHILE EXTRADITION IS A USEFUL TOOL IT "CANNOT OR SHOULD NOT BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO AN EFFICIENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM." DEA'S CHIEF ROBERT BONNER NOTED IN HIS SPEECH THAT EXTRADITION WAS NEEDED OR ELSE THE GOC'S PLEA BARGAINING DECREES WOULD HAVE NO TEETH. DAN DIRECTOR COL. SERRANO NOTED THAT DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS 165,561 KILOS HAD BEEN SEIZED AND 2,250 POLICE KILLED.

B. PRESIDENT GAVIRIA ADDRESSED THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION IN MIAMI ON APRIL 16. HE AGAIN STATED HIS OPPOSITION TO A BAN ON EXTRADITION AND EXPLAINED HIS PLAN FOR JUDICIAL REFORM. THE PRESIDENT ALSO REMINDED THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS OF THE MANY COLOMBIAN JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE BEEN MURDERED AND/OR KIDNAPPED WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES.

C. ON APRIL 24TH TWO "EL ESPECTADOR" JOURNALISTS WERE GUNNED DOWN IN SEGOVIA, ANTOQUIA. THE TWO WERE WORKING ON A SERIES ON VIOLENCE IN COLOMBIA.

D. CODEL BRADLEY VISITED COLOMBIA ON APRIL 2. THE CODEL MET WITH PRESIDENT GAVIRIA AND OTHER KEY GOC OFFICIALS DURING THE VISIT.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

A. ADMINISTRATION

1) COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FINALLY BEGAN ARRIVING AT NAS BOGOTA IN APRIL. THE MAJORITY OF THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED BY THE PROCUREMENT AND B&F STAFFS TO PROVIDE QUICKER RESPONSES TO PROCUREMENT REQUESTS AND BETTER CONTROL OF EQUIPMENT.

2) NAS BOGOTA OCCUPIED NEW WAREHOUSE FACILITIES IN APRIL. THE NEW FACILITY WILL SERVE AS THE MAIN WAREHOUSING DEPOT FOR THE CNP AIRWING, AS WELL AS FOR OTHER NAS PROJECTS. THE CNP AIRWING HAS AGREED TO

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PROVIDE TRAINED SUPPLY PERSONNEL TO SUPPORT THE WAREHOUSE OPERATION. THE NEW WAREHOUSE WILL PERMIT CENTRAL RECEIPTING AND DISPATCH OF ALL PROGRAM MATERIALS, THUS MATERIALLY IMPROVING NAS BOGOTA'S ABILITY TO TRACK MATERIALS FOR END-USE-MONITORING.

B. FIELD VISITS AND TRIPS

1) THE NAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR/JUDICIAL PROTECTION PROJECT MANAGER VISITED CALL ON APRIL 24 TO REVIEW THE INSTALLATION OF THE JUDICIAL PROTECTION RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE "INVISIBLE JUDGES" RECEIVED THEIR RADIOS AND HAD A TRAINING SESSION IN HOW TO USE THEM.

2) THE NATIONAL POLICE PROJECT OFFICER AND THE VISITING INM/P PROGRAM OFFICER ON APRIL 25 VISITED COLOMBIAN ARMY 2ND DIVISION COMMANDER GENERAL MIGUEL SANMIGUEL TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ERADICATION OF COCA CULTIVATIONS IN SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF THE U.S FUNDED NARCOTICS BOLIVAR AND SANTANDER DEPARTMNTS.

3) THE FIELD ADVISOR VISITED THE DANNORTH COMMAND, BASED AT SANTA MARTA, FROM APRIL 9-11 TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF DAN PROJECTS AND OPRATIONS IN THE AREA. HE ALSO VISITED FORT BRAG, N.C., TO COORDINATE AN MTT AND A TWO-MAN ONE-EAR ETSS TRAINING TEAM. ON THE SAME TRIP, HE CORDINATED LOGISTICS (FIELD GEAR) WITH INM/C.

C. VISITORS

1) ICITAP'S AL ORTIZ WAS INTOWN FROM APRIL 21-30, WORKING ON ICITAP'S TRAINING PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS. SINCE THE PROPOSAL INCORPORATES TRAINING IN JUDICIAL PROTECTION, ORTIZ MET WITH BOTH THE NAS DIRECTOR AND THE JUDICIAL PROTECTION PROJECT MANAGER.

2) USIS'S RESEARCH LIBRARIAN JEAN CAVANAUGH WAS IN BOGOTA FROM APRIL 1-5 TO TRAIN USERS ON THE INTERNATIONAL

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NARCOTICS INFORMATION NETWORK, PAID FOR BY INN AND ADMINISTERED BY USIA. THE DEMAND REDUCTION PROJECT MANAGER WAS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING TRAINING FROM CAVANAUGH, IN EXCHANGE FOR A BRIEFING ON NAS ACTIVITIES.

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