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 PROGRAM -- COLOMBIA -- SEPTEMBER 1991

1. MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

--ALLEGED COLOMBIAN ASSASSIN "LA QUICA" HAS CAPTURED IN
 NEW YORK.

--A COLOMBIAN JUDGE AND AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PROCURADURIA
 WERE ASSASSINATED.

--POLICE COCAINE BASE SEIZURES WERE GOOD, BUT HCL
 SEIZURES HIT THIS YEAR'S MONTHLY LOW.

2. COCAINE INTERDICTION/PRECURSOR CHEMICAL CONTROL

A. CNP DAN TROOPS FOUND AND DESTROYED 17,050 GALLONS OF
 ACETONE, 8,800 GALLONS OF MEK, AND 2,200 GALLONS OF
 GASOLINE ON A FARM NEAR THE TOWN OF SAN MARTIN (META
 DEPARTMENT) SEPTEMBER 4.

B. ON SEPTEMBER 5, DAN TROOPS RAIDED AN ILLEGAL AIRFIELD

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NEAR CAGUAN, CAQUETA DEPARTMENT. THEY FOUND A CESSNA STATIONAIR II-6, EQUIPPED WITH EXPENSIVE AIR NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT AND LOADED WITH 500 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE, READY TO TAKE OFF. ANOTHER 2,000 KILOS OF BASE WERE STACKED NEARBY, PRESUMABLY READY TO BE LOADED ON OTHER PLANES. THE COCAINE WAS DESTROYED, THE AIRPLANE CONFISCATED, AND A PILOT LATER LOCATED AND ARRESTED.

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3. ERADICATION: OPIUM POPPIES

A. CNP AGENTS NEAR GUAYATA, BOYACA, FOUND AND DESTROYED TWO FIELDS OF OPIUM POPPY TOTALING ABOUT SIX HECTARES SEPTEMBER 20TH. EXPERIENCED WASHINGTON OBSERVERS WENT ALONG. PLANT DENSITY WAS ABOUT TWO PER SQUARE METER, BUT SOME PLANTS HAD OVER 40 BULBS.

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B. A 7.5 HECTARE OPIUM POPPY FIELD WAS DESTROYED BY TROOPS FROM THE ARTILLERY SCHOOL NEAR THE TOWN OF GUTIERREZ, CUNDINAMARCA DEPARTMENT. THE OWNER OF THE FIELD WAS ARRESTED. THE SAME TROOPS FOUND ANOTHER 16.5 HECTARE FIELD ON A NEIGHBORING FARM, AGAIN ARRESTING ONE PERSON.

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C. OTHER FINDS INCLUDED 6,000 OPIUM POPPY PLANTS NEAR TORIBIO, CAUCA DEPARTMENT, BY THIRD DIVISION ENGINEERS; A TWELVE-HECTARE OPIUM POPPY FIELD NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN, CAUCA DEPARTMENT, BY THIRD DIVISION INFANTRYMEN; AND A 2.5 HECTARES NEAR CACERES, ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT, BY TROOPS FROM MOBILE BRIGADE NO. 2.

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D. PER OUR AUGUST MONTHLY, IN MOST CASES FIELD SIZES ARE ESTIMATES AND NOT BASED ON PRECISE MEASUREMENTS.

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4. OTHER POLICE INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS

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A. OVERALL: TWO CNP OFFICERS DIED DURING SEPTEMBER.

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1) MAJOR RICARDO AVILA, THE CNP'S CHIEF OF PLANS ASSIGNED TO MEDELLIN, WAS KILLED SEPTEMBER 9 DURING A DYNAMITE ATTACK ON THE VEHICLE IN WHICH HE WAS TRAVELLING. TWO OTHER POLICE AGENTS WERE WOUNDED. THE ATTACK OCCURRED WHEN AVILA WAS RETURNING FROM INSPECTING THE ITAGUI PRISON, IN WHICH THE OCHOA BROTHERS ARE INCARCERATED. THE CNP COULD NOT POSITIVELY CONFIRM WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK, BUT INDICATIONS WERE THAT GUERRILLAS MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE.

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2) CAPTAIN OMAR CARO FORERO, COMMANDER OF THE DAN'S 7TH COMPANY (SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE), DROWNED SEPTEMBER 21ST WHILE LEADING AN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATION NEAR SAN

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VICENTE DEL CAGUAN (CAQUETA). CAPTAIN CARO HAD WORKED CLOSELY WITH NAS AND DEA AND WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST DAN FIELD COMMANDERS. HIS DEATH BROUGHT THE TOTAL FOR DAN DEATHS IN 1991 TO 22.

B. THE 1ST DAN COMPANY (SANTA MARTA) DESTROYED 2,750 KILOS OF PACKAGED MARIJUANA ON SEPTEMBER 22.

C. FOR POLICE INTERDICTION STATISTICS, SEE PARAGRAPH 15.

5. OTHER NON-CNP INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS:

A. OVERALL: CHANGES AT THE TOP OF TWO IMPORTANT GOC INSTITUTIONS HIGHLIGHTED SEPTEMBER.

1) MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL OSCAR BOTERO RESIGNED AUGUST 22 AND WAS REPLACED AUGUST 26 BY RAFAEL PARDO RUEDA, PRESIDENT GAVIRIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. PARDO IS THE FIRST CIVILIAN HEAD OF THE MILITARY SINCE 1953.

2) DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS) CHIEF GENERAL MIGUEL MAZA MARQUEZ RESIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 5 AND HAS REPLACED BY FERNANDO BRITO RUIZ, PRESIDENT GAVIRIA'S JUDICIAL ADVISOR.

B. IN ADDITION TO THE OPIUM POPPY FINDS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, THE COLOMBIAN ARMY CONTINUED TO MOUNT OPERATIONS RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF NARCOTICS AND SOME ARRESTS. A FEW EXAMPLES FOLLOW:

1) THIRD DIVISION TROOPS FOUND AND DESTROYED A LABORATORY NEAR ZARZAL, VALLE DEPARTMENT. AMONG THE PRECURSOR CHEMICALS AT THE LABORATORY WERE 565 GALLONS OF ACETONE, 55 GALLONS OF THINNER, 10 GALLONS OF ARSENIC, PLUS FOUR METALIC PRESSES, A TRANSFORMER, ETC.

2) FIRST DIVISION TROOPS RAIDED A FARM NEAR ANORI, ANTIOQUIA DEPARTMENT, ARRESTING THREE AND SEIZING TWO KILOS OF BASUCO AND 10,000 COCA PLANTS.

3) THIRD DIVISION TROOPS ARRESTED A WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE 8TH FARC (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA) FRONT NEAR THE TOWN OF TAMBO, CAUCA DEPARTMENT. SEIZED WITH THE WOMAN WERE A HODGE-PODGE OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS (106 GALLONS OF GASOLINE, 43 SACKS OF LIME, 3 GALLONS OF SULFURIC ACID, 1 KILO OF POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE, 1 SACK OF CAUSTIC SODA), 7 POUNDS OF BASUCO, AND 8 KILOS OF BASUCO "PULP."

C. THE COLOMBIAN NAVY MOUNTED A NUMBER OF OPERATIONS,

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INCLUDING:

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- 1) PUERTO LEGUIZAMO-BASED MARINES, DURING AN OPERATION ON THE RIO PUTUMAYO, ARRESTED TWO MEN AND SEIZED A BOAT, MOTOR, AND 13.2 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE SEPTEMBER 1.
- 2) ON A FARM NEAR PUERTO LEGUIZAMO ON SEPTEMBER 13 TROOPS RAIDED A LABORATORY, FINDING 88 KILOS OF PROCESSED COCA LEAF.

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- 3) THE COLOMBIAN SHIP "JAIME GOMEZ CASTRO" SEARCHED THE LIBERIAN-REGISTERED BOAT "WARNIA" IN THE GULF OF URABA, FINDING 51 KILOS OF COCAINE HIDDEN AMONG A BANANA CARGO.

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- D. EIGHT NARCOTRAFFICKERS, ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF THE "PACHO" HERRERA NARCOTRAFFICKING FAMILY OF THE CALI CARTEL, WERE ARRESTED SEPTEMBER 6 BY MEMBERS OF MILITARY POLICE BATALLION NO. 3 DURING A SEARCH OF A HOUSE IN A CALL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. NUMEROUS ARMS AND VEHICLES WERE SEIZED AT THE HOUSE.

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- E. ARMED FORCES/POLICE COOPERATION

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- 1) PARTICIPANTS IN THE U.S. MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT)-TAUGHT COURSE AT ESPINAL (SEE PARAGRAPH 8B1) RECEIVED ACCESS TO COLOMBIAN ARMY RANGES THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE COURSE. IN ADDITION TO 14 FOREIGN STUDENTS, FOUR COLOMBIAN ARMY AND MARINE OFFICERS ATTENDED THE COURSE.

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- 2) A COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE (FAG) LIEUTENANT IS ONE OF FOUR PILOTS BEING FLIGHT TRAINED IN THE U.S. FOR THE TURBO PROP C-47'S.

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- F. FOR NON-POLICE INTERDICTION STATISTICS, SEE PARAGRAPH 17.

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- 6. OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

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- A. DEATHS/ARRESTS/RELEASES

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- DANDENY MUNOZ MOSQUERA, "LA QUICA," AN ALLEGED TOP COLOMBIAN ASSASSIN FOR THE MEDELLIN CARTEL, WAS CAPTURED IN QUEENS, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 26TH BY DEA. INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY GOC OFFICIALS, WHO IDENTIFIED THE FALSE PASSPORT UNDER WHICH MUNOZ TRAVELLED TO THE USA, MADE THE CAPTURE POSSIBLE. MUNOZ IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATIONS OF MANY FROMINENT COLOMBIANS AND OVER 200 CNP POLICEMEN ASSIGNED TO MEDELLIN. THE LOCAL MEDIA SPECULATED THAT MUNOZ WAS SENT TO THE UNITED STATES TO ASSASSINATE A MEDELLIN CARTEL

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ENEMY. MUNOZ WILL BE FORMALLY CHARGED IN NEW YORK WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1001 (LYING TO A FEDERAL OFFICER), THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR WHICH IS FIVE YEARS. HE IS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED WITHOUT BOND IN NEW YORK CITY. THE CNP ARE COOPERATING WITH U.S. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS IN THE HOPE THAT MUNOZ CAN BE CONVICTED OF A MAJOR U.S. CHARGE AND DETAINED IN A U.S. PRISON FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

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B. SIGNIFICANT NARCOTRAFFICKER ACTIVITIES

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A CALI CARTEL CAPO ISSUED AN "OPEN LETTER" DISAVOWING FUTURE CALL CARTEL VIOLENCE AGAINST JUDGES (SEE SECTION 10B). WHILE MEDELLIN CARTEL MANIPULATION OF THE COLOMBIAN MEDIA IS DE RIGEUR, UNTIL THIS LETTER, THE CALL CARTEL HAD NOT ENGAGED IN "PUBLIC DIPLOMACY."

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7. EXTRADITION UPDATE

AMERICAN CITIZEN TIMOTHY CRAWFORD WAS EXTRADITED FROM COLOMBIA TO THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 20TH. CRAWFORD WAS WANTED IN FLORIDA ON NARCOTRAFFICKING CHARGES.

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8. INSTITUTION BUILDING

A. PROJECT AGREEMENTS:

- 1) AN AMENDMENT TO THE 1991 POLICE PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR USD 400

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00 WAS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 18 BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE RAFAEL PARDO AND U.S. AMBASSADOR MORRIS BUSBY.

2) REVISION NO. 8 TO THE INTELLIGENCE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS) FOR USD 300,000 WAS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 24 BY NEW DAS HEAD DR. FERNANDO BRITO RUIZ AND THE AMBASSADOR.

3) REVISION NO. 1 TO THE DEMAND REDUCTION PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS (DND) FOR USD 300,000 WAS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 25 BY ONE DIRECTOR DR. MIGUEL SANCHEZ MENDEZ AND THE AMBASSADOR.

4) A NEW PROJECT AGREEMENT ON ANTI-NARCOTICS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR USD 150,000 WAS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 30 BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE DR. FERNANDO CARRILLO AND THE AMBASSADOR.

B. TRAINING AND CONFERENCES:

1) THE ANNUAL 80-DAY SMALL UNIT TACTICS COURSE TAUGHT BY

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A 13-MAN MTT FOR 103 STUDENTS CONCLUDED WITH A GRADUATION CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 6TH. THE CNP'S OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE CHIEF, BRIGADIER GENERAL RODRIGUEZ, ATTENDED, ALONG WITH MILITARY ATTACHES FROM SIX PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: ARGENTINA (4 PARTICIPANTS), BOLIVIA (2), ECUADOR (2), GUATEMALA (2), PERU (2), AND VENEZUELA (2).

2) THE TWO-MAN EXTENDED TRAINING SERVICE SPECIALIST (ETSS) UNIT TRAINED THE DAN 7TH COMPANY AT SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE, THEN RETURNED TO BOGOTA TO ARRANGE THEIR NEXT TRAINING VISIT.

3) AVIATION TRAINING BEGUN DURING SEPTEMBER INCLUDED:
 --THREE SAPOL OFFICERS AND ONE ENLISTED MAN TO THE NAVAJO FLIGHT SAFETY COURSE AT VERO BEACH, FLORIDA.
 --ONE SAPOL OFFICER TO THE IAFA MAINTENANCE COURSE AT HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA.
 --ONE SAPOL OFFICER TO THE IAFA SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE.
 --ONE SAPOL OFFICER AND ONE ENLISTED MAN TO THE BEECHCRAFT 200 COURSE AT WICHITA, KANSAS.
 --THREE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (NCO'S) TO AN ALLISON TURBINE 250 COURSE TAUGHT BY AVIALL AT BARRANQUILLA AND FOUR NCO'S TO THE SAME COURSE AT GUAYMARAL.

C. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

1) NAS' CONTRACT ENGINEER VISITED LETICIA TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE LETICIA INTELLIGENCE UNIT AND TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS.

2) CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE VILLAVICENCIO INTELLIGENCE UNIT OFFICES AND WAS APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT COMPLETE BY MONTH'S END.

3) GOC PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS AT PUERTO ASIS AND PUERTO LEGUZAMO BEGAN COLLECTING THE GRAVEL AND SAND AGGREGATE NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HELIPORTS. THE NAS ENGINEER, A NAS PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST, AND THE POLICE PROJECT MANAGER VISITED PUERTO ASIS TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS.

4) NAS RECEIVED FEEDBACK FROM OPE/FBO ON THE PROPOSED "STANDARDIZED COMPANY BARRACKS" PLANNED FOR VALLEDUPAR AND OTHER LOCATIONS. THE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY FBO ARE MINOR. NAS WILL RETURN THE REVISED PLANS TO PRO IN OCTOBER FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

9. DEMAND REDUCTION/DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION
 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA), A DRAFT SOLICITATION NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS

FOR A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEY ON DRUG USE WAS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE DNE FOR REVIEW.

10. JUDICIAL ISSUES

A. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

1) GENERAL

--PRESIDENT GAVIRIA APPOINTED LUIS FERNANDO URIBE RESTREPO TO BE HIS JUDICIAL SECRETARY. URIBE REPLACES FERNANDO BRITO (SEE PARAGRAPH 5A2 ABOVE).

--IN AN IMPORTANT RULING, THE COLOMBIAN SUPREME COURT THREW OUT A LOWER COURT DECISION WHICH ACQUITTED CALI CARTEL BOSSES GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA, JOSE SANTACRUZ LONDONO, AND HERNANDO GIRALDO SOTO OF DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES. THE SUPREME COURT ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION OF THE LOWER COURT JUDGE WHO MADE THE RULING. RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA AND THE OTHERS WILL NOW BE RETRIED, PERHAPS UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER SYSTEM.

2) PUBLIC ORDER COURT DECREES

DEBATE ON THE PUBLIC ORDER COURT SYSTEM IN THE MINI-CONGRESS WAS HEATED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. WHILE SOME DELEGATES ALLEGED THAT "FACELESS" JUDGES AND WITNESSES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, CARLOS LEMOS SUCCINCTLY STATED: "EITHER WE SUPPORT FACELESS JUDGES OR ELSE WE RESIGN OURSELVES TO CADAVERS WITH FACES."

B. JUDICIAL PROTECTION

1) THE ASSASSINATION OF TWO COLOMBIAN JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES DURING SEPTEMBER LED JUDICIAL WORKERS TO STAGE PROTESTS TO DEMAND GREATER PROTECTION BY THE GOC.

--PABIOLA BORRERO DE CAMPO, A MAGISTRATE OF THE CALI CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT, WAS SHOT SEPTEMBER 21ST WHILE ATTENDING THE ONE-YEAR MEMORIAL MASS FOR HER ASSASSINATED HUSBAND. MAGISTRATE BORRERO DIED SEPTEMBER 25 FROM HER WOUNDS.

--KETTY BERTIN RAMIREZ DE BUITRAGO, A SECRETARY FOR INSTRUCCION CRIMINAL (THE INSTITUTION WHICH ADMINISTERS THE COLOMBIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM), WAS MURDERED SEPTEMBER 27 IN CALI BY MOTORCYCLE-MOUNTED ASSASSINS AS SHE DROVE THROUGH A DOWNTOWN AREA.

--THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA'S SUPREME COURT, PABLO CACERES, SENT PRESIDENT GAVIRIA A LETTER PROTESTING THE LACK OF SECURITY UNDER WHICH JUDGES WORK. HE REQUESTED MORE GOC SECURITY MEASURES FOR JUDGES.

--CALL DRUG BOSS GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA RESPONDED ON SEPTEMBER 28TH TO JUDGE CACERES' LETTER, DEPLORING THE DEATH OF MAGISTRATE BORRERO AND DENYING THAT THE CALL CARTEL WOULD RETALIATE AGAINST JUDGES BECAUSE OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION TO THROW OUT THE EXONERATION OF RODRIGUEZ (SEE 10A1 ABOVE).

2) THESE PROTESTS LED TO THE FORMATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL GOC COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE WAYS TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL PROTECTION, GREATER SECURITY TRAINING FOR JUDICIAL PERSONNEL AND TIGHTER CONTROL OF INFORMATION ABOUT JUDGES (SUCH AS THEIR HOME TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES) ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

C. MINI-CONGRESS

THE MINI-CONGRESS ON SEPTEMBER 25 APPROVED 24 OF 38 ARTICLES OF A PROPOSED ANTI-TERRORIST STATUTE WHICH COVERS MARCO-TERRORISM. THE STATUTE'S ARTICLES WERE DRAWN FROM PREVIOUS GOC STATE OF SIEGE ANTI-TERRORISM DECREES. CRIMES COVERED BY THIS STATUTE WILL BE TRIED BY PUBLIC ORDER COURT JUDGES.

11. THIRD COUNTRY ACTIVITY

A. THE GOC ISSUED A REPORT ON A FAILED SCHEME TO SELL STOLEN SANDINISTA ARMS TO COLOMBIAN GUERRILLAS OR NARCOTRAFFICKERS. THE REPORT IMPLICATED A HIGH RANKING MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE/M-19 COALITION PARTY AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN ARRANGING THE ARMS-FOR-COCAINE DEAL.

B. FOURTEEN POLICE OFFICIALS FROM SIX COUNTRIES GRADUATED FROM A 60-DAY SMALL UNIT TACTICS/LEADERSHIP COURSE (SEE PARAGRAPH 8B).

12. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND MEDIA ISSUES

A. DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK RICHARD PARTICIPATED IN A SEPTEMBER 12 ARNET.

B. THE MEDIA CONTINUED TO RUN NUMEROUS STORIES ON THE NORIEGA TRIAL, ITS COLOMBIAN CONNECTIONS, AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS FOR COLOMBIA, MOST OF WHICH WERE NEGATIVE TO THE USG'S POSITION.

13. MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

TWO COLOMBIAN PLANES WERE REPORTED MISSING DURING SEPTEMBER, AT LEAST ONE HIJACKED BY NARCOTRAFFICKERS. A CESSNA 208 CARAVAN, PREVIOUSLY CONFISCATED BY THE GOC AND TURNED OVER TO SATENA (A COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE-OPERATED AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE), WAS STOLEN AT GUNPOINT DURING A SEPTEMBER 7 FLIGHT. THE HIJACKERS FORCED THE PLANE TO LAND IN AN ISOLATED AREA OF EASTERN COLOMBIA AND KICKED OUT THE CREW. THIS WAS THE FOURTH THEFT OF AN AIRCRAFT THIS YEAR THAT IS BELIEVED STOLEN BY NARCOTRAFFICKERS. THE PLANE WAS LATER RECOVERED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMY'S 4TH DIVISION NEAR MIRAFLORES, GUAVIARE DEPARTMENT. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 7, AN AEROCOMMANDER 690 BELONGING TO A CHARTER COMPANY DISAPPEARED EN ROUTE TO SAN ANDRES.

14. ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

A. PERSONNEL NOTES

--THE NEW STANDARDIZATION/INSTRUCTOR PILOT, BILL REAVIS, ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 4.

B. FIELD VISITS AND TRIPS

1) THE HAS DIRECTOR TRAVELLED TO CARACAS SEPTEMBER 18-21 AS PART OF A THREE-MEMBER EXPERT PANEL TO ASSIST IN ADVISING THE VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR ON NARCOTICS ISSUES.

2) THE POLICE PROJECT MANAGER MADE A NUMBER OF ONE-DAY TRIPS DURING SEPTEMBER. AMONG THEM WERE: A TRIP TO SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE ON SEPTEMBER 5 TO REVIEW CURRENT AND FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND OBSERVE THE MTT AT WORK; ATTENDANCE AT THE SEPTEMBER 6 CLOSING CEREMONY AT ESPINAL; A VISIT TO CARTAGENA TO MEET WITH THE NEW OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE INTELLIGENCE UNIT AND TO DISCUSS CNP CONTROL OF THE PORT AREA; A SEPTEMBER 16 TRIP TO SANTA MARTA TO REVIEW WORK ON SAPOL BASE IMPROVEMENTS; AND A SEPTEMBER 26 TRIP TO HUILA WITH THE GROUND TRUTHING TEAM TO OVERFLY THE RECENTLY MANUALLY-ERADICATED OPIUM POPPY FIELDS AND TO PUERTO ASIS TO ARRANGE FOR THE LOCAL PROCUREMENT OF GRAVEL AND SAND AGGREGATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUERTO ASIS HELIPORT.

3) THE HAS FIELD ADVISOR ATTENDED THE SEPTEMBER 6 ESPINAL GRADUATION, ACCOMPANIED VISITORS SMITH AND STRASSER TO SAN JOSE GUAVIARE ON SEPTEMBER 9, VISITED

LEYICIA FROM SEPTEMBER 12-14 TO COORDINATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTELLIGENCE UNIT FACILITIES THERE, AND TRAVELLED TO SANTA MARTA SEPTEMBER 30 TO SURVEY THE MARIJUANA CROP.

4) THE HAS AIR ADVISOR DEPARTED SEPTEMBER 1 FOR WISCONSIN, WHERE HE WAS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE C-47 TRAINING AND TO ASSIST THE COLOMBIAN PILOTS RECEIVING TRAINING THERE (SEE PARAGRAPH 16A).

5) THE PASA TRAVELLED TO PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE SEPTEMBER 8-15 FOR A CONTRACTING OFFICERS' TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE COURSE. HE ACCOMPANIED THE FIELD ADVISOR TO SANTA MARTA SEPTEMBER 30 FOR AN ORIENTATION TO THE DAN 1ST COMPANY AND THE SAPOL FORWARD OPERATING LOCATION.

C. VISITORS

1) INM'S NEW DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (DAS) GRANT SMITH AND ANDEAN/SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION CHIEF DAN STRASSER VISITED POST FROM SEPTEMBER 8-10. A VISIT TO SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE AND A LUNCHEON WITH JUSTICE VICE MINISTER EDUARDO MENDOZA, PLUS MEETINGS WITH CNP DAN DIRECTOR COL. SERRANO AND CNP DEPUTY CHIEF MUNOZ, HIGHLIGHTED THE VISIT.

2) ARA'S DAS PHIL MCLEAN VISITED BOGOTA ON SEPTEMBER 23. MCLEAN CALLED ON PRESIDENT CESAR GAVIRIA AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR GABRIEL SILVA, MINISTER OF DEFENSE RAFAEL PARDO, AND CNP DIRECTOR GENERAL ANTONIO GOMEZ PADILLA WHILE HERE.

3) A FOUR-PERSON COCA AND OPIUM POPPY GROUND TRUTHING TEAM VISITED POST, WITH MEMBERS ARRIVING SEPTEMBER 22 AND 24 AND DEPARTING OCTOBER 4. INM'S LLOYD ARMSTEAD AND ROBERT RETKA FORMED PART OF THE GROUP.

4) INM/T'S JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, PAT PELLETTI, AND KURT PORTER; INM/P'S REX HAYES; AND DYN CORP PROJECT MANAGER HAL WATSON VISITED POST FROM SEPTEMBER 19-23 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH HAS OFFICERS ON AVIATION ISSUES.

15. POLICE 1991 STATISTICS

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

	SEP 91	91 YTD	90 TOTAL
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COCAINE HCL (KG.)	47.00	91,775.00	15,704
COCAINE BASE (KG.)	2,656.00	8,198.00	3,427

COCA LEAVES (MT.)	12.30	46.70	528
COCA PLANTS (HECT.)	100.00	233.00	161
BASUCO (KG.)	12.00	860.00	655
LABS DESTROYED - COCAINE	19.00	47.00	289
MARIJUANA (MT.)	7.10	263.60	664
MARIJUANA SPRAYED (HECT.)	0.00	0.02	66
CANNABIS DESTROYED (ECT.)	0.00	0.01	36
HASHISH (K.)	0.00	0.00	0
HSHISH LABS	0.00	0.00	0
OPIUM POPPY PLANTS (HECT.)	55.00	1020.00	0.3
OPIUM GUM (KG.)	0.00	6.70	0.3
ETHER (55-GL. BL.)	95.00	3,516.00	11,509
ACETONE (55-O. BL.)	303.00	2,912.00	16,018
M. SK. (55-GL. BL.)	178.00	1,085.00	7,02
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE (MT.)	0.00	3.00	24
ARRESTS	13.00	871.00	6,150
CLAND. AIRSTRIPS (DEST.)	6.00	76.00	129
AIRCRAFT	2.00	10.00	17
VEHICLES	11.00	83.00	16
BOATS	0.00	2700	NO REC
ARMS	17.0	205.00	NO REC

16. POLICE AIR SERVICE (SPOL) 1991 ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS

A. CONVERSION OF TWO COLOMBIAN AIR FRAMES TO C-4'S CONTINUED IN SEPTEMBER, WITH ONE PLANE SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO COLOMBIA OCTOBER 14. THREE NP PILOTS AND ONE PAC PILOT BEGAN THEIR C-47 FLIGHT TRAINING IN WISCONSIN.

B. THE SEPTEMBER C-141 LOGISTICS FLIGHT ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 28TH ARRIVING REPAIR AND RETURN AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS THAT WERE NEVER REPAIRED BY NATI. THE C-141 DEPARTED CARRYING PNC-188, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BE VERHAULED AND THEN DEPLOYED TO GUATEMALA.

HOURS	HELICOPTERS	FIXED WING
MONTH	*****	*****
JAN	47.90	323.80
FEB	600.30	338.00
MAR	715.70	388.80
APR	689.50	394.00
MAY	677.40	334.40
JUN	596.50	295.45
JUL	676.40	378.70
AUG	813.80	317.40
SEP	545.80	340.80
91 YTD	5,963.10	3,109.15
90 TOTAL	10,102.20	4,734.75

D. 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
MAY	59.50	50.72
JUN	55.64	50.93
JUL	65.28	47.83
AUG	65.07	64.90
SEP	64.44	53.89
91 YTD	61.20	55.40
90 TOTAL	72.86	70.12

E. UTILIZATION (IN PERCENTAGES)

MONTH	HELICOPTERS	FIXED WING
JAN	47.10	38.39
FEB	46.92	47.65
MAR	50.20	60.50
APR	52.72	49.50
MAY	47.19	44.88
JUN	53.48	41.82
JUL	49.54	50.57
AUG	45.77	36.64
SEP	44.25	41.92
91 YTD	50.70	46.80
90 TOTAL	49.42	37.00

17. NON-POLICE INTERDICTION STATISTICS

A. SEPTEMBER 1991

	ARMY	NAVY	AIR F.	DAS
COCAINE HCL (KG.)	0	51	0	1
COCAINE BASE (KG.)	0	13	0	3
COCA DESTROYED (HECT.)	0	0	0	0
CANNABIS DESTROYED (HECT.)	0	0	0	0
LABS DESTROYED - COCAINE	0	1	0	0
BULK MARIJUANA (MT.)	0	0	0	0
BASUCO (KG.)	10	0	0	3
ETHER (55-GL. BL.)	0	0	0	0

ACETONE (55-GL. BL.)	10	0	0	0
M.E.K. (55-GL. BL.)	0	0	0	0
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE (MT.)	0	30	0	0
ARMS	0	1	0	16
VEHICLES	0	0	0	0
AIRCRAFT	0	0	0	0
BOATS	1	2	0	0
ARRESTS	0	2	2	22

B. 1991 CUMMULATIVE THROUGH SEPTEMBER

	ARMY ****	NAVY ****	AIR F. *****	DAS ***
COCAINE HCL (KG.)	263	182	0	7
COCAINE BASE (KG.)	2464	189	0	7
COCA DESTROYED (HECT.)	33	104	0	0
CANNABIS DESTROYED (HECT.)	0	0	0	0
LABS DESTROYED - COCAINE	8	27	0	0
BULK MARIJUANA (MT.)	6.69	.351	0	.4
BASUCO (KG.)	206	0	0	4
ETHER (55-GL. BL.)	334	28	0	0
ACETONE (55-GL. BL.)	515	6.7	0	0
M.E.K. (55-GL. BL.)	0	0	0	0
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE (MT.)	.11	30	0	0
ARMS	18	23	0	11
VEHICLES	5	0	0	2
AIRCRAFT	1	0	0	0
BOATS	1	14	0	0
ARRESTS	94	11	2	66

C. 1990 TOTAL - COMPARATIVE

	ARMY ****	NAVY ****	AIR F. *****	DAS ***
COCAINE HCL (KG.)	28,760	2,752	0	55
COCAINE BASE (KG.)	2,232	1	0	141
COCA DESTROYED (HECT.)	504	256	0	106
LABS DESTROYED - COCAINE	37	31	0	17
BULK MARIJUANA (MT.)	1.5	2.9	0	0
ETHER (55-GL. BL.)	81,565	0	0	0
ACETONE (55-GL. BL.)	34,375	0	0	0
M.E.K. (55-GL. BL.)	12,485	0	0	0
ARMS	505	198	0	7
VEHICLES	104	21	1	9
AIRCRAFT	17	7	1	0
BOATS	1	38	0	1
ARRESTS	456	188	0	51
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