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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. JORGE ELIECER AVENDANO ARANGO SURRENDERED TO THE REGIONAL FISCAL IN ANTIOQUIA APRIL 19. AVENDANO (AKA: EL LOCO) HAD SURRENDERED PREVIOUSLY, HAD BEEN INCARCERATED WITH PABLO ESCOBAR AND WAS AMONG THOSE THAT ESCAPED IN JULY 1992 FROM PRISON WITH THE DECEASED HEAD OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. ACCORDING TO DEA AT POST, AVENDANO WAS A PROMINENT ASSASSIN OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE WORKED WITH HIS BROTHER, FERNANDO AVENDANO ARANGO (AKA: EL TATO). HIS BROTHER SURRENDERED PREVIOUSLY AND IS BEING HELD IN A COLOMBIAN PRISON.

3. COMMENT: THE SURRENDER OF AVENDANO DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A PART OF THE MEDELLIN AND CALI CARTELS SURRENDER STRATEGY. DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY BRITO TOLD JUDICIAL ATTACHE THAT AVENDANO HAD "PROBLEMS" ON THE OUTSIDE AND WAS PROBABLY BETTER OFF IN PRISON. THIS MAY WELL BE TRUE, AS THE PRESS REPORTED THAT A FARMHOUSE HE OWNED WAS DYNAMITED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS LAST WEEK. CRAIG

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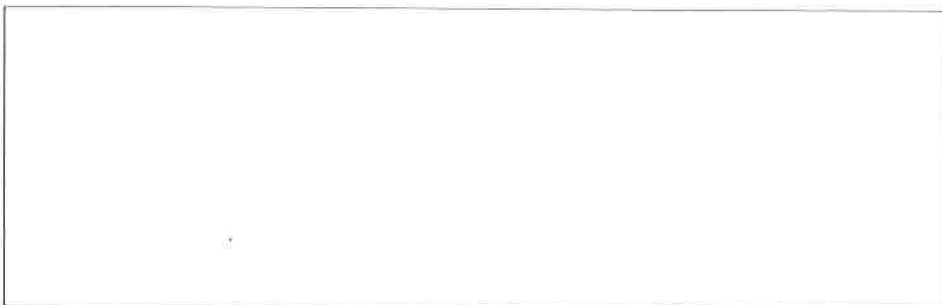
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