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1. ON JANUARY 14, THE LOCAL DAILIES CARRIED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CAPTURE IN CALI ON WEDNESDAY OF PERUVIAN KINGPIN DEMETRIO LIBANIEL CHAVEZ, A.K.A. "THE VATICAN," DURING AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. CHAVEZ HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS PERU'S PABLO ESCOBAR DUE TO HIS POSITION AS PERU'S SECOND LARGEST PROVIDER OF COCA BASE. ALONG WITH CHAVEZ, COLOMBIAN JUAN CARLOS "OREJUELA" ORTIZ WAS ALSO ARRESTED, AND THE AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH IF THERE ARE ANY FAMILY LINKS TO THE INFAMOUS RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA CLAN. ON A RELATED ITEM, PUERTO RICAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS FERNANDO "BULTRON" MONTANAZ WAS CAUGHT IN BARRANQUILLA. THE REPORTS SAY THAT HE IS WANTED IN THE U.S. FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES.

2. HEADLINES AND QUOTES FOLLOW:

A. LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 245,000):

SUBHEADLINE (FRONT PAGE) -- "HE WAS KNOWN AS 'THE VATICAN';

HEADLINE -- "PERU'S PABLO ESCOBAR WAS CAUGHT IN CALI."

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QUOTES -- "POLICE SPOKESMEN SAID THAT AFTER HIS CAPTURE, 'THE VATICAN' TRIED TO BRIBE THE POLICEMEN WITH 1,000 MILLION PESOS SO THAT THEY WOULD LET HIM GO. THE KINGPIN, WHOSE EXTRADITION WILL BE REQUESTED BY PERU NEXT WEEK, WAS MOVED YESTERDAY TO BOGOTA...."

"AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST HE WAS CARRYING 60 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 1.5 MILLION PESOS. THE AUTHORITIES CONSIDER HIM TO BE 'PERU'S PABLO ESCOBAR.' IT IS SAID THAT CHAVEZ, 37 YEARS OLD, WHO ALSO WENT BY THE NAME OF HUBER PENA HERRERA, SUPPORTED THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT 'SENDERO LUMINOSO (SHINING PATH)' FINANCIALLY, IN EXCHANGE FOR PROTECTION OF HIS COCA PLANTATIONS IN THE PERUVIAN JUNGLES. CLOSE TO 25 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION THAT ENDED WITH THE CAPTURE OF THE KINGPIN..."

"...THE VATICAN' IS ACCUSED BY PERU'S NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG BUREAU (DINANDRO) AND BY THE DEA AS THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR 60 PERCENT OF THE COCA PASTE SHIPMENTS THAT GO FROM THE PERUVIAN JUNGLES TO THE COLOMBIAN PROCESSING LABS OWNED BY THE CALI CARTEL."

B. SECOND LEADING DAILY "EL ESPECTADOR" (LIBERAL PARTY ORIENTED, CIRC. 145,000):

HEADLINE (FRONT PAGE) -- "A BLOW AGAINST THE CALI-PERU CARTEL."

SUBHEADLINE -- "'THE VATICAN,' THE MOST IMPORTANT KINGPIN IN PERU, WAS CAUGHT IN CALI, WAS BROUGHT TO BOGOTA, AND WAS DEPORTED TO PERU. THE POLICE ALSO CAPTURED OTHER NINE PERUVIANS AND ONE COLOMBIAN."

QUOTE -- "IN SEPTEMBER 1992, 'THE VATICAN' SENT TWO SHIPMENTS WITH 500 KILOS OF COCAINE TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, AND IT IS THOUGHT THAT HE SUPPLIES THE CALI CARTEL WITH FIVE TONS OF COCA PASTE EVERY MONTH."

HEADLINE (INSIDE PAGES--1) -- "PERUVIAN DRUG KINGPIN WAS CAUGHT."

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SUBHEADLINE -- "HE IS THOUGHT TO BE THE PABLO ESCOBAR OF HIS COUNTRY. HE WAS DEPORTED TO LIMA LAST NIGHT. A CALI CARTEL TRAFFICKER WAS ALSO CAPTURED."

HEADLINE (INSIDE PAGES--2) -- "THE VATICAN' OF COCAINE."

QUOTES -- "THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS AND ROADS BY THE U.S. MARINES IN VALLE DEL CAUCA DEPARTMENT (CALI IS THE CAPITAL) SEEMS TO HAVE YIELDED ITS FIRST RESULTS: THE CAPTURE OF DEMETRIO LIMONIEL 'CHAVEZ' PENA-HERRERA, THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN IN THE DRUG TRAFFICKING BUSINESS OF OUR NEIGHBOR COUNTRY, BREAKS ONE OF THE MOST STRUCTURED SOURCES OF COCA PASTE SUPPLY FOR THE CALI CARTEL."

"INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG ORGANIZATIONS HAD REPORTS SINCE LAST NOVEMBER ABOUT THE ENTRY OF CHAVEZ INTO COLOMBIA. HE IS KNOWN AS 'THE VATICAN' BECAUSE HE OFTEN REFERS TO THE PEOPLE WHO BELONG TO HIS ORGANIZATION OR THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO TAKE HIS BRIBES AS THOSE 'THAT BELONG TO THE CHURCH.'"

C. CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "LA PRENSA" (OPPOSITION, CIRC. 80,000):

SUBHEADLINE -- "DRUG TRAFFICKER DEMETRIO LIMONIEL 'CHAVEZ' PENA-HERRERA, 'THE VATICAN,' WAS EXPELLED YESTERDAY TO PERU, BY ORDERS OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE. HE WAS CAPTURED BY MEMBERS OF THE INVESTIGATIVE AND JUDICIAL POLICE (DIJIN), ALONG WITH NINE OTHER PERUVIANS AND AN OREJUELA. HE TRIED TO BRIBE THE AUTHORITIES WITH 1,000 MILLION PESOS";

HEADLINE -- "PERUVIAN DRUG TRAFFICKER WAS EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY."

SUBHEADLINE -- "IN HIS COUNTRY HE IS CONSIDERED PERU'S PABLO ESCOBAR, AUTHOR OF MANY CRIMES, AND THE MAIN SUPPLIER OF COCA PASTE FOR THE CALI CARTEL. HE WAS DOING BUSINESS WITH THE HEADS OF SAID ORGANIZATION."

D. CONSERVATIVE TABLOID "EL NUEVO SIGLO" (OPPOSITION,

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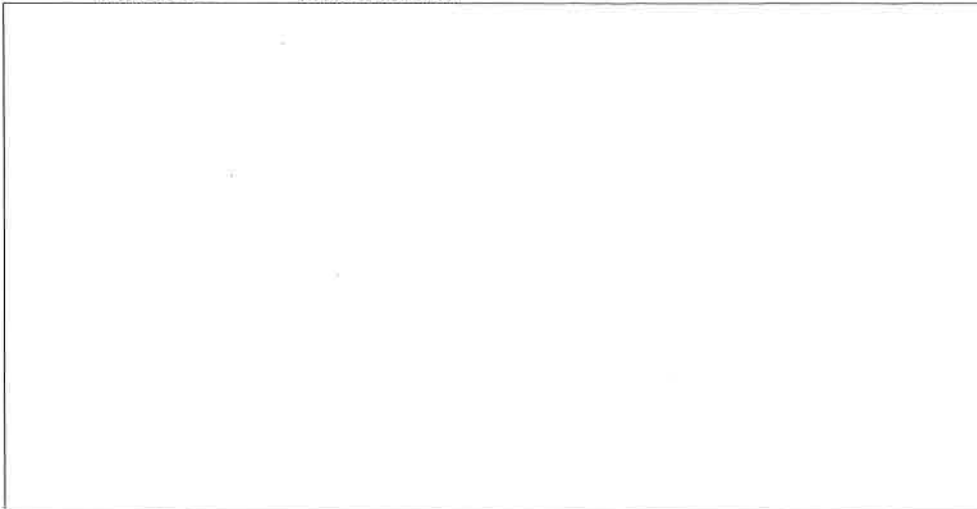
CIRC. 25,000):

SUBHEADLINE (FRONT PAGE) -- "POLICE OPERATION IN CALI";

HEADLINE -- "PERUVIAN COCA 'GODFATHER' WAS CAUGHT."

3. THE LOCAL DAILIES ALSO CARRIED STORIES ABOUT THE
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