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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, TWO RECENTLY CAPTURED ESCOBAR UNDERLINGS HAVE IMPLICATED HIS 16-YEAR-OLD SON, JUAN PABLO ESCOBAR HENAO, IN THE DECEMBER 19TH ASSASSINATION OF MEDELLIN SIJIN INTEL CAPT. FERNANDO POSADA HOYOS (REFTEL B). JULIAN DAVID GOMEZ HERNANDEZ ("TERRY") AND JUAN GUILLERMO HENRIQUEZ ("JUANGUT"), CAPTURED MARCH 6 AND 7 RESPECTIVELY (REFTEL A), IN CONFESSING TO THEIR OWN PARTICIPATION IN THE CRIME, REPORTEDLY HAVE STATED THAT THE YOUNG ESCOBAR, ACCOMPANYING HIS FATHER, WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.

2. MEANWHILE, ANOTHER ALLEGED PARTICIPANT IN THE POSADA ASSASSINATION, JAIME ALONSO QUIROZ SALDARRIAGA ("CHANGON"), WAS CAPTURED IN MEDELLIN MARCH 15 THANKS TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS' CONFESSIONS. HOURS LATER, REPORTEDLY BASED ON INFORMATION FROM QUIROZ, COLOMBIA'S ESCOBAR TASK FORCE FOUND A SMALL QUANTITY OF ARMS AND GRENADES AND DETAINED EIGHT SUSPECTS AT A SEMI-RURAL MEDELLIN RESIDENCE.

3. MEANWHILE, CUERPO ELITE OFFICERS SHOT TO DEATH SICARIO CHIEF LEOPOLDO DE JESUS MARIN RIOS ("LEO") MARCH 16 DURING A RAID ON A MEDELLIN HOUSE. THE SAME DAY, FIVE ALLEGED MEMBERS OF HIS BAND WERE ARRESTED IN AN OFFICE IN A DOWNTOWN MEDELLIN COMMERCIAL CENTER. MARIN IS THOUGHT TO HAVE WORKED FOR ESCOBAR. POLICE

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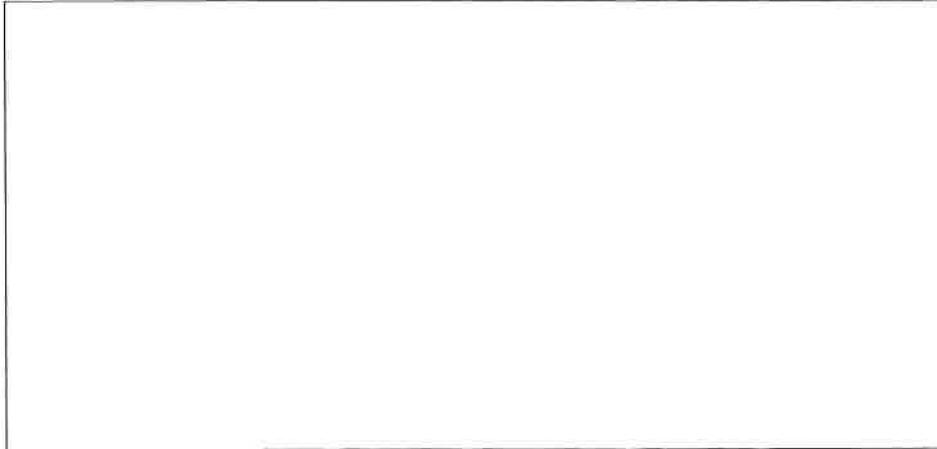
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REPORTED THERE'S REASON TO BELIEVE, BASED ON
INFORMATION DISCOVERED IN THE HOUSE WHERE MARIN WAS
SLAIN, THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE COLOMBIAN
NATIONAL POLICE (CNP) CHIEF MIGUEL ANTONIO GOMEZ
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