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SUBJECT: CAR BOMB INJURES 55 IN DOWNTOWN BOGOTA

1. (U) A CAR BOMB EXPLODED NEAR THE HEADQUARTERS OF COLOMBIA'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (TELECOM) THE NIGHT OF MARCH 5, INJURING 55. POLICE HAVE SPECULATED TO THE PRESS THAT DRUG BOSS PABLO ESCOBAR WAS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR. THEY ALSO BELIEVE TELECOM WAS INDEED THE INTENDED TARGET, BUT THE CAR BOMBERS WERE UNABLE TO PARK DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING BECAUSE OF TIGHT SECURITY. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THE VEHICLE INVOLVED WAS A 1987 WILLIS JEEP, REGISTRY UNKNOWN.

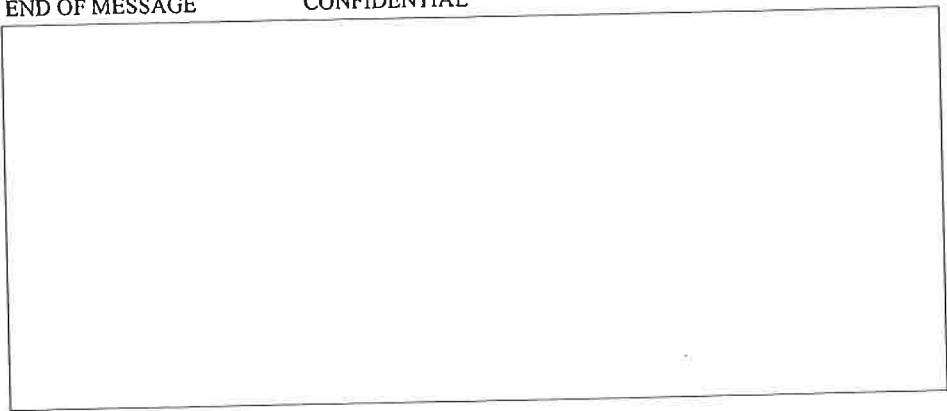
2. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TELECOM'S UNION IS IN THE MIDST OF A PRIVATIZATION DISPUTE WITH THE GOC, THIS APPEARS TO STILL BE PART OF ESCOBAR'S BOMBING CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GOC. THE MORE RADICAL UNIONISTS MAY HAVE LINKS TO THE GUERRILLAS, BUT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO EMPLOY POWERFUL, INDISCRIMINATE BOMBS LIKELY TO HARM THEIR OWN WORKERS.

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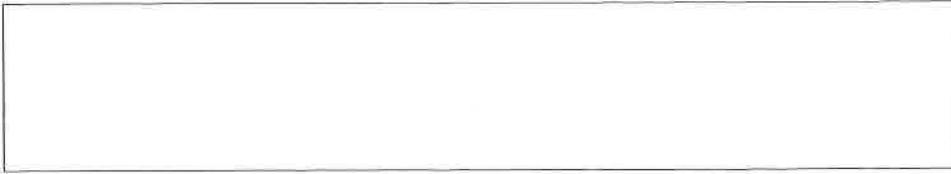
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