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2. OUTGOING MINISTER OF DEFENSE RAPHAEL PARDO ASKED THE  
AMBASSADOR TO MEET WITH HIM AT THE MOD AT 1100 ON JULY 26,  
1994. IT WAS THE AMBASSADOR'S FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH  
PARDO. PARDO TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF  
THE CURRENT STATE OF U.S.-COLOMBIAN COUNTERNARCOTICS  
COOPERATION WITH THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY AND THE POLICE.  
HE ALSO OFFERED SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF  
U.S.-COLOMBIAN RELATIONS.

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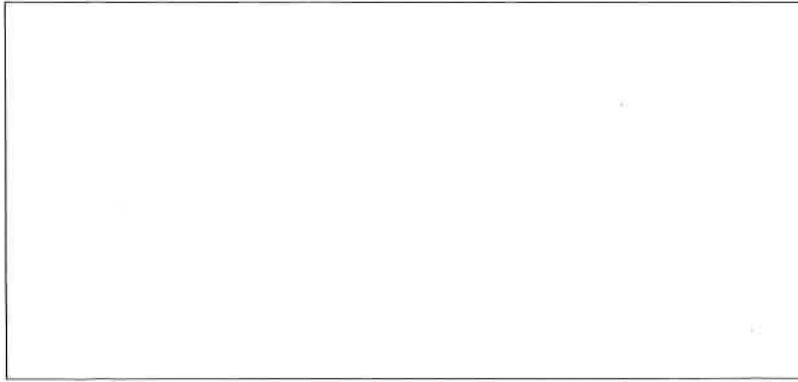


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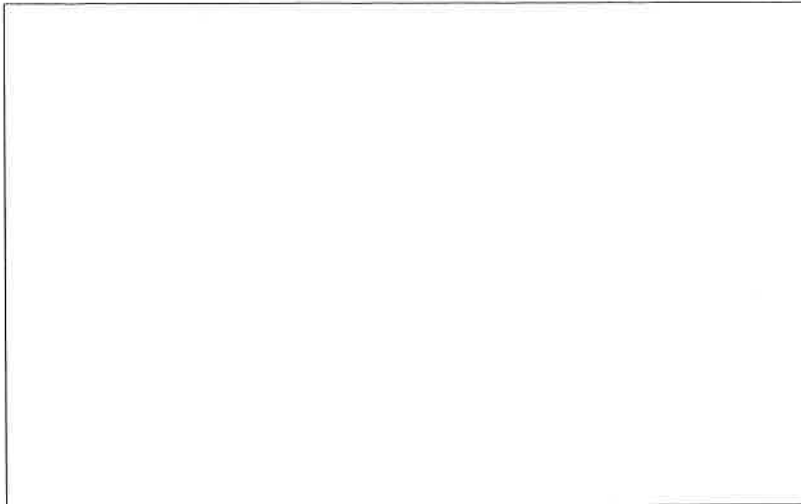
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3. DESPITE THESE GREAT STRIDES IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., PARDO SAID HE WAS WORRIED BY THE VERY ANTI-AMERICAN TONE OF THE PUBLIC REACTION TO THE VARIOUS EVENTS OF THE PAST THREE TO FOUR WEEKS. THIS ATTITUDE IS DANGEROUS AND COULD AFFECT THE VERY HIGH LEVEL OF COOPERATION WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. PARDO ALSO HAD SOME HARSH WORDS TO SAY ABOUT "UNCOORDINATED ACTIVITIES" OF DEA. HE SAID THAT MANY DEA AGENTS HAVE THEIR SEPARATE AGENDAS AND THAT THEY NEEDED TO BE CONTROLLED BECAUSE THEY HAD THEIR DIRECT PRESS CONTACTS AND THE TENDENCY TO CAUSE TROUBLE BY LEAKING CRITICISM TO THESE CONTACTS. HE REFERRED TO THE STATEMENTS OF THE MIAMI DEA OFFICE AFTER THE CAPTURE/DEATH OF PABLO ESCOBAR IN DECEMBER 1993 AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNCOORDINATED POLICY WHICH HAD HURT U.S.-COLOMBIAN COOPERATION IN THE PUBLIC'S EYES.

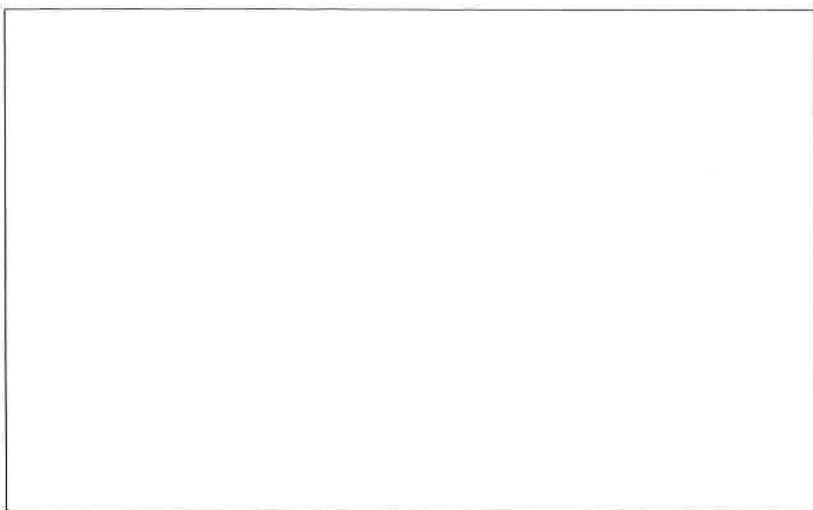


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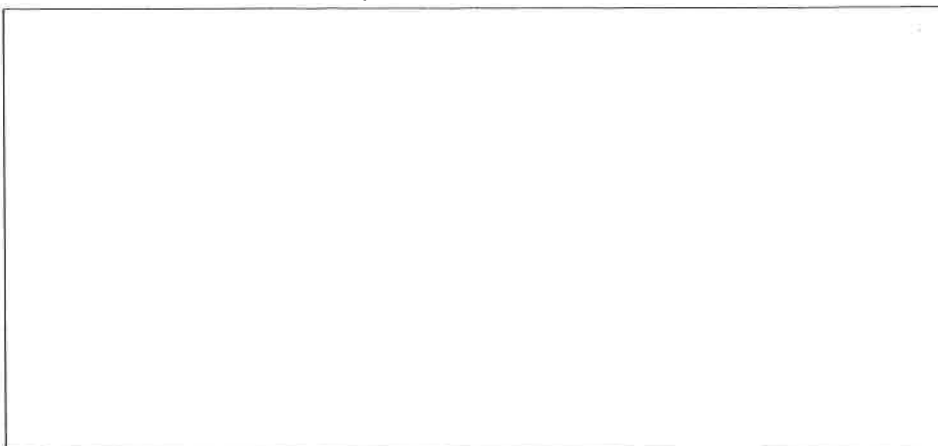


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