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REFS: A) BOGOTA 1063 B) BOGOTA 859

1. (SECRET/NOFORN - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: AS REPORTED (REF A) TWO CAR BOMBS
EXPLODED IN NORTH BOGOTA JANUARY 22, WHILE A THIRD
WAS DEACTIVATED BEFORE IT COULD EXPLODE. THESE ACTS
ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THREATS DETAILED IN PABLO
ESCOBAR'S RECENT LETTER TO THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL
(REF B) AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS LEVEL OF
VIOLENCE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE WEEKEND. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] END SUMMARY.

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3. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDICATORS THAT POINT
TOWARD PABLO ESCOBAR/MEDELLIN INVOLVEMENT IN THE
BLASTS. TWO SUSPECTS WERE CAUGHT IN THE THIRD
INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD FAKE IDENTIFICATION, ONE
OF THE SUSPECT'S FINGERPRINTS WAS IDENTIFIED AS THAT
OF A PERSON WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD IN MEDELLIN. THE
LICENSE PLATE FROM ONE OF THE CAR BOMBS (FOUND ON THE
9TH FLOOR OF AN ADJACENT BUILDING) WAS FROM
MEDELLIN. ALSO, MEDELLIN PHONE NUMBERS WERE FOUND ON
THE SUSPECTS. OTHER PHONE NUMBERS FOUND ON THE
SUSPECTS CORRESPOND WITH ADDRESSES VERY NEAR THE
FIRST BOMB SITE. IT APPEARS THAT THESE ADDRESSES
COULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR STATIC SURVEILLANCE OF THE

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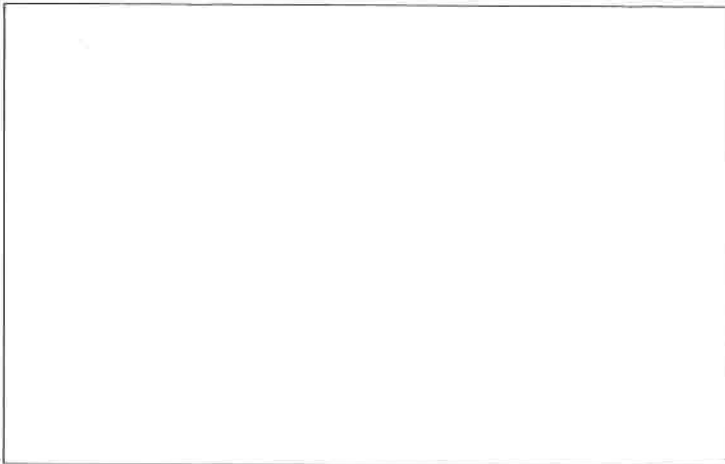
FUTURE BOMB SITE, IMPLYING A HIGH LEVEL OF PLANNING. THE FIRST BOMB SITE, PARTICULARLY, IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST VISIBILITY CORNERS IN NORTH BOGOTA.

4. LAST NIGHT'S BOMBINGS LEND GREAT CREDIBILITY TO THE WARNINGS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED. [REDACTED]

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ESCOBAR'S PLAN IS FOR FUTURE BOMBINGS TO TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC AREAS SUCH AS COMMERCIAL CENTERS, SUPERMARKETS, AND MALLS. ALSO, ESCOBAR IS REPORTED TO HAVE ORDERED HIS TEAMS OF ASSASSINS IN BOGOTA TO BEGIN A SERIES OF CAR BOMBINGS AND KIDNAPPINGS OF AMBASSADORS TO PRESSURE THE GOC TO NEGOTIATE. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT BE AMONG THE KIDNAPPING TARGETS, AS ESCOBAR FEARS THAT THIS WOULD INITIATE A CAMPAIGN BY U.S. FORCES IN AN EFFORT TO CAPTURE HIM. ESCOBAR COULD HAVE A NUMBER OF TEAMS OPERATING IN BOGOTA. ON JANUARY 22, 1500 HALF-POUND STICKS OF DYNAMITE WERE FOUND IN THE LA CALERA SECTION OF THE CITY (AS THE RESULT OF THE INTERROGATION OF THE SUSPECTS CAPTURED), BUT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WEAPONS CACHE THAT EXISTS. PRESIDENT GAVIRIA HAS DECLARED THAT, NO MATTER WHAT ESCOBAR DOES, THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA WILL NOT NEGOTIATE. IF THE FUTURE RESEMBLES ESCOBAR'S BOMBING CAMPAIGN OF 1989, THEN WE ARE ONLY SEEING THE FIRST SALVOS OF THE WAR.

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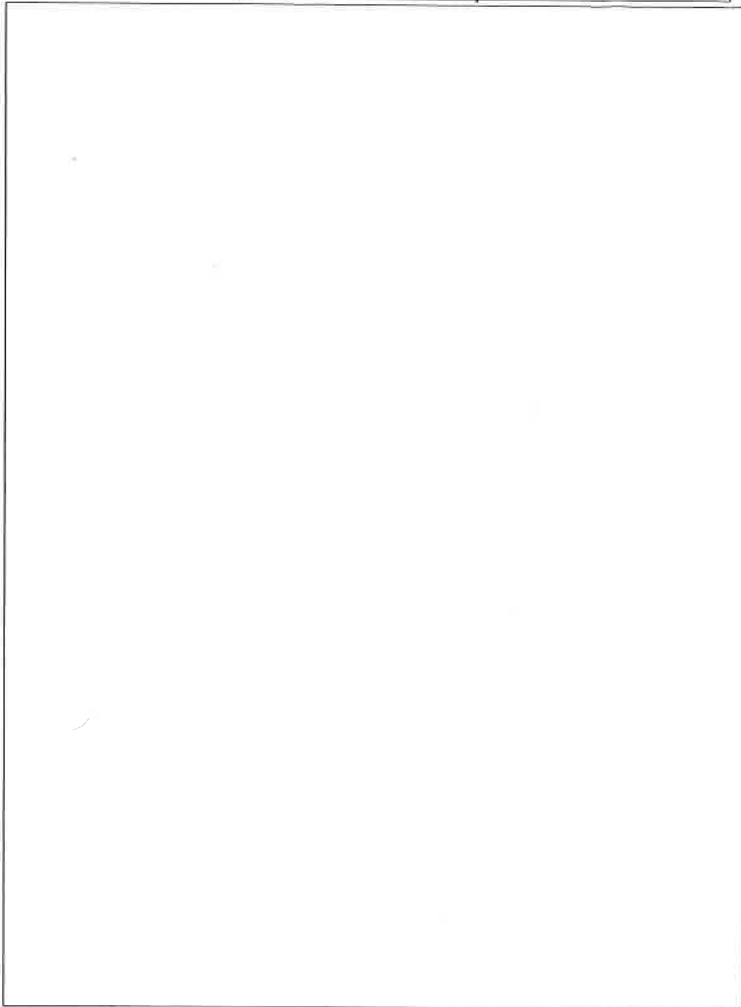
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TO: ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES

FROM: DCM - JOHN B. CRAIG

SUBJECT: SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN THE WAKE OF RECENT BOMBINGS.

LAST NIGHT'S THREE BOMBING INCIDENTS APPEAR TO BE THE OPENING MOVES OF PABLO ESCOBAR'S CURRENT WAR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

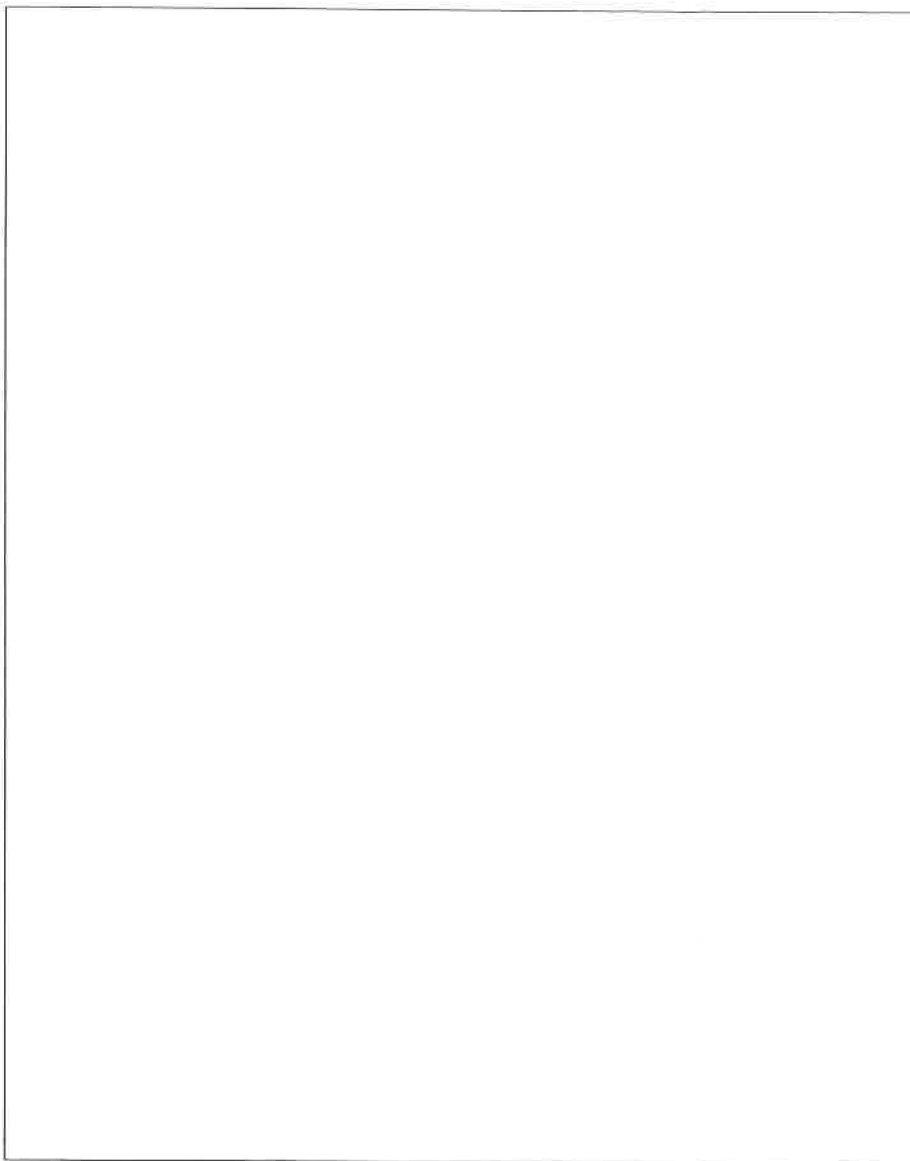


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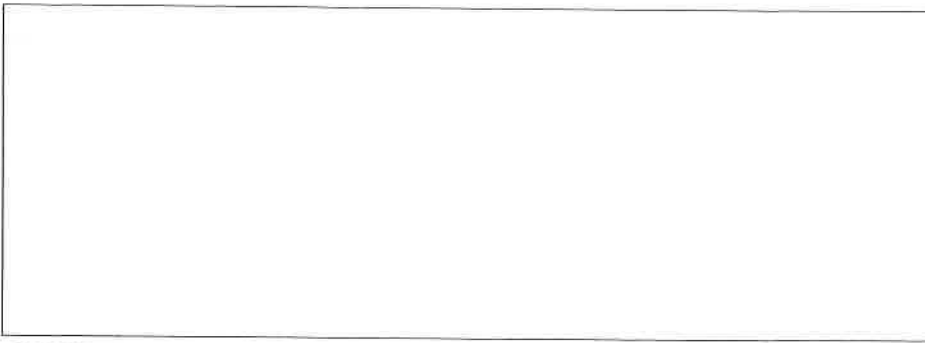
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