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1. THE FEB 11 EDITIONS OF LEADING LOCAL DAILIES CARRIED  
EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF GOC MINISTER OF JUSTICE FERNANDO  
CARRILLO'S RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S. TO OBTAIN MORE  
EVIDENCE TO USE IN THE TRIALS UNDER WAY IN COLOMBIA  
AGAINST THE NOTORIOUS DRUG KING PINS. ACCORDING TO THE  
REPORTS, INITIALLY HE ENCOUNTERED SOME RESISTANCE TO THE  
SHARING OF EVIDENCE, BUT DURING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH  
U.S. AUTHORITIES, HE WAS ABLE TO CONVINCED THEM THAT THE  
EVIDENCE WOULD BE USED EFFECTIVELY. HE CAME BACK  
HEARTENED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF EVIDENCE SHARING.

2. HEADLINE TREATMENT FOLLOWS:

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

PAGE 12 HEADLINE -- "WITNESSES IN THE NORIEGA CASE:  
NOW, THEY WILL ACT AGAINST THE CARTEL";

SUBHEADLINE -- "THE PROBLEMS OF GETTING EVIDENCE AND  
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WERE ENDED. TALKING ABOUT HIS  
TRIP TO THE U.S., THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE SAID THAT HE  
HAD TO FACE SOMEWHAT OF A CRISIS REGARDING EVIDENCE  
SHARING. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE LACK OF TRUST WAS  
OVERCOME, AND NOW THERE WILL BE MORE RESOURCES AND  
COOPERATION."

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

PAGE 15 HEADLINE -- "THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE SAYS THAT

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EVIDENCE AGAINST NARCOS WILL START FLOWING IN."

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

PAGE 12 HEADLINE -- "MONEY LAUNDERING WILL BE CONSIDERED  
A CRIME";

SUBHEADLINE -- "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT  
PABLO ESCOBAR WOULD BE TRIED SUCCESSFULLY IN COLOMBIA."

D. CONSERVATIVE DAILY EL NUEVO SIGLO (OPPOSITION, CIRC.  
25,000):

PAGE 7 HEADLINE -- "THERE WILL BE NO OBSTACLES IN  
GETTING EVIDENCE AGAINST NARCOS";

SUBHEADLINE -- "THAT IS WHAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
CARRILLO SAID WHEN HE RETURNED FROM THE U.S."

E. ECONOMIC DAILY LA REPUBLICA (CONSERVATIVE, CIRC.  
20,000):

PAGE 8 HEADLINE -- "THE U.S. WILL GIVE COLOMBIA 12  
MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE JUSTICE  
SYSTEM";

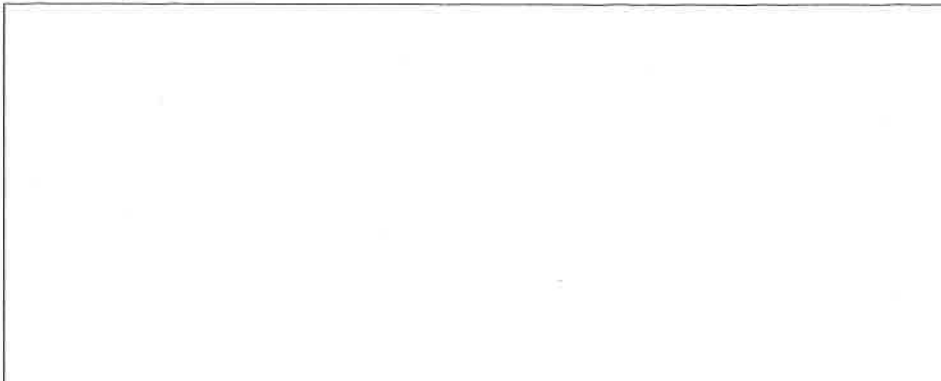
SUBHEADLINE -- "WITNESSES IN THE NORIEGA CASE WILL BE  
ABLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR. CARRILLO SAYS  
THERE WILL BE NO LIMITS TO THE AMOUNT OF EVIDENCE  
COLOMBIA RECEIVES."

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