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1. (U) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ON NOVEMBER 4 A COURT MARTIAL SENTENCED SIX MEMBERS OF THE ARMY'S IV BRIGADE TO PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM THREE TO EIGHT YEARS FOR DISOBEYING ORDERS AND COLLABORATING IN THE JULY 22 ESCAPE OF DRUG KING PABLO ESCOBAR AND HIS GANG FROM ENVIGADO PRISON. A SEVENTH RECRUIT WAS ABSOLVED OF ANY WRONGDOING. THE SOLDIERS WERE ALSO DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY. THE TWO CORPORALS AND THREE RECRUITS, UNDER THE COMMAND OF A SERGEANT, HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE PERIMETER OF THE PRISON. AT THE PRECISE MOMENT OF THE ESCAPE, THE MILITARY GUARDS HAD TAKEN A BREAK FOR A SNACK. THE PRISONERS WILL SERVE THEIR SENTENCES AT THE MILITARY PRISON IN CUATRO BOLAS DE TOLEMAIDA, TOLIMA.

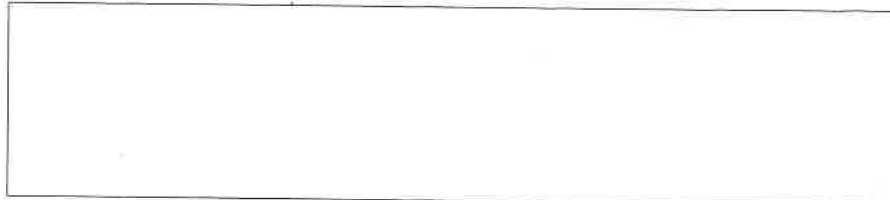
2. (C) COMMENT: THE THREE COLONELS CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST IN THE ESCOBAR CASE (REFTEL) HAVE NOT YET BEEN TRIED. WITH THE SENATE'S AD HOC COMMISSION FOCUSING PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE ESCAPE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE OFFICERS WILL BE IN THE DOCKET SOON. END COMMENT.

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer

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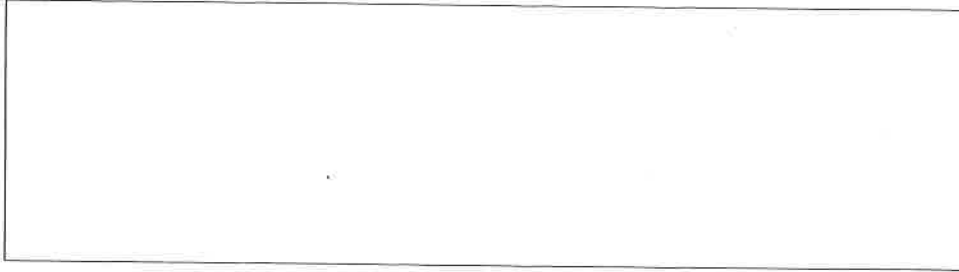
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