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D. (U)-----GENERAL-----

(1.) (U) BOLIVIA: COCAINE PASTE SEIZED: ON 13 FEB, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE BOLIVIAN POLICE SEIZED FOUR TONS OF COCAINE, THE LARGEST DRUG BUST IN THE COUNTRY. THEY ALSO ANNOUNCED THE DESTRUCTION OF TWO DRUG PRODUCING LABORATORIES. AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND ARE SUSPECTED OF PRODUCING NARCOTICS. AUTHORITIES STATED THAT THIS REINFORCES THE BELIEF THAT DRUG PRODUCTION HAS INCREASED IN THE COUNTRY. (FBIS ASUNCION)

2. (U) TERRORISM:

A. (U) COLOMBIA: COLOMBIA'S ELITE POLICE CORPS DISCOVERED A TOTAL OF FIVE AND ONE HALF TONS OF DYNAMITE HIDDEN IN THREE ANTIOQUIA FARMS BELONGING TO MEDELLIN CARTEL LEADER PABLO ESCOBAR ON 12 FEB. THE MASSIVE FIND OCCURRED AT THE END OF AN AIRBORNE POLICE OPERATION ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO APPREHEND ESCOBAR. THE EXPLOSIVES WERE KEPT INSIDE FIBERGLASS CONTAINERS CONCEALED UNDERGROUND, IN THREE FARMS IN CALDAS, RIONEGRO, AND SANTA HELENA, SOUTH OF MEDELLIN. THE DYNAMITE IS OF PERUVIAN AND ECUADORAN MANUFACTURE, ACCORDING TO THE POLICE REPORT. THE POLICE VOWED THAT THE OPERATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL PABLO ESCOBAR IS CAUGHT. (AMEMBASSY BOGOTA)

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