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1. THE ICC WEEKLY CARIBBEAN SUMMARY IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED TO BE RELEASED TO HOST GOVERNMENTS IF THE USDAO, AMEMBASSY, OR AMCONSUL FEELS THIS IS APPROPRIATE.
2. NARCOTICS RELATED SEIZURES:NSTR.
3. SIGNIFICANT BOARDINGS: (THE VESSELS LISTED IN THIS SECTION WERE BOARDED BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (USCG) AND MAY BE OF INTEREST. INVOLVEMENT IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IS UNKNOWN UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED.): NSTR.
4. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - A. COLOMBIA: PROSECUTOR GENERAL GUSTAVO DE GREIFF ANNOUNCED THAT PROTECTION HAS BEEN PULLED FROM THE FAMILY OF PABLO ESCOBAR. THE PROSECUTOR SAID THAT THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IS NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE WIFE AND CHILDREN OF THE LATE LEADER OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE ARMY AND POLICE ARE THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SERVICE.
 - B. COLOMBIA: ANOTHER KEY MAN IN THE ORGANIZATION OF NORTHERN VALLE DEL CAUCA HAS JUST SURRENDERED. HE IS JOYNER OSPINA MONTOYA, CHARGED WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING. IN THE NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO HIS SURRENDER, HIS LAWYERS REPORTEDLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON A SENTENCE THAT COULD MEAN HE WOULD ONLY SERVE TWO YEARS IN JAIL. THE "NATIONAL NEWSCAST" WAS THE ONLY MEDIUM TO WITNESS THE SURRENDER. OSPINA WILL CONFESS TO THE CRIME OF DRUG TRAFFICKING, AND MONEY LAUNDERING BUT WILL NOT CONFESS TO ANY OTHER CRIME.
 - C. COSTA RICA: A GROUP WHICH UTILIZED "MULES" SHIPPED AT LEAST 720 KG OF COCAINE FROM COSTA RICA TO EUROPE DURING THE LAST 36 MONTHS. THE DRUG CONTROL POLICE ARRESTED THREE OF THE GROUP'S LEADERS, A COSTA RICAN AND TWO COLOMBIANS, ON 18 MARCH. THE GROUP HAD A WORKSHOP TO MANUFACTURE SUITCASES AND BACKPACKS WITH DOUBLE BOTTOMS. THE MAFIOSI COVERED THE DRUG PACKAGES WITH SULFUR, AS A METHOD TO EVADE DETECTION BY TRAINED DOGS, AND THEN HID THEM IN THE DOUBLE BOTTOMS. DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS THEY WERE ABLE TO SEND, VIA THE

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