THE MFJP IN SONOYTA, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 1,030 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA, SEVERAL VEHICLES AND FIREARMS. THE MFJP ADDED THAT THIS SEIZURE WAS A RESULT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE NOGALES, SONORA MFJP GROUP. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SEIZURE WAS RELEASED.
MARCH 20, 1990

2. THE MFJP IN NOGALES, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 152 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA, ONE VEHICLE AND THE ARRESTS OF FOUR TRAFFICKERS. THE FOUR WERE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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3. 
4. 
THE LOAD OF MARIHUANA WAS TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED IN TUCSON, ARIZONA. THE MARIHUANA ORIGINATED IN CULIACAN, SINALOA. THE MFJP SEIZED A 1980 CHEVROLET BEARING ARIZONA LICENSE DEX180.

MARCH 21, 1990

3. THE MFJP IN SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF HIGH GRADE HEROIN. THE MFJP AGENTS MADE THE SEIZURE WHILE PROCESSING PASSENGER ON THE SECOND CLASS TRAIN. TWO FEMALES WERE ARRESTED WITH THE HEROIN, THE PAIR WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE PAIR STATED THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO TRAVEL TO MEXICALI TO DELIVER THE HEROIN WHICH WOULD THEN BE TRANSPORTED TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

4. THE MFJP IN CABORCA, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 300 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA. THE MARIHUANA WAS FOUND CONCEALED IN NUMEROUS REFRIGERATORS. THE SEIZURE WAS MADE AT A WAREHOUSE AND NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. THE REFRIGERATOR WERE PAINTED IN A VARIETY OF COLORS.

5. THE MFJP IN NOGALES, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 45 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA AND THE SEIZURE OF A 1977 CADILLAC BEARING NEVADA LICENSE 637-DNM. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. THE MARIHUANA PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN ALUMINUM FOIL.

MARCH 22, 1990

FOLLOWING UP ON SEVERAL LEADS, THE MFJP AGENTS PROCEEDED TO Tijuana and seized 96,000 U.S. dollars, the MFJP located the group awaiting the load of marihuana and arrested six traffickers. Developing additional leads, the agents then responded to a jewelry store operating under the name of "Kimberly". The store was a front for the group to launder their narcotics proceeds, the agents arrested three additional persons.
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THE PERSONS ARRESTED WERE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
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PERSONS 3-8 WERE THE PERSONS AWAITING THE LOAD OF MARIHUANA IN TIJUANA. THE LAST THREE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED BY THE MFJP AT THE JEWELRY STORE.
7. A GROUP OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS OPERATING IN SONORA WERE ARRESTED IN YUMA, ARIZONA. SEVEN TRAFFICKERS WERE ARRESTED. THE AUTHORITIES ALSO SEIZED TWO MILLION DOLLARS, 454 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 3 HOUSES, 3 WEAPONS AND 16 VEHICLES. THE PERSONS ARRESTED WERE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
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INFORMATION WAS ALSO REVEALED THAT NUMEROUS PERSONS LIVING IN HERMOSILLO, SONORA HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN THIS SMUGGLING VENTURE. THE IDENTITIES OF THE IMPLICATED PARTIES WERE NOT REVEALED.

MARCH 23, 1990


MARCH 24, 1990

9. THE MFJP IN NOGALES, SONORA REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF 184 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE OF A SMALL PLANE BEARING MEXICAN REGISTRATION XB-FUG. THE PLANE CRASHED NEAR NOGALES, SONORA, MEXICO. THE PILOT MARIO ALBERTO GOMEZ-RIVERA DIED AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH, A PASSENGER IDENTIFIED AS WAS INJURED, A THIRD PASSENGER MANAGED TO ESCAPE. STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING LOADS OF MARIHUANA FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, THAT THE LOAD OF MARIHUANA SEIZED HAD ORIGINATED IN LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA. THE PILOT WAS ATTEMPTING TO LAND AT AN AIRSTRIP NEAR IMURIS, SONORA, TO DELIVER THE MARIHUANA BUT THE PLANE DEVELOPED MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AND THEY WERE FORCED TO LAND.

THE MARIHUANA WAS TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO VEHICLES AT THE IMURIS, SONORA AIRSTRIP FOR TRANSPORT TO THE BORDER FOR CROSSING INTO THE UNITED STATES.

10. THE SINALOA STATE POLICE RESPONDED TO EL ROSARIO, SINALOA TO EXECUTE AN ARREST WARRANT, ARRIVING AT A RANCH KNOWN AS "JALPA" LOCATED 90 KILOGRAMS FROM EL ROSARIO THE TEAM OF OFFICERS WERE MET BY A HAIL OF GUNFIRE. ONE POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS CRITICALLY INJURED. THE RUNNING GUNBATTLE LASTED APPROXIMATELY 3-4 HOURS DURING WHICH BOTH SIDES EXCHANGED A LARGE VOLUME OF GUNFIRE. THE POLICE OFFICER KILLED FERNANDO LIZARRAGA-QUINTERO, HIS FATHER WAS ALSO ARRESTED. THE POLICE OFFICERS SEIZED A VARIETY OF .45 CALIBER
PISTOLS, AMMO AND NUMEROUS SHOTGUNS.

MARCH 26, 1990

IT WAS REPORTED THAT MEXICAN DRUG KINGPIN SUPPORTED THE BACKED NICARAGUAN CONTRAS BY SMUGGLING ARMS AND MONEY. IT WAS ALSO REVEALED THAT THE HAD ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN WORKING WITH THE NOW DISBANDED MEXICAN DIRECTORATE OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS). SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE DFS BECAME HEAVILY INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING AND THEN IN THE MURDER OF UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL AGENT ERIQUE CAMARENA-SALAZAR.
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Despite the DFS involvement with drug trafficking, the
continued having dealings with DFS Director
is now believed to have been
involved in the murder of Special Agent Camarena. Mexican
authorities have charged
with using his official
position to protect drug trafficking. Another ex DFS commander
identified as
, said to have been working
with Mexican drug traffickers, interrogated Special Agent
Camarena the day he was kidnapped. It was furthermore reported
that the
became involved in the
drug war after it was determined that other United States
agencies along with other foreign police powers could not
suppress the flow of narcotics into the United States.
For further information please contact Acting Senior Customs
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