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1. (S) SUMMARY: THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE JULY
MASSACRE AT MAPIRIPAN IS PROCEEDING APACE;

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PARAMILITARY LEADER "CLODOMIRO AGAMI"

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THAT HIS FORCES PERPETRATED THE OCTOBER
MIRAFLORES KILLINGS, WITH ARMY FOREKNOWLEDGE AND FACILITATION.
THE "DANTI" ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICE APPEAR TO HAVE HAD NO ROLE IN
THE MAPIRIPAN INCIDENT;

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END SUMMARY.

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2. (S) EMBASSY CONTINUES TO PUSH COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN,
POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICIALS FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO
POSSIBLE OFFICIAL COMPLICITY IN THE JULY MAPIRIPAN TAKEOVER (REF
A) AND THE OCTOBER PARAMILITARY KILLINGS IN MIRAFLORES (REF B).
DURING THE DECEMBER 1 RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS OF VISITING CODEL
MCCOLLUM,

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THE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IS PROCEEDING VERY QUICKLY -- ALTHOUGH IT

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HAS BEEN COMPLICATED SOMEWHAT BY ALL THE RECENT PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE CASE.

3. (S) [REDACTED] THE FISCALIA'S INVESTIGATIONS HAD LED THEM TO IDENTIFY SEVERAL ARMY OFFICERS AS HAVING BEEN COMPLICIT IN FACILITATING THE ARRIVAL OF THE PARAMILITARIES AT SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE AIRPORT. [REDACTED]

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MIRAFLORES
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4. (S) [REDACTED] THE FISCALIA HAD NOT OPENED ANY INVESTIGATION INTO THE OCTOBER 18-20 PARAMILITARY INCURSION INTO MIRAFLORES. [REDACTED]

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HAD BEEN ALLEGED IN THE CASE AND THE REASONS FOR STRONG EMBASSY AND USG CONCERN THAT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TAKE PLACE,
[REDACTED] CHECK INTO WHETHER THE LOCAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY HAD ACTUALLY OPENED AN INVESTIGATION OR NOT. [REDACTED]

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5. (S) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PARAMILITARY LEADER "CLODOMIRO AGAMI" HAD FREELY ADMITTED THAT HE AND MEN UNDER HIS COMMAND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 18-20 KILLINGS IN MIRAFLORES. (NOTE: CLODOMIRO IS THE HEAD OF THE "LLANOS ORIENTALES" PARAMILITARIES, ONE OF A NUMBER OF PARAMILITARY ARMIES GROUPED UNDER THE UNITED AUTODEFENSAS OF COLOMBIA, OR "AUC", BANNER. SEE REF C FOR MORE ON AGAMI. END NOTE.) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ELEMENTS OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMY HAD BEEN FULLY AWARE
IN ADVANCE OF HIS PLANS AND ACTIVITIES IN MIRAFLORES AND HAD
FACILITATED THE OPERATION "FROM BEGINNING TO END."

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6. (S) "CLODOMIRO" ALSO TOLD [REDACTED] THE ARMY WAS SO
INFILTRATED BY PARAMILITARIES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS THAT HE AND
HIS COLLEAGUES FELT NO CONCERN ABOUT EVER BEING ARRESTED; HE
CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE ALWAYS WARNED IN ADVANCE OF ANY
POSSIBILITY OF CAPTURE. [REDACTED] "CLODOMIRO" MADE NO
MENTION OF POLICE AWARENESS OR INVOLVEMENT IN MIRAFLORES; NOR DID
HE SPECIFICALLY ASK CLODOMIRO. [REDACTED]
"CLODOMIRO" WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NOVEMBER 21 LA
HORQUETA/TOCAIMA MASSACRE TWO HOURS SOUTH OF BOGOTA IN TOLIMA
DEPARTMENT. (SEE REF C).

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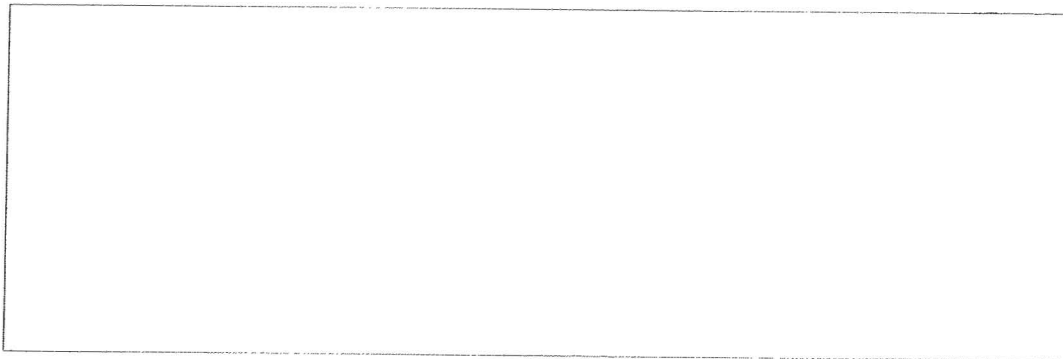
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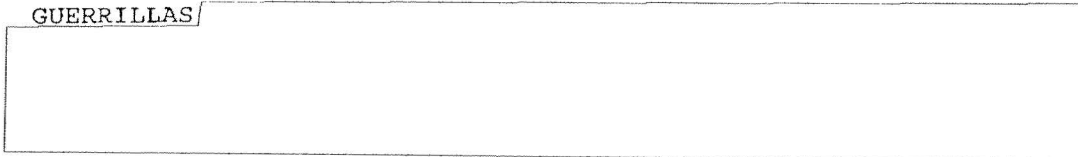
7. (S) NAS DIRECTOR PRESSED POLICE DIRECTOR MAJOR GENERAL ROSSO JOSE SERRANO DECEMBER 2 FOR INFORMATION ON HIS OWN INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MAPIRIPAN AND MIRAFLORES INCIDENTS. SERRANO SWORE UP AND DOWN THAT THE "DANTI" ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICE HAD NO FOREKNOWLEDGE NOR PARTICIPATION IN FACILITATING MAPIRIPAN. ASKED ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTAL POLICE RESPONSIBLE FOR AIRPORT SECURITY AT SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE, SERRANO COMMENTED THAT THEY ARE LOW-LEVEL RECRUITS "INCAPABLE" OF DOING MUCH BEYOND BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO.



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9. (S) (NOTE: NAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR HEARD IN MID-NOVEMBER FROM DANTI OFFICERS THAT GALLEGO HAD HELD A SPECIAL STAFF MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER AND HAD BEEN "EXTREMELY TOUGH" IN GETTING ACROSS THE POINT THAT DANTI DOES NOT COOPERATE WITH PARAMILITARY FORCES, AND THAT HIS ORDERS WERE TO "TREAT PARAMILITARIES THE SAME AS GUERRILLAS")

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[REDACTED] THE OFFICERS ALSO RECOUNTED THEY HAD NO IDEA WHY GALLEGO WAS SUDDENLY READING THEM THE RIOT ACT; THEY WERE APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF PRESIDENT SAMPER'S OWN MEETING IN DAYS PREVIOUS TO READ THE RIOT ACT TO KEY MILITARY AND POLICE COMMANDERS ON THE SAME SUBJECT. END NOTE.)

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10. (S) ASKED ABOUT MIRAFLORES, SERRANO STATED HE HAD NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE TO ADD. (NOTE: SERRANO HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED CHARGE WITH A COPY OF A CNP INTERNAL REPORT ON MIRAFLORES, WHICH HAD ONLY CONCLUDED THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN PARAMILITARIES, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN NARCO-GUERRILLAS AND IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN COMMON DELINQUENTS. END NOTE.)

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11. (S) NAS DIRECTOR, RECENTLY RETURNED TO POST AFTER EXTENDED ABSENCE, WAS HIMSELF AT SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE ON SATURDAY, JULY 12 -- THE DAY THE TWO PARAMILITARY FLIGHTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LANDED (IN ADVANCE OF PROCEEDING TO MAPIRIPAN). HE DISTINCTLY REMEMBERS NOTICING A GREATER THAN NORMAL ARMY PRESENCE AT THE AIRSTRIP THAT DAY, AND, AT THE TIME, PRESUMED IT WAS SIMPLY RELATED TO SOME PENDING OR ONGOING MILITARY OPERATION IN THE AREA. NAS DIRECTOR ALSO OVERNIGHTED AT THE SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE DANTI POLICE BASE THE NIGHT OF MONDAY, JULY 21, THE DAY WHEN THE FIRST REPORTS OF THE MAPIRIPAN MASSACRE BEGAN FILTERING OUT. HIS RECOLLECTIONS ARE THAT IT WAS IN MANY WAYS A "NORMAL" DAY, ALTHOUGH THE POLICE BECAME INCREASINGLY UPSET BY THE THEN-

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FRAGMENTARY NEWS REACHING THEM ABOUT EVENTS IN MAPIRIPAN.

12. (S) AT THE JOAQUIN PARIS ARMY BATTALION HEADQUARTERS THE NEXT DAY (JULY 22), HOWEVER, BOTH NAS DIRECTOR AND POLOFF SENSED THAT THINGS WERE NOT NORMAL. CONFUSION AND DELAYS WERE SUCH THAT, EVEN AFTER AN INITIAL LATE-MORNING OFFER TO FLY THE JUST-ARRIVED PRESIDENTIAL AND FISCALIA INVESTIGATORS (AND POLOFF) INTO MAPIRIPAN "RIGHT NOW," TRANSPORT WAS NOT FINALIZED UNTIL SO LATE IN THE DAY THAT THE OFFER WAS NOW ACCOMPANIED BY AN ARMY RECOMMENDATION -- SUBSEQUENTLY HEEDED -- AGAINST ANY TRAVEL AT ALL, DUE TO APPROACHING DARKNESS AND THE ATTENDANT SECURITY RISKS.

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14. (S) [REDACTED] TOLD
POL/ECONCOUNS ON OCTOBER 10 THAT MIRAFLORES WAS ON THE SHORT LIST
FOR AUC EXPANSION INTO THE AREA, AND THAT, AS IN THE CASE OF
MAPIRIPAN, THE PARAMILITARIES WOULD FLY IN BECAUSE "IT WAS SAFER
THAT WAY." WE FURTHER NOTE THAT AMBASSADOR FRECHETTE WAS TOLD
OCTOBER 13 BY DEFENSE MINISTER ECHEVERRI THAT THE INFORMATION
REACHING THE EMBASSY "WAS APOCRYPHAL AND PRODUCED TO DECEIVE THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY." GENERAL BONETT TOLD THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 13
THAT THE PARAMILITARIES DID NOT HAVE THE STRENGTH LOCALLY AND
WOULD HAVE TO FLY IN REINFORCEMENTS, SOMETHING WHICH THE "ARMED
FORCES WOULD NOT RPT NOT PERMIT." ONLY FIVE DAYS LATER, HOWEVER,

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ON OCTOBER 18, THE PARAMILITARIES DID ARRIVE IN MIRAFLORES, BY
AIR. AND, AFTER KILLING AT LEAST SIX PEOPLE, THEY SUBSEQUENTLY
FLEW OUT.

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