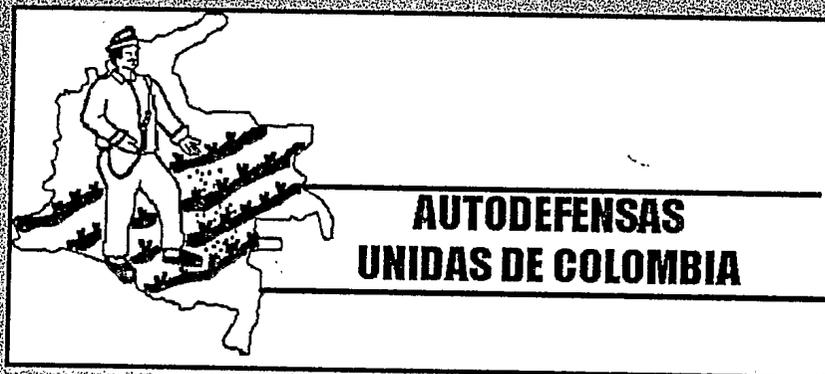




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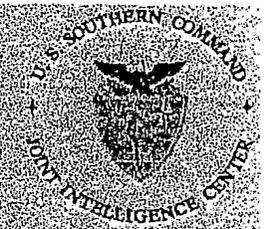
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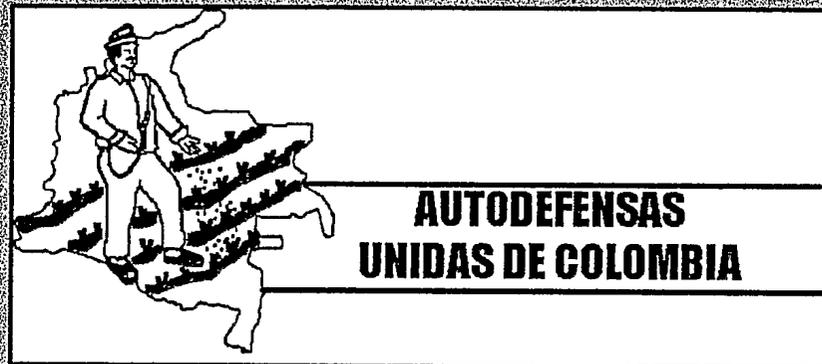
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Colombian Self-Defense Groups', Private Militias', & Criminal Groups'

History

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Paramilitary History



- Colonial Period (1810 - 1930)
 - More than 50 armed conflicts
 - Caudillos (strongmen)
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- New Political Ideologies (1930 - 1947)
 - Caused by rivalries among the caudillos
 - Turn of the 19th century
 - At least 100,000 deaths
- “La Violencia” (1948 - 1957)
 - Conflict between liberal and conservative caudillos
 - Approximately 200,000 deaths
- National Front (1958 - 1974)
 - Ended “La Violencia”
 - Formation of elite factions of the liberal and conservative parties
 - Alternated government leadership every four years
 - Alienated far left groups
 - Took up arms
 - Modern insurgent groups of today

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Paramilitary History



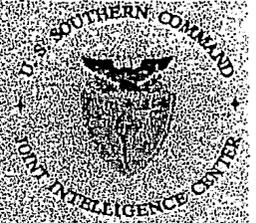
- The Modern Era (1974 - 2000)
 - Formed in response to insurgent activity
 - Convivirs
 - Convivir Law of 1964
 - An effort to rein in the paramilitaries
 - Provide protection against insurgents
 - Designed to cooperate with the military and provide information on insurgents and their activities
 - Not intended to be armed combatants
 - Set up similar in concept to a neighborhood watch group
 - Law was re-affirmed in 1978
 - Due to increased links between drug-traffickers, illegal paramilitary groups, and the convivirs, the convivir law was rescinded in 1989

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Paramilitary History



- **Did not develop as a monolithic group**
- **Arose spontaneously and simultaneously**

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Paramilitary Definitions



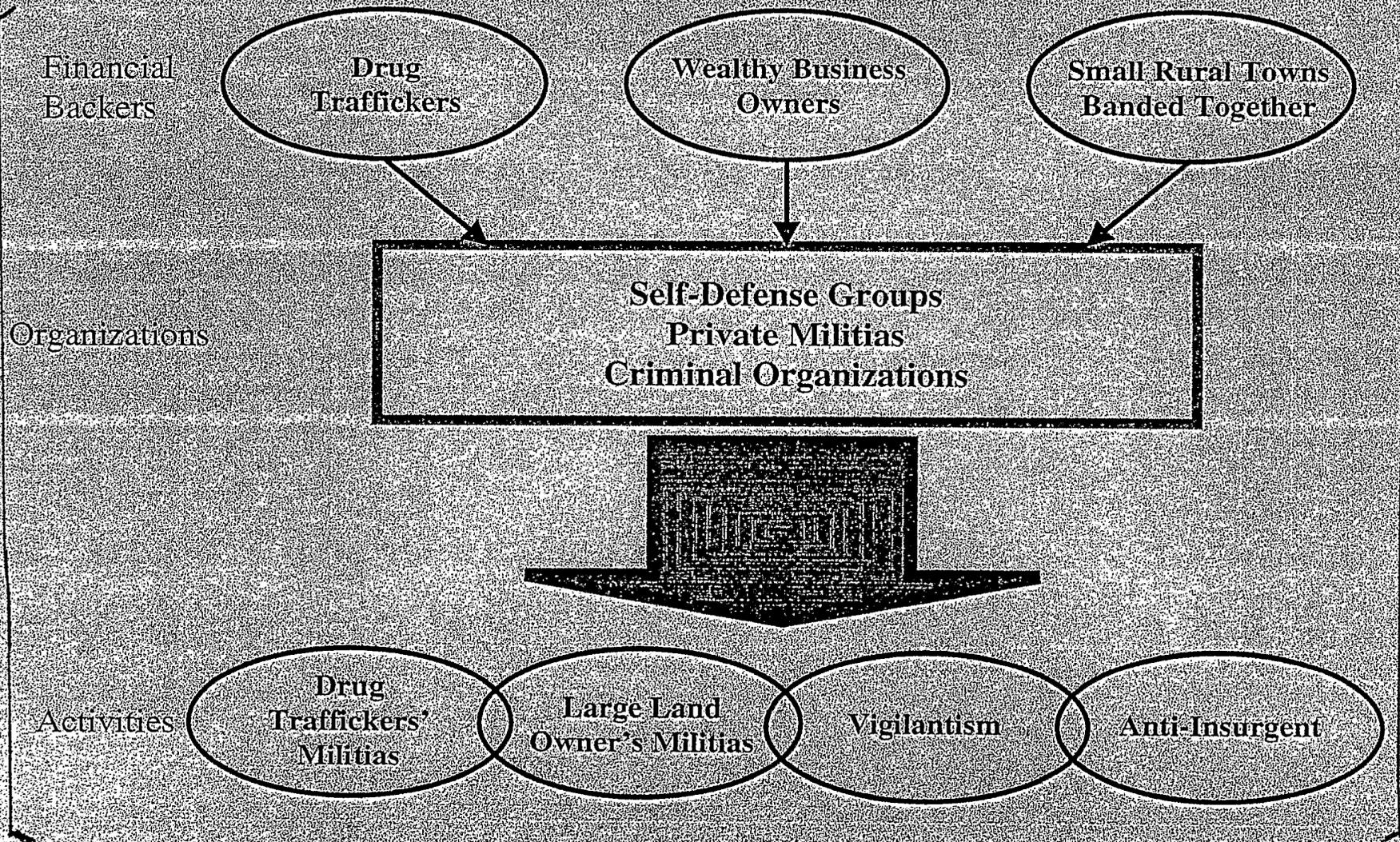
- Paramilitary
 - A catch-all term referring to various groups of right-wing self-defense groups, private militias, criminal organizations, and others. Technically, it is a misnomer.
- Self-Defense Groups
 - Formed by small towns and villages to defend against insurgents and Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs).
- Private Militia Groups
 - Formed by large land owners, businesses, ranchers, or mine owners to defend against insurgents and DTOs and to remove people from their own small farms in order to increase the size of their respective interests.
- Criminal Organization Groups
 - Formed by DTOs and other criminal organizations to further their own interests and to defend themselves from the CNP/COLMIL and guerrillas and possibly other paramilitaries. Largely responsible for offensive operations.

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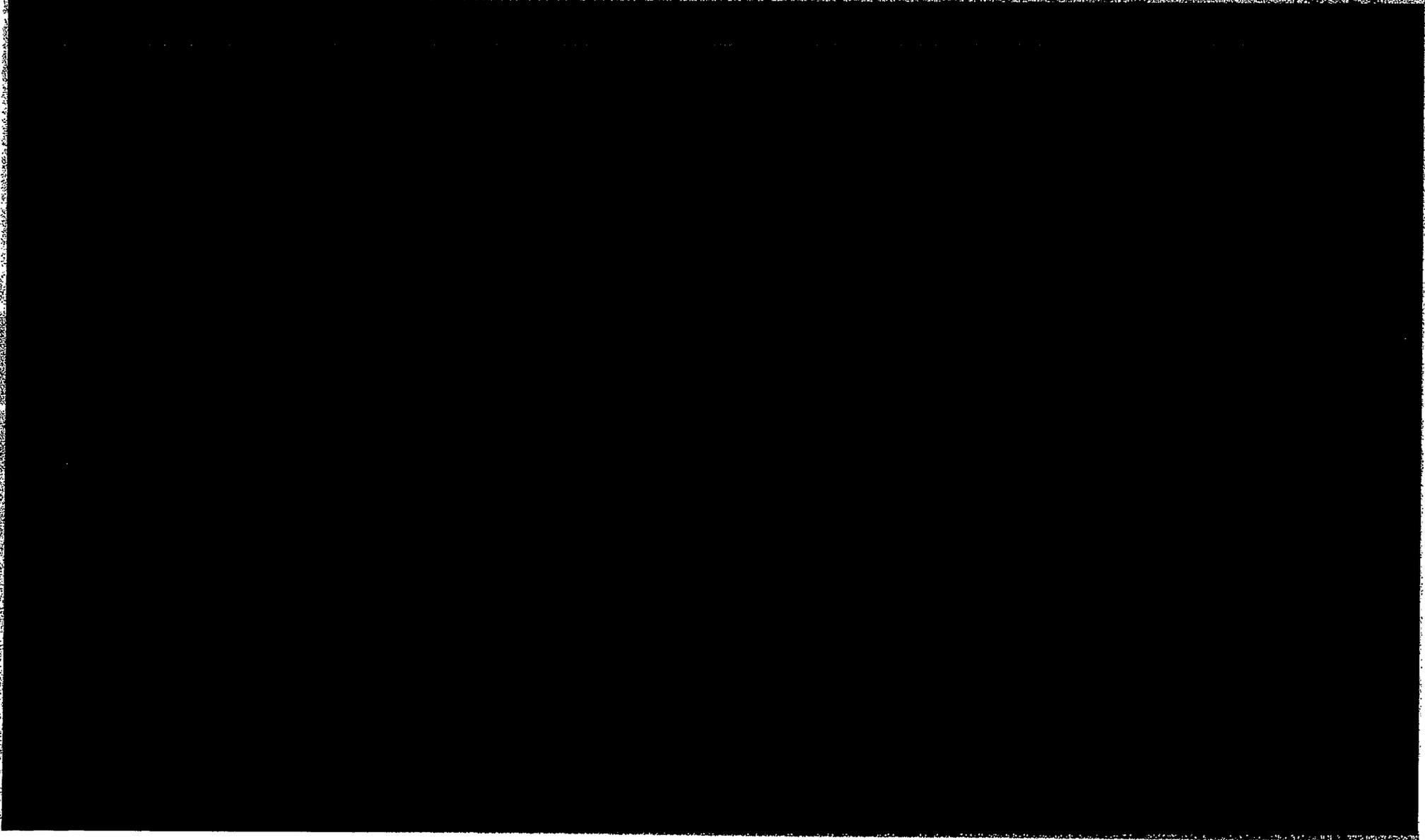
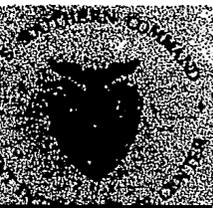
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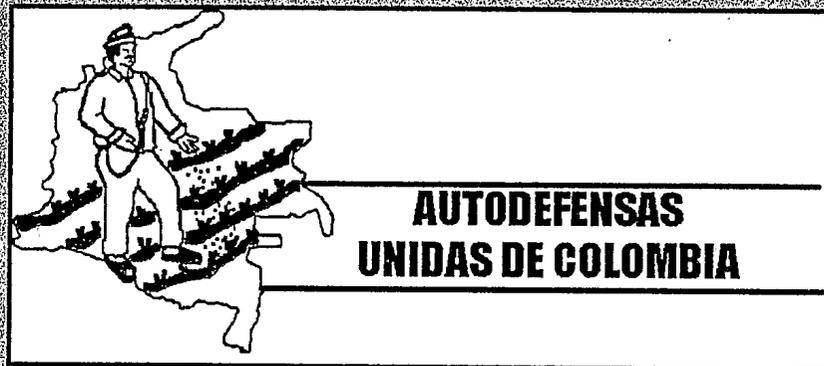


Differences Between Main Paramilitary Groups of the AUC by Agency





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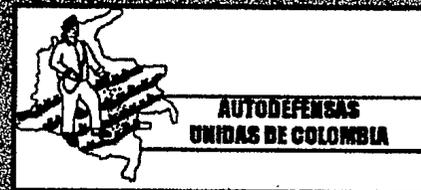


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Organizational Profiles

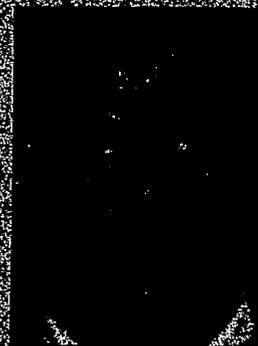
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Organizational Profiles



AUC (Autodefensas Unidas del Colombia)

- United Self-Defense Groups of Colombia
- National Organization not officially recognized by the GOC (Government of Colombia)
- Founder and Leader is Carlos Castano
- History
 - Charter approved in March 1996
 - Endorsed in late April 1997 at the 1st Annual Paramilitary Summit
 - Founded as a "National Counter-Guerrilla Coordinating Board"
 - Described as a "political-armed organization, anti-subversive, and civilian in nature"
- The Body is made up of 2 representatives from the ACCU and 1 from each of the other allied organizations
- Divided into two organizations
 - Loose confederation of member organizations based on cooperation and military goals
 - Political organization formed to voice their political agenda and platform
 - AUC (Alianza Unida por Colombia) United Alliance of Colombians

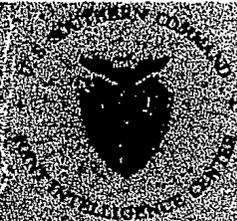


Carlos Castano





Organizational Profiles



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Ramon Isaza

→ ACMM (Autodefensas Campesinas de Magdalena Medio)

- Self-Defense Group of Middle Magdalena
- AKA: Self-Defense Groups of Ramon Isaza
- Leader is Ramon Isaza

[REDACTED]

- Oldest of the current paramilitary groups
- Member organization of the AUC

[REDACTED]

→ ACLLO (Autodefensas Campesinas de Los Llanos Orientales)

- Peasant Self-Defense Groups of the Eastern Plains
- AKA: ALLO or Bloque Llano

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- Member organization of the AUC

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Organizational Profiles



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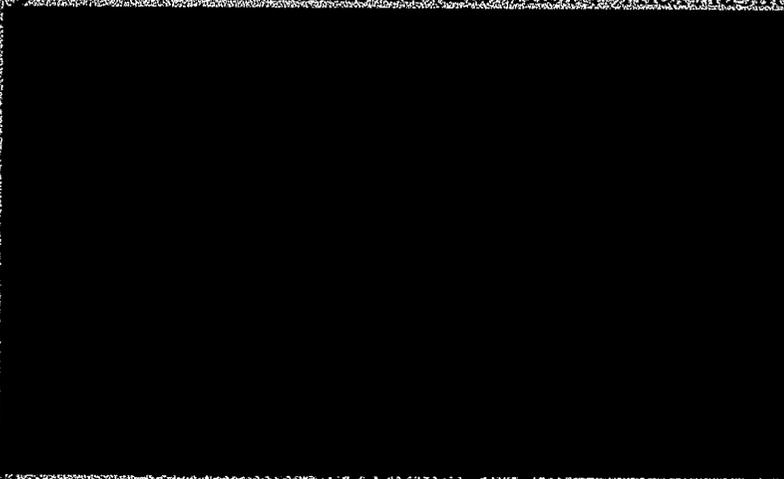


→ ACCU (Autodefensas Campesinas de Cordoba y Uraba)

- Peasant Self-Defense Groups of Cordoba and Uraba
- Founders were Fidel and Carlos Castano. Fidel was later killed
- Leader is Carlos Castano Gil (aka "Alex", "Alex Adelfo")



Carlos Castano



- Member organization of the AUC
- Formed in mid to late '80s



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Organizational Profiles



→ AC (Autodefensas de Cundinamarca)

- Self-Defense Group of Cundinamarca
- (AKA. Luis Eduardo Chirales Group)



- Reportedly formed like a militia (i.e., they report in the event of an emergency)
- Member organization of the AUC
- Area of operations is primarily the Cundinamarca Department
- Loosely organized in 1982
- Reportedly part of a "gasoline cartel" - stealing gasoline and reselling it to finance paramilitary activity

→ AUDEA (Autodefensas Universidad de Antioquia)



- Self-Defense Group of the University of Antioquia
- Leadership is unknown



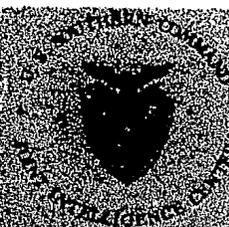
- Member organization of the AUC



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Organizational Profiles



→ AUSAC (Autodefensas Unidas de Santander y Cesar)

→ Self-Defense Groups of Santander and Cesar

→ AKA: Self-Defense Groups of Santander and Southern Cesar

→ Member organization of the AUC

→ Camillo Aurelio Morantes (ex-leader) was reportedly killed by Castor

→ APB (Autodefensas de Puerto Boyaca)

→ Self-Defense Group of Puerto Boyaca

→ Leader: "Batolon"

→ Member organization of the AUC

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Organizational Profiles



→ AUA (Autodefensas de Casanare)

- Self-Defense Group of Casanare
- [REDACTED]
- Number of combatants is unknown
- Member organization of the AUC

→ AS (Autodefensas de Simiti)

- Self-Defense Group of Simiti
- [REDACTED]
- Number of combatants is unknown
- Member organization of the AUC
- No further information

→ AVC (Autodefensas de Victor Carranza)

- Self-Defense Groups of Victor Carranza
- [REDACTED]
- Founder: Victor Carranza (deceased)
- Emerald band
- Current leaders: [REDACTED]
- Number of combatants is unknown
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



Victor Carranza

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Organizational Profiles



Special Operations

→ Black Serpent Paramilitary Group

- Leader was [REDACTED]
- Operate in the Meta Department
- No Further Information

→ "Colingue"

- "Colombia Without Guerrillas"
- Leader [REDACTED]
- Very little is know of this organization

[REDACTED]

- They have claimed responsibility for a number of selective assassinations in Arauca and Casanare Departments

→ Los Chamizos

- Leader [REDACTED]
- The FARC reports the leaders as

[REDACTED]

- Very little is know of this organization
- Heavily involved with drug trafficking operations

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]



Organizational Profiles



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→ Los Boteros

- Leader: [REDACTED]
- Involved in drug trafficking protection

→ Los Mendez

- Leader: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Involved in drug trafficking protection

→ Road Air

- Leader: [REDACTED]
- Consists of approximately 300 individuals
- Involved in drug trafficking protection

→ Musetos

- Leader: Unknown
- Consists of approximately individuals
- Involved in drug trafficking protection

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Organizational Profiles



→ Chepe Barrata

- Leader: [REDACTED]
- Consists of approximately individuals
- Involved in drug trafficking protection

→ Los Rojas

- AKA: Adan Rojas Ospira Group
- Leader: [REDACTED]
- Operate in Magdalena Dept
- Involved in drug trafficking protection

→ Los Castanos

- Leader is: [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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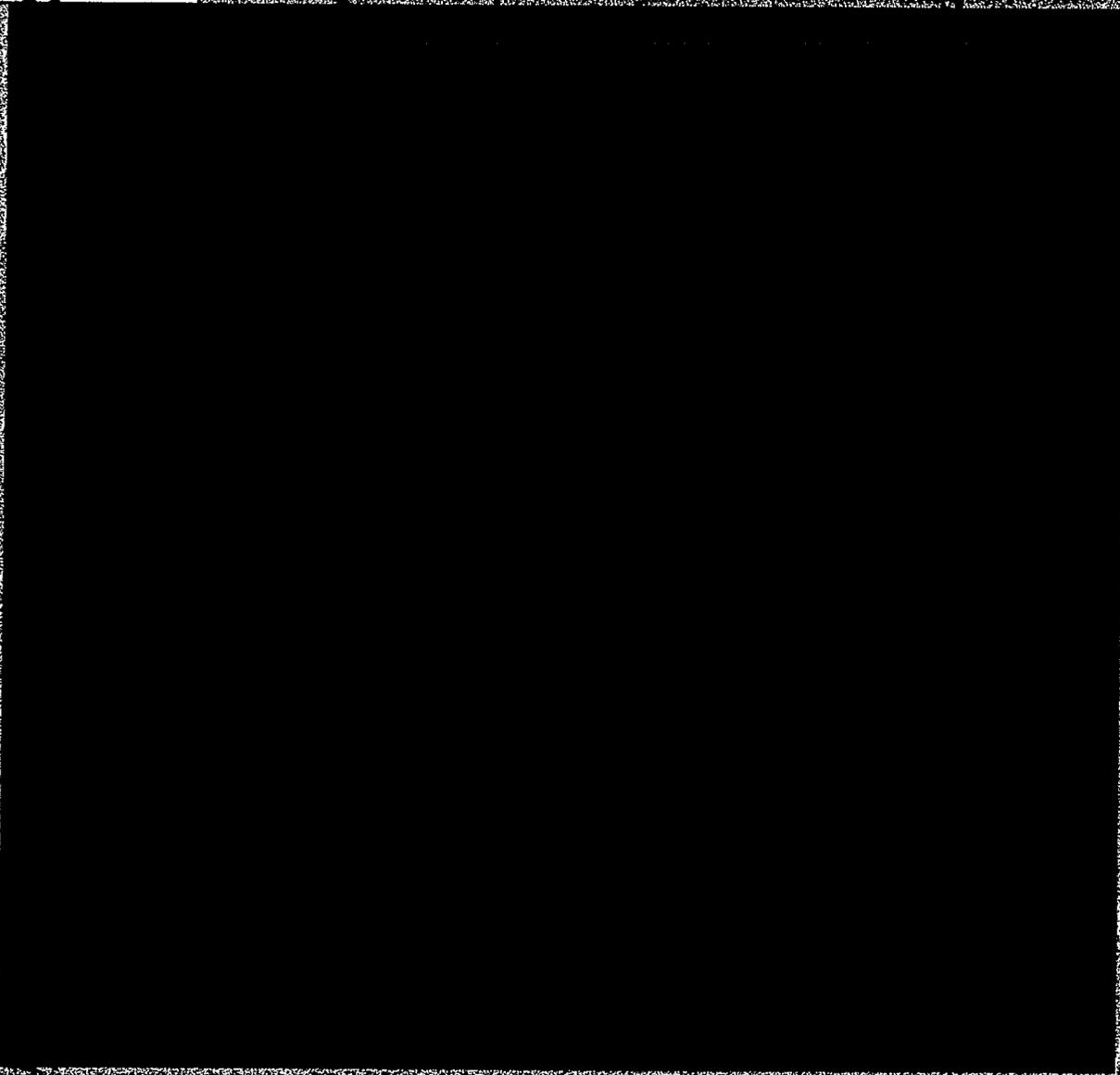
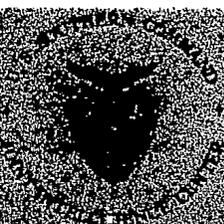
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**AUTODEFENSAS
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AUC UNITED ORGANIZATION

GENERAL STAFF



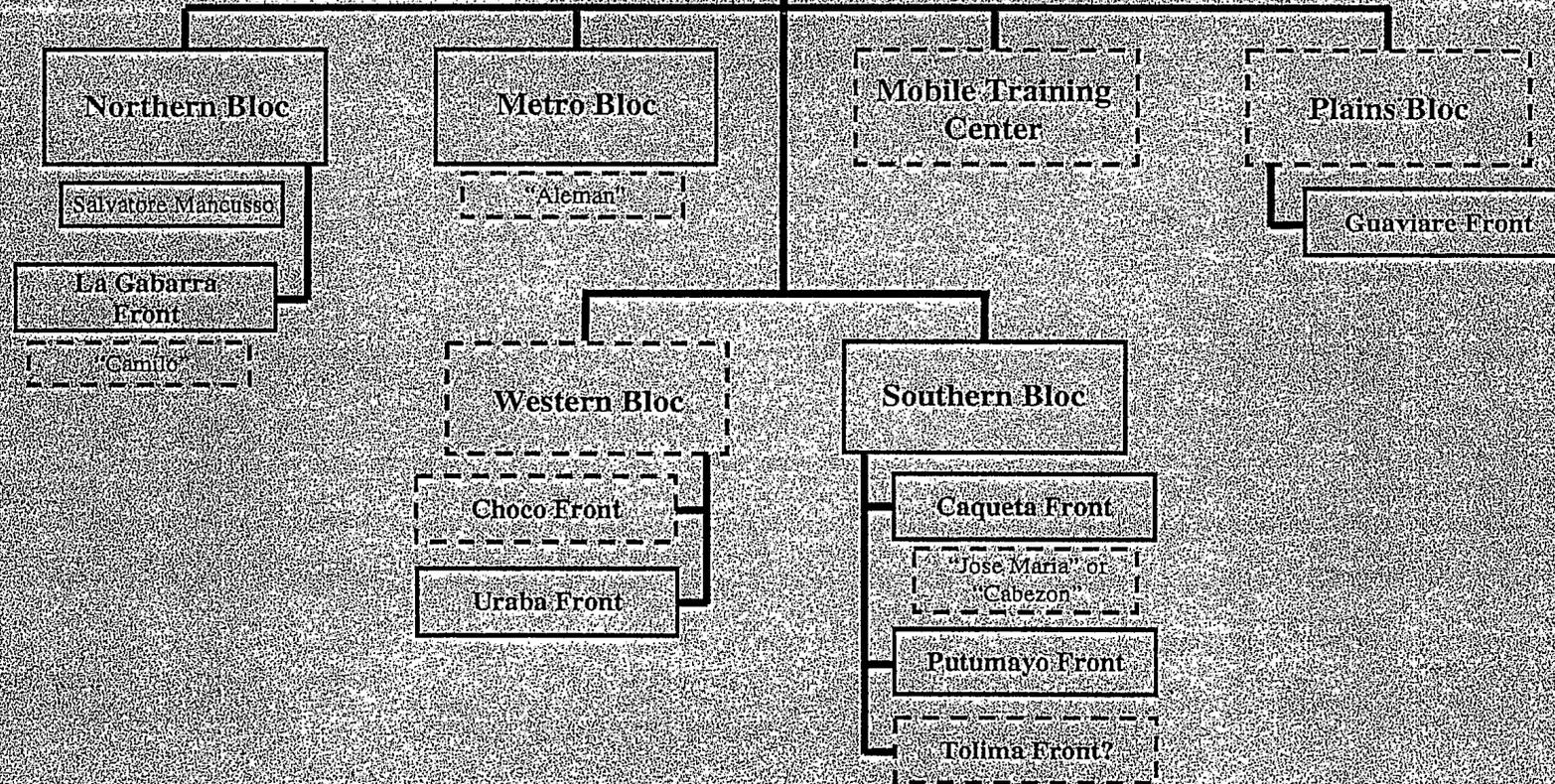


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Peasant Self Defense Groups of Cordoba and Uraba



“Central Command”
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Proposed Paramilitaries' & Mercenaries' Areas of Operations



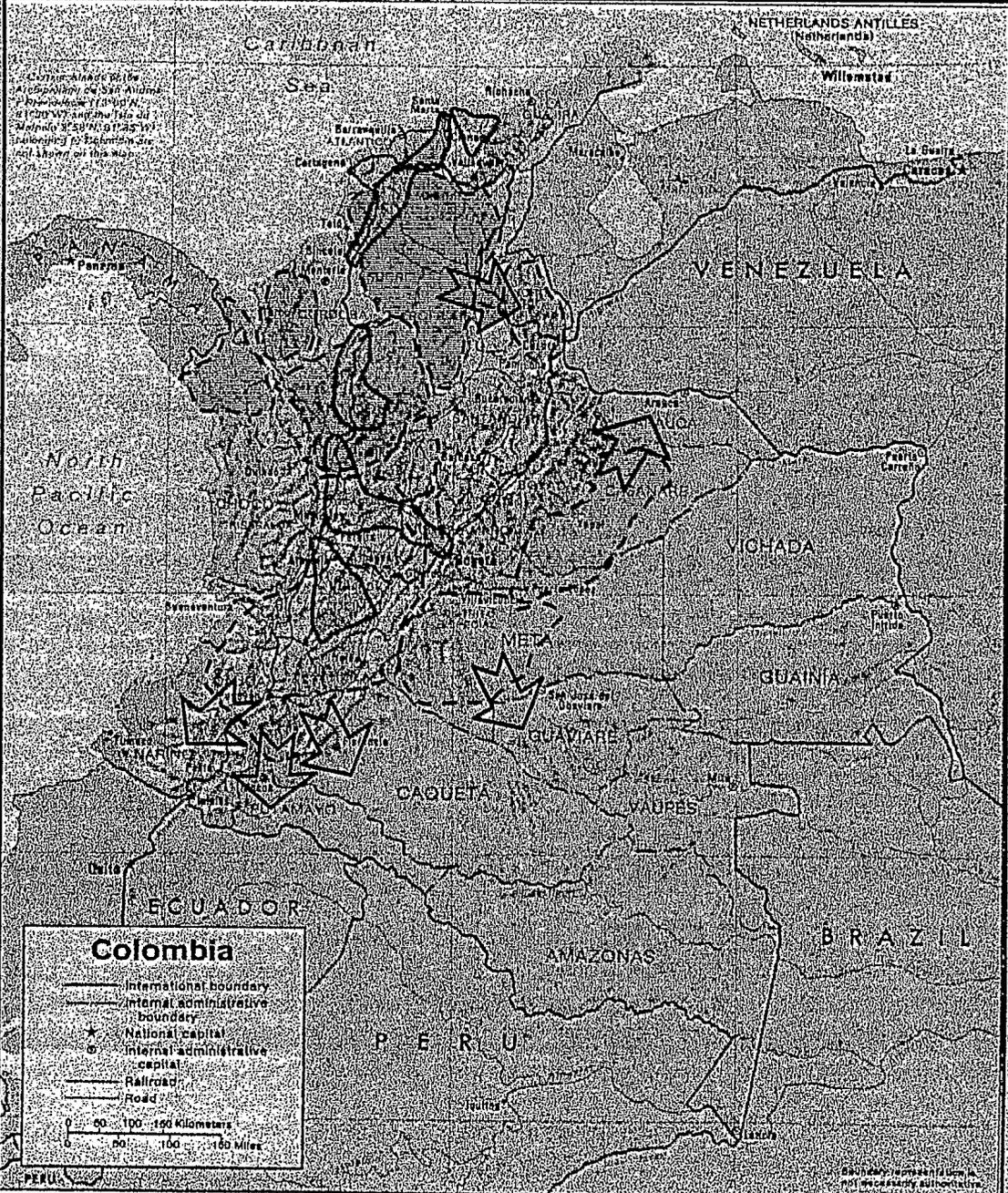
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- ACCU**
- Western Bloc/Metro Bloc
 - Western Bloc/Uraba Bloc
 - Metro Bloc/Mineros Bloc/Central Bloc
 - Northern Bloc
 - Gabarra Front
 - Plains Bloc
 - Guaviare Front
 - Southern Bloc
 - Tolima Front ?
 - Caqueta Front
 - Putumayo Front

- AC (Self-Defense Grps of Cundinamarca or AKA: Luis Eduardo Cifuentes Group)**
- AC

- ACMM (AKA: Self-Defense Grps of Ramon Isaza)**
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- AUSAC**
- AUSAC



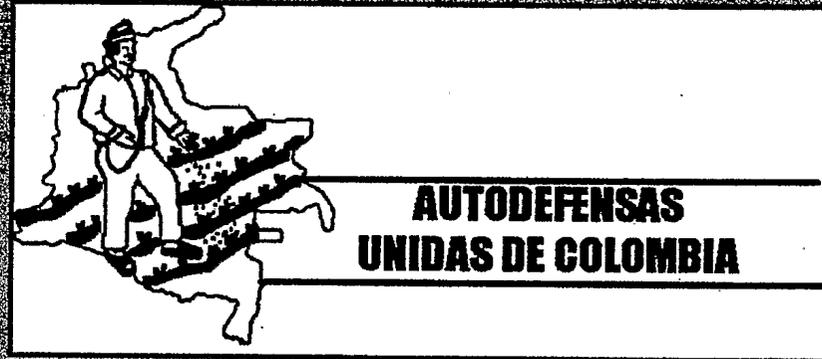
- ACLLO
- Cepeda Family Para Grp
- Barragan Family Para Grp
- U/I Paramilitary Grp

- Possible Criminal Groups**
- Adan Rojas Ospino Group
 - Los Chamizos
 - Self-Defense Group of the 12 Apostles
 - Colsingue
 - Self-Defense Group of Rojo Ata

Composed from CIA reporting, ACCU Statements, CNP Briefs, and event/activity reporting from multiple sources.

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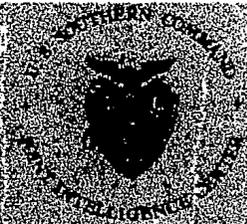
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Carlos Castano Gil

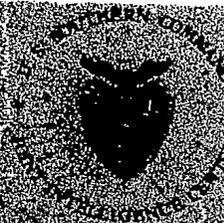


Carlos Castano

- Full name: Carlos Castano Gil
- DOB: 15 May 1966 in Amalfi, Antioquia
- Commander of the Autodefensas Campesinas de Cordoba y Uraba (AFCU)
 - Peasant Self-Defense Groups of Cordoba and Uraba
 - Founded in mid-1980s
- Co-founder the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC) the the Alianza Unida por Colombia (AUC) political wing of the AUC
 - United Self-Defense Groups of Colombia
 - United Alliance of Colombia
- Second youngest of twelve children (approximately four have been killed by the FARC/ELN)
- Religious Affiliation: Roman Catholic Church (considers himself to be a conservative Catholic)
- Dropped out of high school in eleventh grade
- Father (Jesus Castano) was kidnapped by the FARC in 1980 and demanded a \$500,000 ransom. The family was only able to raise \$150,000, which the FARC took and then killed the father anyway.
- Marital Status: Married with 2 children (1 girl born about 1980, 1 boy "Camilo" born 04/16/1994)
- Height: 5'9"
 - Described as being short and thin, very ordinary looking individual able to blend into a crowd
- Interests:
 - Weapons, sociology, and politics
 - Avid reader of the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi
 - Avid reader of Pablo Neruda's poems
- Admits that had it not been for father's murder, he would probably have become a member of the FARC or ELN
- Unknown whether he speaks any language other than Spanish
- Considered a natural leader, very charismatic, and very popular with rural Colombian peasants



Leadership Biographical Profiles



Ramon Isaza



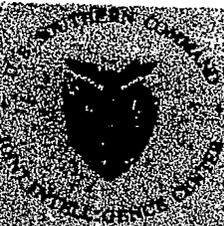
Ramon Isaza

- Full name: Ramon Maria Arango Isaza
- Commander of the Autodefensas Campesinas de Magdalena Medio (ACMM)
- Peasant Self-Defense of Middle Magdalena
- ANA - Self-Defense Groups of Ramon Isaza
- Group is oldest of modern era paramilitary groups
- Founded in 1978
- Co-founder the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC)
- Reportedly second in command of the AUC
- NOB: About 1940
- Two sons have been killed by enemies, one in 1991 and another in 1998
- Wanted for drug-trafficking charges
- \$50 million peso reward for his capture
- Owns a cattle ranch, "Las Mercedes" in the Doradal area of the Magdalena River valley area

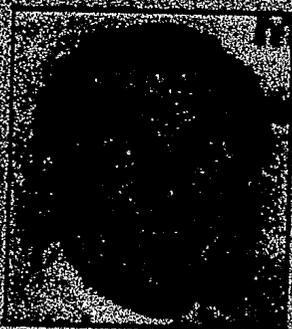




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→ Victor Carranza



Victor Carranza

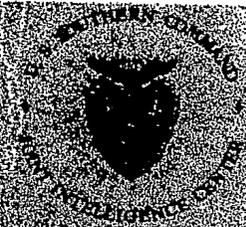
- Self-Defense Groups of Victor Carranza
 - AKA [REDACTED]
- Co-founder of the AUC
- Reportedly a drug-trafficker
- Considered an "emerald magnate"
 - Large scale emerald smuggler
- 2nd grade education
- Owns a ranch in Casanare Department

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Leadership Biographical Profiles



Salvatore Mancuso



- Full name: Salvatore Gomez Mancuso
- AKA: [REDACTED]
- DOB: 17 August 1964 in Monteria, Cordoba
- From a well-respected and well-known family on the Atlantic coast
- Descended from one of the founding families of Cordoba
- Attended primary school and high school at the La Salle School in Montena, Cordoba
- Studied Engineering in Bogota
- Height: 6'2" (1.90 meters)
- Appearance is more European than Colombian

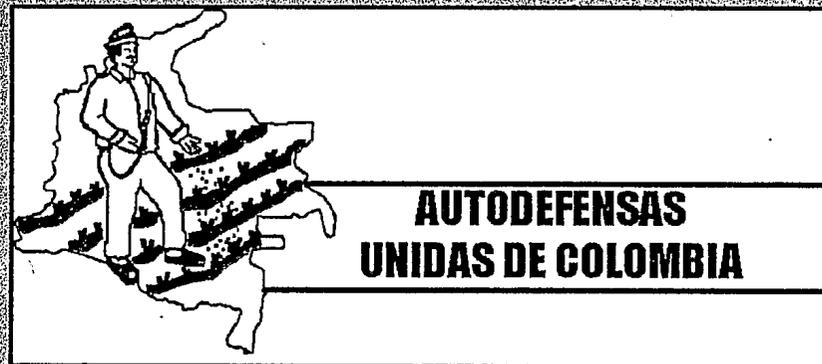
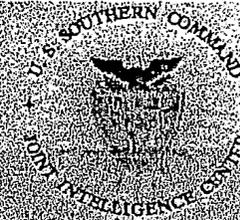
Salvatore Mancuso

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] ACCU Northern Bloc Leader
- Considered the number two man in the ACCU
- Rescued Carlos Castano from a FARC attack in Nudo de Paramillo region of the Antioquia Dept during Christmas 1998 (The ACCU had declared a cease-fire for the holidays)
- Commander of paramilitary forces in the Cataumbo region of Norte de Santander Dept
- Co-owner of "Mancuso Brothers" car dealership in Monteria, Cordoba
- Current address is Calle 57 #B024 Interior L9, Montena, Cordoba
- National identification number is 6392624

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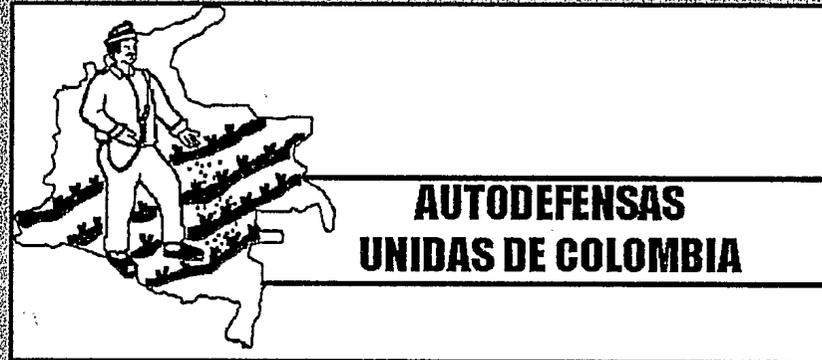
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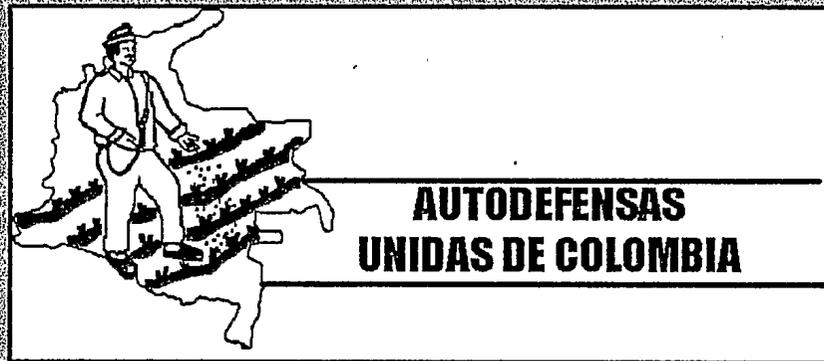
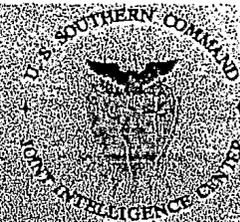
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Transportation
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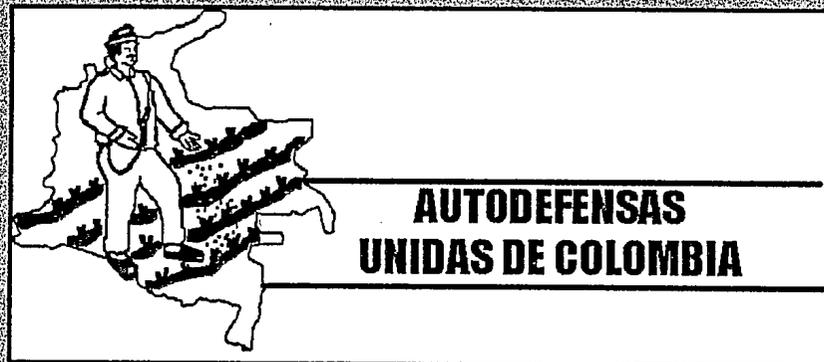
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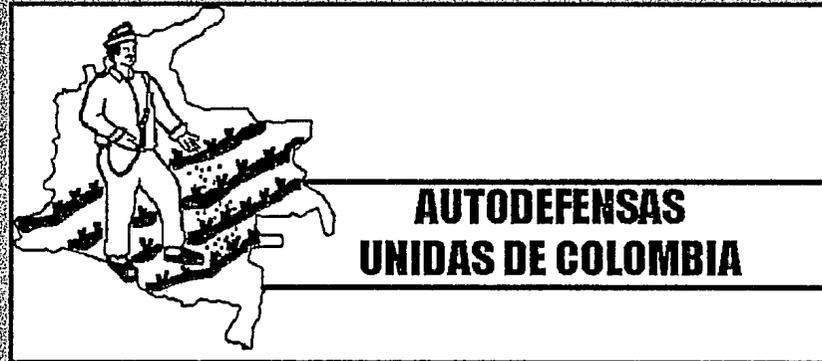
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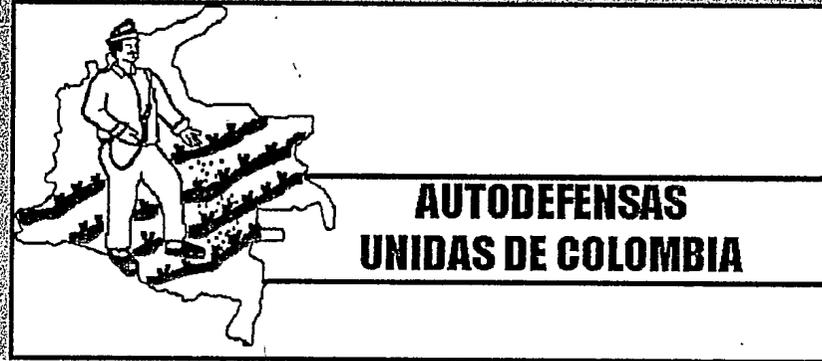
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Center of Gravity

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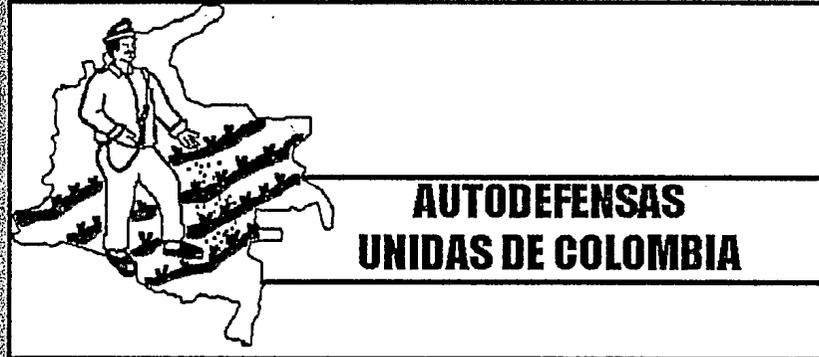
Impact on Bordering Countries

(Ecuador / Panama / Venezuela)

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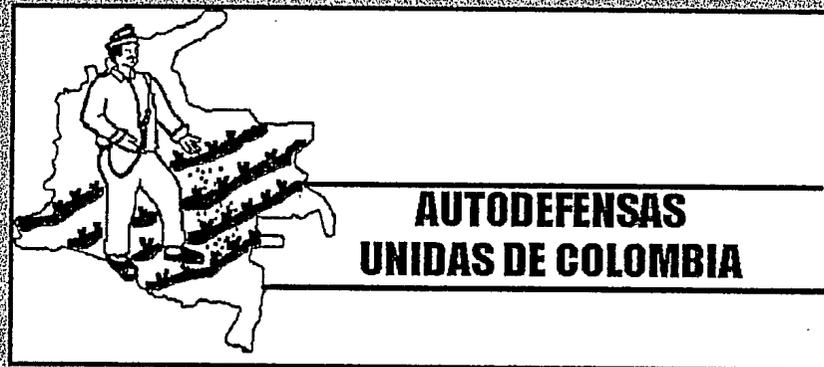
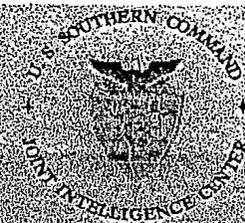


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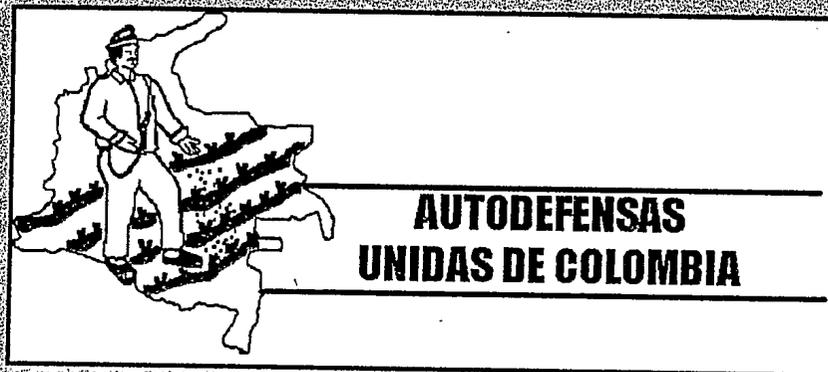
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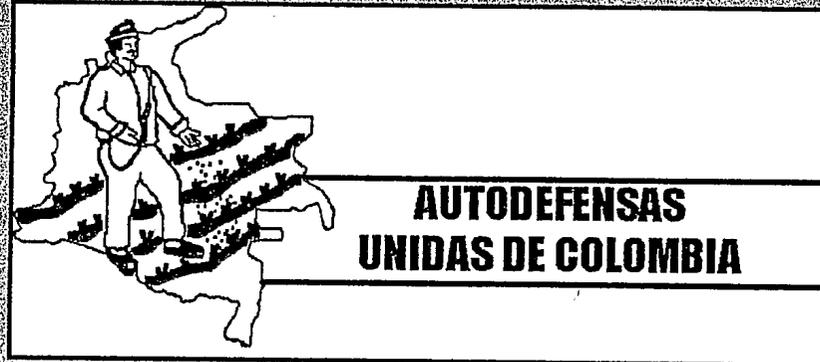
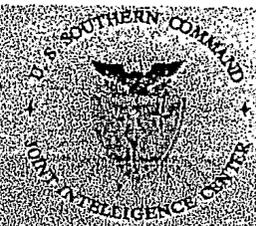
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Possible Military Relations

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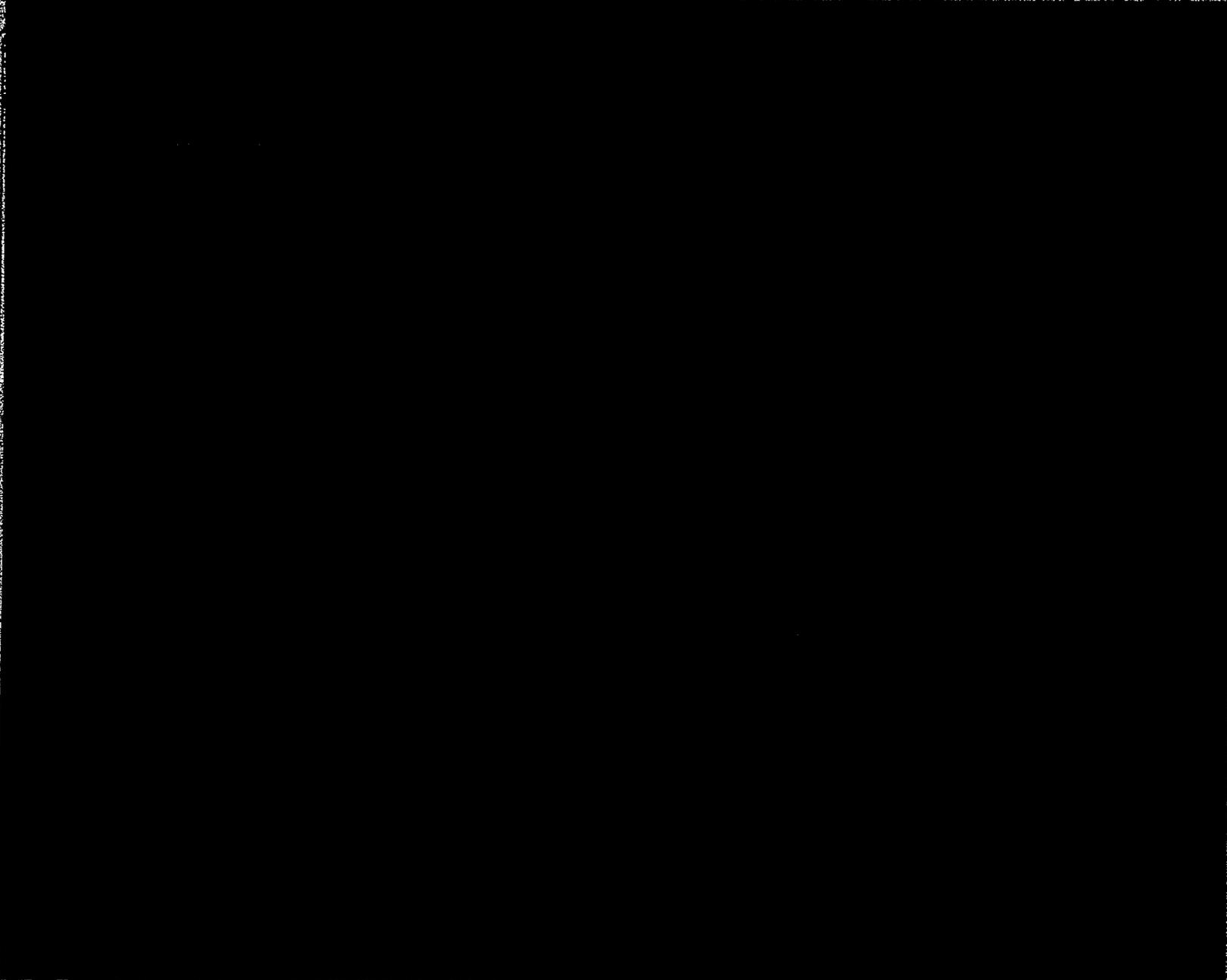
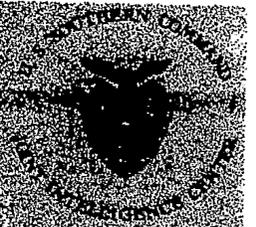
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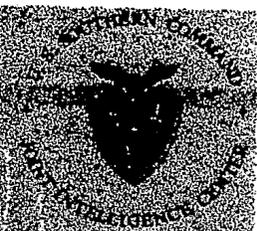
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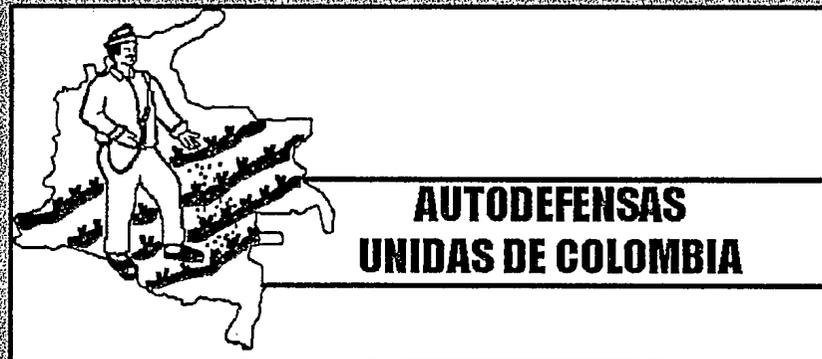
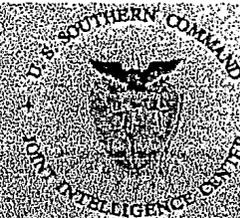


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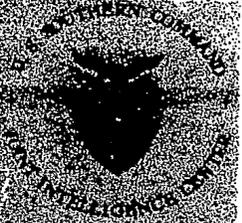
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