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SNM-02 USIA-06 NSC-05 DES-03 OMB-01 AID-05 IGA-01
1051 W

R 191003Z AUG 75
FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
TO DEA HQS WASHDC
US CUSTOMS WASHDC
SECSTATE WASHDC 288
DEA MIAMI
AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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ACTION DATE 8/20
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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: SNAR CO
SUBJECT: COCAINE SMUGGLING VIA BANANA BOATS--POKE NO G1-75-0202

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REF: DEA 12970

1. MISSION PREPARED BRIEF MIAMI NEWS REPORTER OSINSKI, WOULD PREFER THAT HE TRAVEL TO BOGOTA BEFORE ATTEMPTING VISIT TURBO AND NORTH CMKST AREA. ALL GOC NARCOTICS UNITS ARE HEADQUARTERED IN CAPITAL CITY. COMMANDERS THESE UNITS MUST APPROVE ALL PRESS CONTACTS BY THEIR SUBORDINATES IN THE PROVINCES.
2. OSINSKI SHOULD CONTACT USIS PRESS OFFICER MR. GUY FARMER OR MR. BERNARD HENSGEN--UPON ARRIVAL BOGOTA. USIS WILL GIVE INITIAL BRIEFING, ESTABLISH GROUND RULES FOR INTERVIEWS WITH USG OFFICIALS (I.E. NO ATTRIBUTION) AND ASSIST IN CONTACTS WITH GOC NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICIALS.
3. REQUEST DEA MIAMI BRIEF OSINSKI PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ON

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NO ATTRIBUTION RULE APPLYING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM BOGOTA MISSION OFFICERS. MISSION HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL STRONG COMPLAINTS FROM GOC ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING NICOLAS GAGE NARCOTICS SERIES IN NEW YORK TIMES AND MOST RECENT DRUG REPORTING TOUCHING ON COLOMBIA IN MIAMI HERALD. COMPLAINTS SPECIFICALLY REFER TO STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO DEA OFFICIALS CRITICAL OF GOC DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. MOST RECENT SUCH COMPLAINT MADE LAST WEEK BY CHIEF OF NATIONAL POLICE WHO POINTED OUT (WITH REFERENCE TO JULY MIAMI HERALD STORY) THAT IF DEA WISHED GET CONTINUED COOPERATION OF GOC AUTHORITIES IT SHOULD BE LESS CRITICAL OF GOC ERRORS AND OMISSIONS. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE ARE INSISTING ON NO ATTRIBUTION FORM A IN ALL MISSION PRESS CONTACTS RE DRUGS AND ARE DIRECTING ALL JOURNALISTS TO GOC ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FOR BRIEFINGS ON DRUG TRAFFICKING FROM COLOMBIA TO US.

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