

STATE - A.I.D. - USIA ROUTING SLIP					DATE 12/16/75	
TO:	Name or Title	Urgen. Symbol	Room No.	Bldg.	Initials	Date
1	✓ RDUGSTAD	S/NM	7320	NS		
2	CBUCK	S/NM	7336	NS		
3	MWAMPLER	SER/INC	211	SA-2		
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INFO ROUTINE CARACAS

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S/NM:CBUCK
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, CO
SUBJECT: GOC EXPECTATION OF US NARCOTICS AID {HELICOPTERS}
REFERENCE: BOGOTA 10609

CARACAS FOR DEA

1. LAI NCC MET DECEMBER 15 FOR PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF GOC EXPECTATION OF INCREASED NARCOTICS FUNDS--PARTICULARLY FOR HELICOPTERS. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT A NUMBER OF FACTORS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY DECISION ON HELICOPTERS IS MADE, AND ASKED THAT MISSION ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS:
2. REORGANIZATION: WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFTTEL THAT GOC IS CONSIDERING A REORGANIZATION OF ITS NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT. NATURE OF SUCH REORGANIZATION MIGHT WELL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHETHER HELICOPTERS, AS OPPOSED TO OTHER EQUIPMENT, WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE INPUTS FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION. IF MILITARY IS TO BE GIVEN NEW NARCOTICS ROLE AS PART OF REORGANIZATION, WE WOULD HOPE THAT ANY SUCH ROLE WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM EFFECTIVE EFFORTS NOW BEING MADE BY GOC ANTI-NARCOTICS ENTITIES--PARTICULARLY F-2. MISSION SHOULD CONSIDER CONVEYING THIS CONCERN, AND ANY

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OTHER CONCERNS MISSION MAY HAVE, TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS BEFORE REORGANIZATION IS SET.

3. TOTAL NARCOTICS EFFORT: WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REORGANIZATION, THE QUESTION OF HELICOPTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED IN LIGHT OF THE TOTAL INTERDICTION EFFORT. WOULD AMOUNT SPENT

_____, HELICOPTERS CONTRIBUTE ~~MORE~~ TO THE EFFORT THAN A COMPARABLE AMOUNT SPENT ON COMMUNICATIONS AND LAND VEHICLES {FOR EXAMPLE}?

4. USE/MAINTENANCE: WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHICH GOC AGENCY WOULD OPERATE AND MAINTAIN HELICOPTERS. WOULD THAT AGENCY HAVE SUCH A CAPABILITY, BOTH IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL AND BUDGETARY RESOURCES? HOW AND WHERE WOULD THE HELICOPTERS BE USED? WOULD THEY BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION?

5. INTELLIGENCE: THERE WAS SOME CONCERN THAT A GREATER GOC NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY IS NEEDED BEFORE HELICOPTERS COULD BE USED WITH MUCH EFFECTIVENESS. OPERATIONS KITCHEN AND FUNNEL ARE INCREASING THIS CAPABILITY, AND THERE WAS SOME DISPOSITION TO AWAIT THE COMPLETION OF THESE OPERATIONS AND ASSESS THEIR EFFECTS ON THE GOC'S NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE, BEFORE CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF ~~RM~~ HELICOPTERS.

6. MISSION'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AT ITS DISCRETION, MISSION MAY APPROACH GOC OFFICIALS ON THESE POINTS, MAKING CLEAR THAT WE ARE AT THIS STAGE _____ LOOKING INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF HELICOPTERS, ^{but} ~~ON~~ A VERY PRELIMINARY BASIS, AND THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. 44

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