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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN COLOMBIA AND RELATED
HIGH LEVEL CORRUPTION

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE CONCERNED BY REPORTS FROM COLOMBIA WHICH INDICATE INVOLVEMENT OF HIGH LEVEL MILITARY, POLICE AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS EITHER DIRECTLY IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING OR BY PROVIDING PROTECTION TO TRAFFICKERS. THOUGH THESE REPORTS ARE TO DATE PIECEMEAL AND SKETCHY, THEY DO INDICATE A NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SITUATION IN COLOMBIA AS IT RELATES TO OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM AND OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES.

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2. AS A FIRST STEP, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED CIA ORAL BRIEFING BASED ON INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM THE EMBASSY BY APRIL 18 A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WHICH PULLS TOGETHER INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS FROM ALL CONCERNED ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION (INCLUDING DEA, SRF, AID, THE EMBASSY, ETC.) THE REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE DEPTH AND EXTENT OF CORRUPTION, NAMING NAMES OR AT LEAST POSITIONS OF THOSE "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL," SPECIFYING WHETHER THEY ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING OR ONLY PROVIDING PROTECTION. EMBASSY'S INDEPTH ANALYSIS SHOULD ASSESS THE AFFECT ON OUR OBJECTIVES

OF STEMMING THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS TO THE U.S. AND ON OUR PROGRAMS IN PARTICULAR.

3. ONCE WE HAVE REPORT IN HAND, WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL EXPLORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION. EMBASSY SUGGESTED COURSES OF ACTION WOULD BE WELCOME.
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