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DIST: 16 APRIL 1988

COUNTRY: COLOMBIA

SUBJ: COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMY FOURTH BRIGADE AND THE MEDELLIN CARTEL; TENTH BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE UNIT PROVISION OF NAMES TO UNIDENTIFIED RIGHTWING PARAMILITARY GROUP

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2. A WAVE OF ASSASSINATIONS CARRIED OUT AGAINST SUSPECTED LEFTISTS AND COMMUNISTS IN MEDELLIN THROUGHOUT 1987 WERE THE RESULT OF A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF (B-2) OF THE

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COLOMBIAN ARMY FOURTH BRIGADE IN MEDELLIN, LTC. PLINIO ((CORREA)), AND UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF THE MEDELLIN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING CARTEL. [redacted] COMMENT: THE DEATHS INCLUDE THE KILLING OF SEVERAL PATRIOTIC UNION (UP) MEMBERS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE B-2 AND MEDELLIN CARTEL IN CARRYING OUT ASSASSINATIONS OF SUSPECTED LEFTISTS AND COMMUNISTS COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE COMMANDER.) [redacted] COMMENT: THE WAVE OF KILLINGS IN MEDELLIN IN AUGUST 1987 INCLUDED MOSTLY UP MEMBERS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS. THE COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE WAS TRANSFERRED IN DECEMBER 1987 AS A RESULT OF ALLEGATIONS OF HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. ACCORDING TO EARLY APRIL 1988 PRESS REPORTING, LTC. PLINIO CORREA WAS COURT MARTIALED AND PUBLICLY DISMISSED FROM THE ARMY IN APRIL 1988 FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS IN MEDELLIN.)

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4. THE INDIVIDUALS WHO EXECUTED 20 BANANA PLANTATION WORKERS ON 4 MARCH 1988 OBTAINED THE NAMES OF THEIR INTENDED TARGETS FROM THE COLOMBIAN ARMY'S TENTH BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE UNIT (B-2). THE B-2 OBTAINED THE NAMES IN JANUARY 1988 DURING THE INTERROGATION OF A POPULAR LIBERATION ARMY (EPL) MEMBER, ALIAS "AUGUSTO." "AUGUSTO" AND TWO OTHER EPL MEMBERS, ALL BELONGING TO AN EPL UNIT LED BY ALIAS "RAMBO" WERE CAPTURED BY THE COLOMBIAN ARMY AT THE TOWN OF EL TOTUMO NEAR THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE GULF OF URABA. DURING HIS INTERROGATION BY THE B-2, "AUGUSTO" PROVIDED THE NAMES OF VARIOUS EPL MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS, MANY OF WHOM BELONGED TO THE BANANA WORKERS UNION "SINTAGRO" IN URABA. THE INFORMATION FROM "AUGUSTO" WAS PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PRIVATE RIGHT-WING PARAMILITARY GROUP. [redacted] COMMENT: THE VICTIMS OF THE 4 MARCH KILLINGS WERE EPL AND "POPULAR FRONT" SYMPATHIZERS AND MEMBERS OF SINTAGRO, ALL OF WHOSE NAMES APPEARED ON THE B-2'S INTERROGATION REPORTS. PRIOR TO THE KILLINGS, THEY WERE ACCURATELY IDENTIFIED BY THEIR ATTACKERS FROM A LIST WHICH THE ATTACKERS POSSESSED.)

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5. [redacted] COMMENT: WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO CONDUCTED THE KILLINGS ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE TENTH BRIGADE'S B-2, IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT THE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WAS SHARED WITH A PRIVATE PARAMILITARY GROUP IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A CUTOUT TO AVOID BLAME ON THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY. ALTHOUGH THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY PREFERS TO BLAME THE KILLINGS ON RIVALRY BETWEEN THE EPL AND THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC), THE KILLERS' MODUS OPERANDI SHOWED A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF GUERRILLA IDEOLOGY, DISPROVING FARC INVOLVEMENT.)

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