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WEAPONS AND M-19 SUPPORTERS, EVIDENTLY INTENT ON CONDUCTING A SIMULTANEOUS DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF THE TAKE OVER.

COMMENT: ~~(S/NF)~~ IT APPEARS THAT THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A HARD LINE IN THIS SITUATION.

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COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO)

WARNING: (U) ~~NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS~~

SUBJECT: IIP [REDACTED] OF JUSTICE STATUS AS OF  
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DOI: (U) 851106 (b)(3):10 USC 424

REQ: (U) [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY: (U) STATUS OF M-19 TAKE OVER OF PALACE OF  
JUSTICE.

TEXT: ~~(S/NF)~~ AT APPROXIMATELY 1125 HOURS ON 851106,  
A 2 1/2 TON TRUCK WITH A CANVAS COVER ENTERED THE PALACE  
OF JUSTICE THROUGH THE BASEMENT DRIVE. UPON ENTERING THE  
BUILDING, APPROXIMATELY 30 GUERRILLAS EXITED THE TRUCK  
FIRING AND KILLING THE BUILDING MANAGER AND TWO GUARDS  
STATIONED IN THE BASEMENT. THE GUERRILLAS THEN BEGAN TO  
ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER THE BUILDING. SECURITY FORCES,  
HAVING BEEN ALERTED BY INTELLIGENCE OVER A WEEK AGO THAT  
THE PALACE OF JUSTICE WAS ONE OF THE POSSIBLE TARGETS OF  
THE M-19, REACTED SWIFTLY TO PREVENT A COMPLETE TAKE OVER  
THE CURRENT SITUATION IS THAT THE BASEMENT AND FIRST  
FLOOR OF THE BUILDING IS IN THE HANDS OF THE COLOMBIAN  
SECURITY FORCES. THERE ARE SMALL POCKETS OF RESISTANCE  
LEFT ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS. THE ENTIRE FOURTH  
FLOOR (THE BUILDING HAS ONLY FOUR FLOORS) IS IN POSSESSIO  
OF THE GUERRILLAS WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HOSTAGES. IT  
IS KNOWN THAT AT LEAST ELEVEN OF THE HOSTAGES ARE CON-  
SIDERED VIPS. PROOF OF AN INSIDE JOB WAS PROVIDED WHEN  
SECURITY FORCES ENTERED THE BASEMENT AND FOUND CACHES OF  
CLOTHING, MEDICINE AND FOOD. OBVIOUSLY, THE M-19 HAD  
PREPARED FOR A LONG SIEGE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 HOURS,  
THE POLICE INTERCEPTED AND DETAINED TWO TRUCKS CONTAINING

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ACTION DC-4A(1) (U,6,7,F)  
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