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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN COLOMBIA

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- 1. MISSION BELIEVES THAT NARCOTICS BRIEFING FOR PRESIDENT LOPEZ REF B) PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL OPORTUNITY FOR INITIAL STEP IN PUSHING FOR ELIMINATION OF OPIUM CULTIVATION IN COLOOMBIA (REF A). PROVIDING LOPEZ WITH AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE WOULD BE IN SPIRIP OF BOURNE/FALCO OFFERS OF INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND WOULD ENLIST NECESSARY SUPPORT AT HIGHEST LEVEL FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.
- 2. IN MISSION'S OPINION, INTELLIGENCE ON OPIUM CULTIVATION IS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED FOR SPECIFIC ERADICATION EFFORTS. RATHER THAN DISSIPATING IMPACT OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE BY PRESENTING IT AL LOWER LEVEL AND THEN WAITING FOR IT TO FILTER UPWARD, MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT FORCEFUL PRESECTATION BE MADE DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ. STAGE WOULD THEN BE SET FOR NECESSARY POLITICAL AND BUREAUCRATIC DECISIONS FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER INTELLIGENCE AND FOR ERADICATION EFFORTS.

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