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1. THE NATIONAL POLICE RECEIVED INFORMATION [REDACTED] FROM A PILOT, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN JAIL ON BIGAMY CHARGES AND WHO CLAIMS HE TOOK A COURSE IN GUERRILLA WARFARE IN CUBA ALONG WITH FABIO VASQUEZ CASTANO, ALIAS CARLOS VILLERREAL, THE LEADER OF THE ARMY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION IN COLOMBIA, THAT 35 MEN UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ALBERTO BAYO, (ALIAS TRUENO) SPANISH COMMUNIST WHO IS A GUERRILLA EXPERT IN

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CUBA, ENTERED COLOMBIA ABOUT MID-JULY WITH THE OBJECT OF CARRYING OUT A WIDESPREAD TERRORIST CAMPAIGN. AMONG THOSE WHO ACCOMPANIED BAYO ARE ENRIQUE LISTER, ANOTHER SPANISH COMMUNIST IN CUBA; CAPTAIN JORGE E. MENDOZA (ALIAS TUMBA-1) AND LIEUTENANT OBDULIO MORALES (ALIAS TUMBA-2), CUBANS; AND ARTURO COTE, A VENEZUELAN. COLOMBIANS WORKING WITH THIS GROUP ARE VASQUEZ; MANUEL CEPEDA VARGAS, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA; DR. ALBERTO MARTINEZ, A LAWYER WHO IS ALSO A LABOR LEADER; AND CAPTAINS ALVAREZ (FNU) AND HERRERA (FNU), WHO OWN AN AVIATION COMPANY CALLED SERVICIOS ESPECIALES AEREOS LTDA. "SEA" AND WHO HAVE BROUGHT ARMS AND PROPAGANDA INTO THE COUNTRY.

2. BAYO'S GROUP PLANS TO BEGIN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ON 10 AUGUST WITH A SERIES OF BOMBINGS AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES: THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, THE COLOMBIAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE, SEARS, THE GOODYEAR FACTORY, THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE AGUSTIN CODAZZI INSTITUTE. NEAR THE END OF AUGUST THEY PLAN ARMED ATTACKS, SIMILAR TO THE ELN ATTACK ON SIMACOTA, ON THE TOWNS OF BACAN AND GUANE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SANTANDER AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN BARRANCABERMEJA. THEY ALSO PLAN TO STEAL AN AVIANCA PLANE. AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME THEY PLAN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST MARIANO OSPINA PEREZ, LEADER OF THE OSPINISTA WING OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, AND CARLOS LLERAS RESTREPO, PROBABLE CANDIDATE OF THE LIBERAL PARTY IN THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THESE MEN ARE ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC

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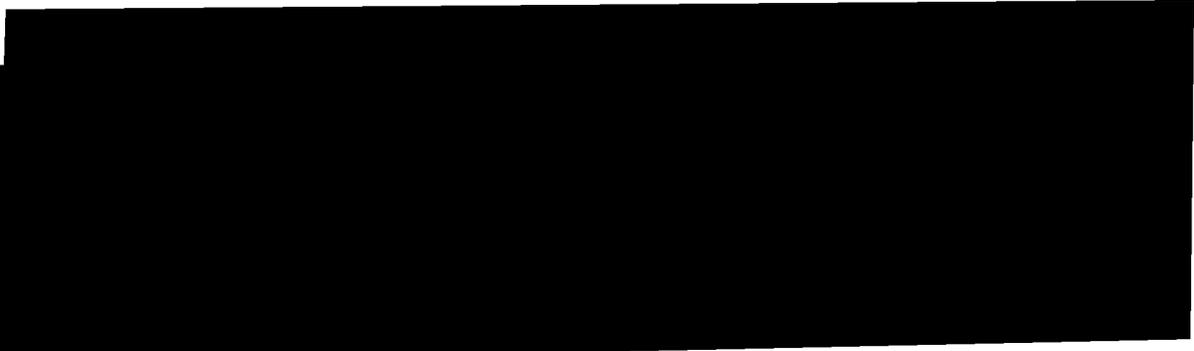
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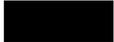
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WEAPONS, AND HAVE RADIO EQUIPMENT IN BOGOTA AND AT A FARM OUTSIDE OF CAJICA, A TOWN NORTH OF BOGOTA IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CUNDINAMARKA, CAPABLE OF INTERCEPTING OFFICIAL RADIO BROADCASTS. THEY ARE STAYING AT A HOME IN THE SANTA FE DISTRICT OF BOGOTA.

3. ON 7 AUGUST THE POLICE WERE ALERTING THEIR GARRISONS AND THE OTHER SECURITY FORCES TO THE TERRORIST PLANS. OSPINA HAS BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE POSSIBLE ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE AND LLERAS WILL BE WARNED. THE NAMES OF THE GROUP ARE BEING CHECKED AS ARE THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE MEN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN HIDING AND WHERE THEIR EQUIPMENT IS KEPT, ALTHOUGH THE PILOT ONLY SUPPLIED IMPRECISE ADDRESSES. THE PILOT WILL BE INTERROGATED AGAIN FOR MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS.

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