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1. PREPARATIONS FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE ATLANTIC COAST REGION OF COLOMBIA WERE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING ON [REDACTED] OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ATLANTIC COAST REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA-MARKIST/LENINIST (PCC-ML). THE MEETING WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY PEDRO LEON ARBOLEDA, A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PCC-ML, AND BY AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON FROM CARTAGENA.

2. AT THE MEETING IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT THE PCC-ML HAS DIVIDED THE COASTAL REGION INTO TWO AREAS, REFERRED TO AS AREAS "A" AND "B". AREA "A" IS LOCATED IN MAGDALENA AROUND CODAZZI, VILLANUEVA, AND THE SIERRA DE PERIJA. THIS AREA IS TO RECEIVE 50,000 PESOS WITHIN SIX MONTHS WITH

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WHICH TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN COORDINATION WITH GUERRILLAS IN THE STATE OF ZULIA, VENEZUELA. [REDACTED] COMMENT. ONE US DOLLAR EQUALS ABOUT 14.00 PESOS. [REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED] URIEL BARRERA, WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE MILITARY APPARATUS OF THE PCC-ML, SENT 10,000 PESOS TO FRANCISCO CARAVALLO, WHO IS CHARGE OF PCC-ML GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN THE ATLANTIC COAST REGION.)

3. AREA "B" IS AN EXTENSIVE REGION CONSISTING OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUIA AND THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF BOLIVAR AND CORDOBA DEPARTMENTS. IT IS CENTERED AROUND ALTO SAN JORGE. [REDACTED] COMMENT. ALTO SAN JORGE IS BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED IN SOUTHERN CORDOBA, NEAR THE BORDER OF ANTIOQUIA ALONG THE SAN JORGE RIVER.) AREA "B" IS TO RECEIVE 5,000 PESOS BY THE MIDDLE OF MAY. FIVE PAID PROFESSIONAL PCC-ML WORKERS IN THIS AREA ARE READY TO BEGIN OPERATIONS.

4. THE PCC-ML HAS DECIDED AGAINST USING THE SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS BECAUSE IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PCC-ML WOULD RECEIVE NO HELP FROM THE LOCAL POPULATION. THE AREA MAY BE USED, HOWEVER, AS A REFUGE AND A SOURCE OF SUPPLIES. LATER, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO USE IT AS A BASE AGAINST URBAN CENTERS SUCH AS SANTA MARTA AND CIENAGA.

5. THE PCC-ML HAS BEEN USING AS A TRAINING AREA A RANCH LOCATED NEAR THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN BARRANQUILLA AND CARTAGENA BELONGING TO DR. GOMEZ RESTREPO (FNU), AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE PCC-ML. ROBERTO

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PUA FERNANDEZ, AND BERNARDO FERREIRA GRANDETT, PCC-ML LEADERS, PLAN TO GO TO A PROPOSED GUERRILLA SITE TO TAKE PART IN GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES. ROBERTO BONNETT, A LEADER OF THE PCC-ML, PLANS TO GO TO MAGANQUE, DEPARTMENT OF BOLIVAR, TO ORGANIZE THE PCC-ML IN THAT AREA.

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