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Jamaica	Arms Seizure	
	Jamaican authorities in early 1989 reportedly scized a shipment of 1,000 automatic rifles, 250 machineguns, and 10 mortars after learning that the Colombian end user certificate for the arms was forged. The weapons had arrived	
	from Portugal on the Copacabana—a Panamanian ship probably owned by a British arms dealer—and were about to be flown to Colombia for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).	
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	This incident suggests that the FARC—which earns large sums of money through taxing or controlling illicit drug production in some parts of Colombia—has realized that it can obtain far larger quantities of well-made	(b)(3
	military ordnance on the international gray arms market than it can acquire within Colombia.	(
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