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- CCX: ZE-89-0007 [REDACTED] PABLO ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA
- (TKO 558)

1. DURING THE WEEK OF 16 FEBRUARY 1993, INFORMATION WAS
MADE PUBLIC REGARDING A NEWLY EMERGED PARAMILITARY
MEDELLIN GROUP CALLING THEMSELVES "COLOMBIA LIBRE" (FREE

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COLOMBIA), WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS THE PURSUIT/CAPTURE OF PABLO ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA.

2. THE NEW GROUP CLAIMS TO BE COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 150 MEMBERS, A REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF WHOM WERE PICTURED IN A RECENT NEWS MAGAZINE WEARING SKI MASKS AND CARRYING MACHINEGUNS. THE GROUP FURTHER CLAIMS TO BE MADE UP OF "LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS AND A NUMBER OF INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS."

3. REPORTEDLY, THEIR SOLE OBJECTIVE IS TO FIGHT AGAINST THE TERRORISM, ASSASSINATIONS AND TORTURES ORDERED BY PABLO ESCOBAR, RESULTING, HOPEFULLY, IN HIS EVENTUAL CAPTURE. THEIR FUNCTION IS TO EMPLOY AND PAY INFORMANTS FOR INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHEREABOUTS OF ESCOBAR AND HIS COHORTS. THEY STATE THAT THEY "COOPERATE FULLY WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" AND ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN AT LEAST FORTY (40) OPERATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE IN THEIR SEARCH FOR ESCOBAR. AT FIRST, THE GROUP ACCEPTED

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ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR OPERATIONS AND PAYMENT OF INFORMANTS FROM INDIVIDUALS ONCE MEMBERS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL. THEY NOW RECEIVE MONETARY HELP FROM INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN FROM THE MEDELLIN AREA, BOGOTA, AND THE NORTH COAST OF COLOMBIA. THEY CLAIM ALSO TO RECEIVE HELP FROM THOSE VICTIMS OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL WHO NEED PROTECTION FROM TERRORIST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THEM. ADDITIONALLY, MONIES ARE ALSO RECEIVED FROM PREVIOUS VICTIMS OF THE CARTEL WHO ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH THE NEW GROUP, THEIR GOAL AND OBJECTIVE. THE GROUP ALSO FEELS THAT FUNDS TAKEN FROM ESCOBAR AND THE CARTEL WILL SERVE TO WEAKEN THE CARTEL ITSELF.
(COMMENT: THIS IS AN UNCLEAR AREA, HOW SUCH FUNDS MIGHT BE OBTAINED BY THE GROUP.)

4. REPORTEDLY, COLOMBIA LIBRE ORIGINATED DURING THE RASH OF MURDERS AT ENVIGADO PRISON IN JULY 1992.

5. THE MEMBERS DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES AS BEING DIFFERENT FROM THE "LOS PEPES" GROUP IN THAT THEY CLAIM TO BE NON-VIOLENT. THEY DO NOT "UTILIZE BOMBS AS "LOS

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PEPES". THEIR PLAN IS TO PENETRATE THE ESCOBAR ORGANIZATION THROUGH INTELLIGENCE METHODS AND NOT THROUGH THE USE OF VIOLENT ACTS. THE COLOMBIA LIBRE GROUP STATES THAT THEY COULD WORK WITH "LOS PEPES", HOWEVER, THEIR VIOLENT TACTICS WOULD HAVE TO BE MODIFIED. THE COMMONALITY FOR THE EXISTENCE OF BOTH GROUPS IS THAT THEY BOTH WANT ESCOBAR "OFF THE FACE OF

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THE EARTH."

6. ACCORDING TO INTELLIGENCE GATHERED BY COLOMBIA LIBRE, SOME INDIVIDUALS HAVE RECENTLY PAID ESCOBAR FIVE (5) AND SEVEN (7) MILLION DOLLARS TO HAVE KIDNAP VICTIMS RELEASED BY HIM. THIS CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF ESCOBAR'S MOST LUCRATIVE FORMS OF RAISING FUNDS. COLOMBIA LIBRE INTELLIGENCE ALSO REVEALS THAT ESCOBAR PAID APPROXIMATELY TEN (10) MILLION DOLLARS ALONE IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY OF THIS YEAR FOR HIS OWN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

7. OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COLOMBIA LIBRE STATES THAT ESCOBAR HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE HABIT OF CONSULTING WITH OTHERS WHEN KEY DECISIONS WERE/ARE MADE.

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[REDACTED] ESCOBAR HAS REPEATEDLY STATED TO HIS ASSOCIATES, THAT "YOU ARE EITHER FOR ME OR AGAINST ME." DISAGREEMENT WITH ESCOBAR WAS NEVER CONSIDERED A HEALTHY PATH TO TAKE AND RESULTED, IN THE MAJORITY OF INSTANCES, IN DEATH. ESCOBAR HAS CONTINUED TO WAGE WAR ON THE
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POLICE AS HE FELT THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF HIS PEOPLE WERE BEING VIOLATED AND THAT HE, ESCOBAR, WAS LOOKED ON (AND LOOKED UPON HIMSELF) AS A MODERN DAY ROBIN HOOD. THAT PUBLIC FEELING CHANGED NOTICEABLY WHEN THE AVIANCA BOMBING OCCURRED ON 27 NOVEMBER 1989 AND OVER ONE-HUNDRED PASSENGERS AND CREW PERISHED. THE INCIDENT WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ATTRIBUTED TO ESCOBAR

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8. THE GROUP FURTHER STATES THAT [REDACTED]

COORDINATED THE ESCAPE OF ESCOBAR AND OTHERS FROM ENVIGADO PRISON IN JULY 1992. ESCOBAR REPORTEDLY COMMUNICATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ESCOBAR INITIALLY FLED TO A FINCA (RANCH), LA ROMELIA, AND THEN WAITED IN A CALETA (HIDING PLACE) UNTIL THE INITIAL SEARCH PARTIES VACATED THE AREA AND THE COMMOTION OF HIS ESCAPE HAD SOMEWHAT SUBSIDED. THEN ESCOBAR MOVED TO LLANOGRANDE, CLOSE TO RIONEGRO AND COMMENCED HIS CLANDESTINE/FUGITIVE LIFE.

9. THE COLOMBIA LIBRE GROUP ADVISED THAT IT WAS THEIR

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TWO-HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (APPROXIMATELY 275,000 DOLLARS) WHICH WAS PAID TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO TURNED IN BRANCE MUNOZ-MOSQUERA AKA "TYSON" WHO WAS KILLED IN A GUNFIGHT WITH THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE ON 28
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OCTOBER 1992. ACCORDING TO THE GROUP, THE SAME REWARD HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR [REDACTED]

AND OTHERS WHO ARE CLOSE TO ESCOBAR. REPORTEDLY, THE GROUP HAS OFFERED FIVE (5) MILLION DOLLARS REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ESCOBAR'S ULTIMATE CAPTURE.

10. COLOMBIA LIBRE GROUP STILL BELIEVES THAT ESCOBAR IS STILL STRONG AND REMAINS IN THE ANTIOQUIA, COLOMBIA AREA, AS THAT IS THE REGION THAT SPELLS HOME AND SECURITY FOR HIM. THE GROUP FEELS THAT THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT THAT ESCOBAR IS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD IS DISINFORMATION PROVIDED BY ESCOBAR HIMSELF TO THROW AUTHORITIES OFF THE TRACK.

11. THE COLOMBIA LIBRE ORGANIZATION ADVISED THAT WHEN ESCOBAR IS CAPTURED, THEIR GROUP WILL IMMEDIATELY TURN IN ALL WEAPONS TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. ALSO THEY ADVISED THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION WILL BE DISSOLVED BECAUSE THE REASON FOR ITS EXISTENCE WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED.

COMMENT: IN BRIEF, THE COLOMBIA LIBRE GROUP DOES NOT COMMAND A GREAT DEAL OF CREDIBILITY AT THIS TIME. TO DEA'S KNOWLEDGE, NO COLOMBIA LIBRE PARTICIPANTS HAVE COOPERATED AND PARTICIPATED WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN THEIR RAIDS ON POTENTIAL ESCOBAR TARGETS. NOR DID THE DEMISE OF TYSON RESULT FROM COLOMBIA LIBRE INTELLIGENCE. IN THE WORDS OF A HIGHLY PLACED GOC OFFICIAL WHO IS IN A POSITION TO KNOW - "COLOMBIA LIBRE DOESN'T EXIST." THE BCO IS RESERVING JUDGEMENT FOR THE
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