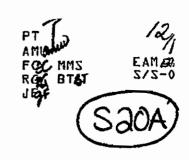
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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR

- L. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR STAFF ON YOUR EFFORTS WHICH LED TO THE EVENTS OF DECEMBER 2. I ESPECIALLY COMMEND YOUR SUCCESS IN COORDINATING THE MANY U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH WORKED WITH THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT FOR MORE THAN SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO END PABLO
- GOVERNMENT FOR MORE THAN SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO END PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA'S ABILITY TO EVADE COLOMBIAN LAW. ALL PARTICIPANTS DEMONSTRATED THE VERY BEST IN PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMITMENT.
- 2. THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PREVENT ESCOBAR AND OTHERS LIKE HIM FROM CONTINUING THEIR TERRORIST AND NARCOTRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES WITH IMPUNITY IS A HEARTENING DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COUNTERNARCOTICS COOPERATION. WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE EFFORTS OF DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS, WE HAVE COME FAR. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE MOMENTUM IS NOT LOST AS WE CONTINUE IN OUR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN COLOMBIA'S ABILITY TO ARREST, PROSECUTE AND IMPRISON CARTEL KINGPINS.

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