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Intelligence Note from Domain Management
Intelligence related to MS-13 Locations
September 22, 2008

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Approval: SIA [   ]

Subject: Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) in the Newark Division

Summary: (U//LES) The Domain Team assesses that [   ]
Newark Division's Area of Responsibility (AOR). Further, the Domain Team assesses
that [   ]

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[   ] the Newark AOR. The Domain Team assesses [   ]

Scope:

(U//LES) This note characterizes the [   ]
posed by MS-13 to the Newark AOR. Population assessments, [   ]
[   ] and other MS-13 activity are analyzed using [   ]
Analysis of [   ] help to identify MS-13 presence areas, areas
where [   ] and MS-13 intelligence gaps. The
Domain Team used 2000 Census data to provide Central American population trends, [   ]
[   ] to assess where [   ], and law enforcement
reporting which provides background and perspective on MS-13 activity in the Newark
AOR.

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Key Judgments:[i]

☐ (U//LES) The Domain Team assesses with a high degree of confidence
that [   ]
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[i] **HIGH Confidence:** Judgment based on direct or high-quality intelligence from multiple sources or from
a single highly reliable source, such as high quality imagery, human intelligence, or signals intelligence.
High confidence generally indicates that our judgments are based on high quality information or that the
nature of the issue makes it possible to render such a judgment.
MEDIUM Confidence: Judgments based on indirect or derived intelligence from multiple sources or
from a single reliable source. *Medium confidence* generally means that the information can be interpreted
in various ways, that we have alternate views, or that the information is credible and plausible but not of
sufficient quality to warrant a higher level of confidence.
LOW Confidence: Judgments based on little or no information, intelligence from untested sources, or for
which there is little or no corroboration. *Low confidence* generally means that the information is scant,
questionable, or very fragmented; that it is difficult to make solid analytic inferences; or that we have
significant concerns or problems with the sources.

☐ (U//LES) The Domain Team assesses with a medium degree of confidence that [REDACTED]

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☐ (U//LES) The Domain Team assesses with a low degree of confidence that the Newark AOR [REDACTED]

☐ (U//LES) The Domain Team assesses with a medium degree of confidence that [REDACTED]

Details:

(U//LES) *The Domain Team assesses that* [REDACTED] While MS-13 criminal activity [REDACTED] the Domain Team assesses [REDACTED] As of the date of this report, Newark [REDACTED]

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(U//LES) The Domain Team notes that MS-13 in Newark's AOR is [REDACTED] Bearing in mind there is [REDACTED] Also, within the Newark AOR, it does not appear MS-13 [REDACTED] Nonetheless, MS-13 is [REDACTED] MS-13 in Newark's AOR has a crime filled history to include homicides and shootings. In addition, nationwide law enforcement analysis reveals that "wannabe" MS-13 members often end up becoming real MS-13 members, especially after serving prison sentences.

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☐ On September 15, 2008, the Essex County Prosecutor's Office (ECPO) stated gang membership was a "clear motive" for the August 4, 2007 murders of three students in Newark, NJ. Open sources revealed that the ECPO thought the six murder suspects were possibly MS-13 members. A motive was not identified for the murders.

☐ On September 12, 2008, [REDACTED] an admitted MS-13 member, was convicted for the September 25, 2005 murder of Manuel Ramirez which occurred in Elizabeth, NJ. According to New York State Police Investigator [REDACTED] who was called by the prosecution as a gang expert, [REDACTED] followed gang protocol by exacting revenge for the perceived slight of him and his gang.[1]

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- ☐ (U//LES) [   ], an MS-13 member from Newark, NJ was incarcerated in the Essex County jail system for homicide.

- ☐ (U//LES) On [   ] MS-13 member [   ] fired two gun shots at a victim outside of the [   ] in South Plainfield, NJ.

- ☐ (U//LES) From February 2007 to May 2008, approximately ten MS-13 members were arrested in the Trenton, NJ. One was arrested for unlawful possession of a rifle and sawed off shotgun. Four MS-13 members from Union City, NJ were arrested in Trenton for driving in a stolen vehicle.[ii]

- ☐ (U//LES) During the June 2008 Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) "Operation Community Shield," [   ] a member of MS-13, was arrested for possession of cocaine.

- ☐ (U//LES) On 15 June 2005, as part of ICE's "Operation Community Shield," fourteen MS-13 members were arrested In Elizabeth, NJ on drug conspiracy charges.[2]

- ☐ (U//LES) In 2002, MS-13 members [   ] [   ]"[3]

(U//LES) *The Domain Team assesses that* [   ] *Newark's AOR.* This assessment is based upon analysis [   ] Further, population data reflects a large ethnic Central American population [   ] [   ]

- ☐ (U//LES) According to the 2007 NJSP Gang Survey, MS-13 is the fourth largest gang in New Jersey, behind in numbers, presence, and activity to (in descending order) the Bloods, Latin Kings, and Crips.

- ☐ (U//LES) Five gangs are reported present in fifty or more New Jersey municipalities: Bloods (211 towns); Latin Kings (118); Crips (112); MS-13 (65); and Pagans (57).[4]

- ☐ (U//LES) In New Jersey's northern region, the top four gangs reported in municipalities, were: Bloods (77%); Latin Kings (53%); Crips (38%); and MS-13 (34%).[5]

- ☐ (U//LES) In New Jersey's central region, the top four gangs reported in municipalities, were: Bloods (92%); Latin Kings (56%); Crips (55%); and MS-13 (34%).[6]

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[ii] [   ]

New Jersey Hispanic Population Analysis:

(U//LES) MS-13 is comprised of members from Central American countries, primarily El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. According to the 2000 Census, there are 67,320 individuals from these countries living in New Jersey. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from these countries during the time period of January 2008 to July 2008. An analysis of Hispanic populations and [REDACTED] helps the Domain Team assess where [REDACTED]
The Domain Team assesses [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Domain Team notes that New Jersey has the fifth largest Central American population in the United States. [REDACTED]
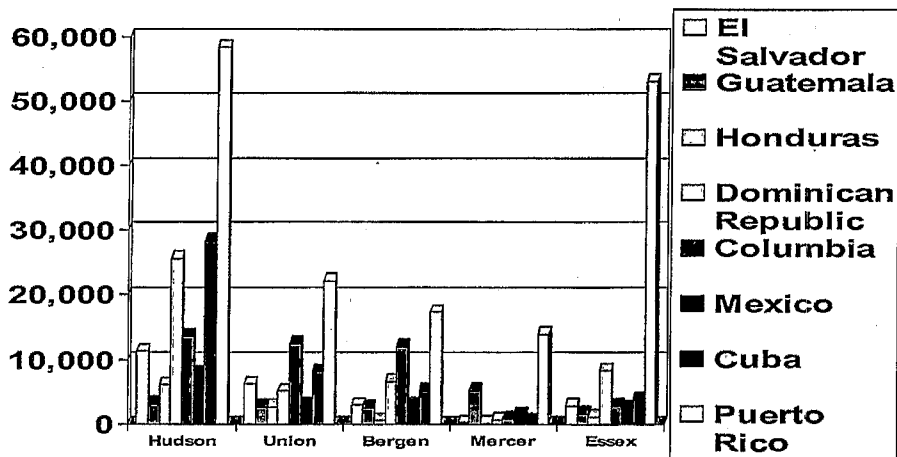[REDACTED]
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(U//LES) The large presence of other Hispanic populations in New Jersey and the corresponding gangs they represent may be indicative as to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Domain Team notes that [REDACTED] in Newark's AOR [REDACTED] The Domain Team assesses that ethnic population numbers through which gangs recruit members [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] For instance, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] According to the 2000 Census, the largest Hispanic communities in New Jersey are Puerto Rico with 366,788, the Dominican Republic with 91,316, Columbia with 69,754, Mexico with 67,667, and Cuba with 55,241. In addition, there are an estimated 1,265,000 African Americans living in New Jersey from which [REDACTED] [iii]

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(U//LES) The following chart shows New Jersey's top five Hispanic populated counties.

Legend: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Columbia, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico. Y-axis: 0 to 60,000. X-axis counties: Hudson, Union, Bergen, Mercer, Essex.

[iii] In 2007, The Federation for American Immigration Reform estimated NJ's illegal alien population at 490,000. The 2000 Census does not provide illegal alien information, so the actual numbers may be higher.

(U//LES) The following chart lists the top ten El Salvadoran, Guatemalan, and Honduran populated cities in New Jersey. The chart also shows the populations of individuals from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Columbia, Mexico, and Cuba. A review of this information helps to assess ████████████████████

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City	County	El Salvador	Guatemala	Honduras	Total	D.R.	Columbia	Mexico	Cuba	Puerto Rico
Union City	Hudson	3874	627	1954	6455	7348	5027	6882	7348	7388
Elizabeth	Union	4043	613	1364	6020	3492	2633	1232	5812	12,989
W. New York	Hudson	3573	622	804	4999	3581	2869	7841	8367	2791
Plainfield	Union	1358	1782	1053	4193	589	674	630	75	1782
Jersey City	Hudson	1437	741	1854	4032	8716	1786	1753	1354	29,777
Trenton	Mercer	67	3382	79	3528	369	277	668	162	8952
Newark	Essex	1645	839	734	3218	5774	1069	1290	2436	39,650
New Brunswick	Middlesex	88	69	2018	2175	2289	214	6134	122	3178
Morristown	Morris	173	463	841	1477	14	1811	1620	22	286
Fairview	Bergen	580	869	0	1449	354	434	95	486	150

(U//LES) A review of the above chart reveals that ████████

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- (U//LES) According to the 2007 NJSP Gang Survey, West New York and Plainfield are the only cities in New Jersey with estimates of over 50 MS-13 gang members.

- (U//LES) The 2007 NJSP Gang Survey states Fairview, North Plainfield, and Plainfield are three of the top thirteen NJ cities in which the Bloods are most actively recruiting.[iv]

- (U//LES) In January 2007, an FBI agent conducted surveillance in North Plainfield and Plainfield, NJ and witnessed several instances of MS-13 graffiti.

- (U//LES) On December 19, 2006 law enforcement officials interviewed ██████ and native of El Salvador, due to the fact that ███████ stated he was not a member and just had an interest in MS-13.[v]

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- (U//LES) According to a first time source, with good access, who spoke in confidence, ███████ New Jersey parole violation. In addition, ███████

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[v] Domain Comment: Law enforcement reporting throughout the United States suggests MS-13 recruits gang members at high, middle, and elementary schools.

Analysis of actual number of MS-13 gang members in New Jersey:

(U//LES) [   ]

On July 28, 2008, the Domain Team [   ]

[   ]

approximate numbers of MS-13 gang members. [   ]
members within Newark's AOR. In an attempt to formulate an *exact* number of MS-13
members in Newark's AOR, the Domain Team [   ]
[   ] To date, the Domain Team has
[   ]

[   ] represented on the Domain Results section on the chart below.

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(U//LES) In addition to the chart, the following New Jersey MS-13 numbers exist:

- [ ] (U//LES) According to a [   ] interview of [   ]
  inmate [   ] a self admitted MS-13 member, [   ]
  [   ] are under the MS-13 clique [   ]
  [   ] [   ] estimated there were [   ] MS-13 members
  in this clique.

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- [ ] (U//LES) According to a November 2002 assessment, MS-13 had [   ] in
  New Jersey. MS-13 cliques in [   ]
  [   ].

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(U//LES) *The Domain Team assesses that the Newark AOR is* [   ]
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- ☐ (U//LES) On February 28, 2008, [   ] an MS-13 member from Philadelphia, PA was arrested in Trenton, NJ

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- ☐ (U//LES) On 08 April 2006, six MS-13 members from Virginia were arrested in New Jersey following a traffic stop, for possessing a handgun, knives, and defacing a firearm.[9]

- ☐ (U//LES) According to a 2005 FBI Intelligence Assessment, source information reveals that MS-13 members from [   ] have relocated to [   ] NJ.[10]

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- ☐ (U//LES) According to a 2005 FBI intelligence assessment, an emerging trend exists that involves the trafficking of Hispanic females for the purpose of prostitution. The females are [   ] [   ].[11]

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- ☐ (U//LES) According to a November 2002 assessment, MS-13 is [   ] [   ] [   ].[12]

(U//LES) *The Domain Team assesses that MS-13 is* [   ] *Newark's AOR and* [   ] According to the 2007 NJSP Gang Survey, there are approximately 577 MS-13 gang members in Newark's AOR. According to the 2004 NJSP Gang Survey, there were approximately 396 MS-13 gang members living in Newark's AOR.

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(U//LES) Law enforcement interviews of MS-13 members reveal the gang's desire to become the largest gang in the United States. As a result, MS-13 has changed its

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- ☐ (U//LES) According to an August 29, 2008 intelligence bulletin, [   ] such as MS-13, [   ] appointed by the [   ] of the gangs.[13]

- ☐ (U//LES) On August 11, 2008, [   ] an MS-13 member in Long Island, New York, was sentenced to forty years in prison after admitting to killing what he thought was a rival gang member from the Salvadorans With Pride. During a

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newspaper interview, authorities stated MS-13 was the largest street gang on Long Island.[14]

☐ (U//LES) According to an FBI source, _____ living in _____ NJ was indoctrinated into MS-13. In addition, on April 20, 2008, _____ a Black / Hispanic MS-13 member was arrested in Trenton, NJ for resisting arrest.

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☐ (U//LES) The 2007 NJSP Gang Survey indicates MS-13 is present in 65 municipalities in New Jersey. This is a seven percent increase from the 2004 NJSP Gang Survey.

☐ (U//LES) The 2007 NJSP Gang Survey indicates Mercer County municipalities with an MS-13 presence were 58 % higher than in 2004 (20 % in 2004; 78% in 2007)

☐ (U//LES) According to February 2007 FBI Norfolk reporting, MS-13 previously _____ in Norfolk, Virginia, _____ _____

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☐ (U//LES) On 14 December 2006, _____ was identified in central New Jersey.[15]

☐ (U//LES) Reporting from federal, state, and local law enforcement revealed that in 2002, the _____ _____ [16]

Outlook:

(U//LES) The Domain Team assesses that _____

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However, the Domain Team assesses these _____

☐ (U//LES) Results from the 2004 NJSP Gang Survey indicate that there are approximately 3245 Bloods, 1875 Latin Kings, and 1698 Crips operating in New Jersey.

☐ (U//LES) MS-13 is assessed as [REDACTED] [17]   b7E

☐ (U//LES) [REDACTED] is a rival of the street gang La Mugre. In January 2007, an incarcerated individual reported that [REDACTED] [18]   b7D b7E

☐ (U//LES) On [REDACTED], 2006, [REDACTED] a self admitted MS-13 member, stated MS-13 has negative history with Latin Kings and could not be jailed near them.   b6 b7C

☐ (U//LES) According to a contact with good access and whose reliability cannot be determined, on [REDACTED] 2006, [REDACTED] transported and sold to gang members/drug traffickers in Trenton, NJ. [REDACTED] was sold to MS-13 member [REDACTED] [19]   b6 b7C b7D

Recommendations:

(U//LES) Review MS-13 related [REDACTED] Conduct interviews with federal, state, and local intelligence and law enforcement partners to [REDACTED] MS-13 presence in New Jersey. Conduct interviews with [REDACTED] Determine [REDACTED]   b7E

Intelligence Gaps:

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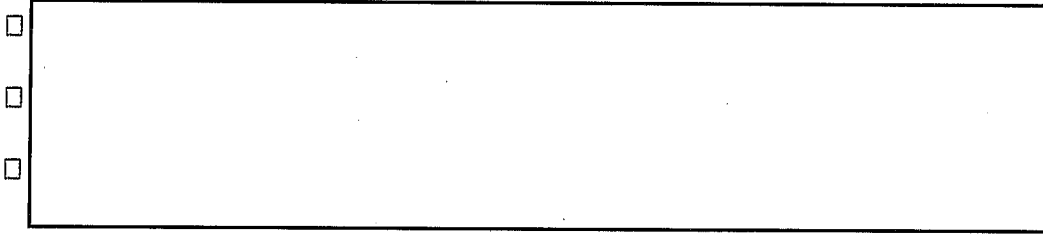
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This intelligence summary was prepared by the Field Intelligence Group of the Newark   b6
Division. Comments or questions may be addressed to [redacted] at [redacted]   b7C

End Notes:

[1] 09 September 2008, The Star Ledger "Reputed gang member convicted in Elizabeth murder"
[2] 16 June 2005 The Star Ledger "Big Raids Target Gang in Elizabeth"
[3] [redacted]
[4] 2007 New Jersey State Police Gang Survey (as of the date of this Domain note, the most current)   b7E
[5] 2007 New Jersey State Police Gang Survey (as of the date of this Domain note, the most current)
[6] 2007 New Jersey State Police Gang Survey (as of the date of this Domain note, the most current)
[7] [redacted]
[8] [redacted]
[9] [redacted]   b7E
[10] 01 August 2005 "Mara Salvatrucha Activity in NJ" Intelligence Assessment
[11] December 2005 "Gang Involvement in the Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children" FBI IA
[12] [redacted]
[13] [redacted]
[14] August 12, 2008 Newark Star Ledger article "A Murderous Gang Member Gets 40 years"
[15] [redacted]
[16] [redacted]   b7E
[17] January 2008 FBI Norfolk Division's Intelligence Assessment "Arrest of Mara Salvatrucha-13 leaders leads to decrease in MS-13 Gang Activity" Also: 804B-NK-C112914 Serial: 133
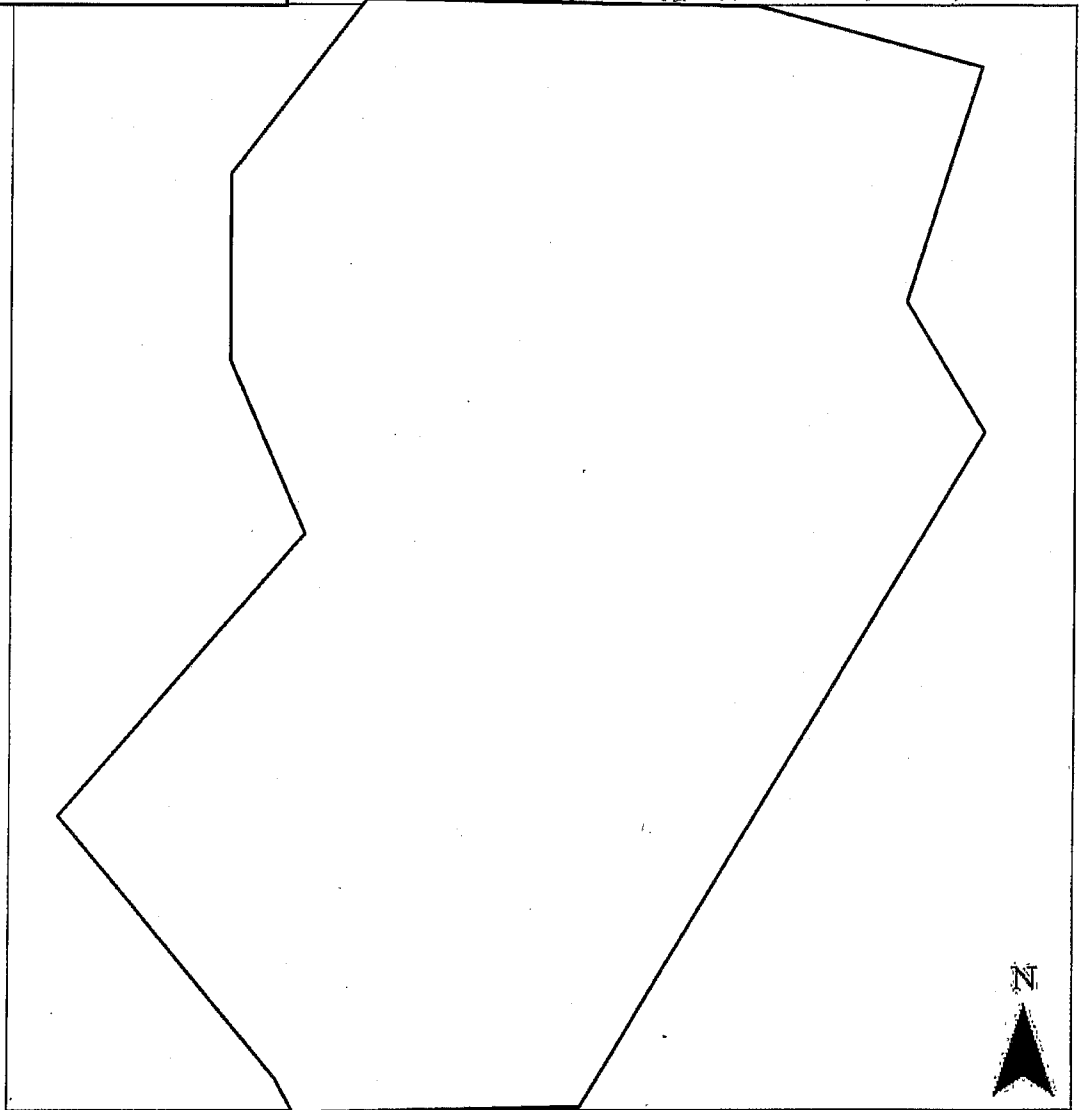[18] [redacted]
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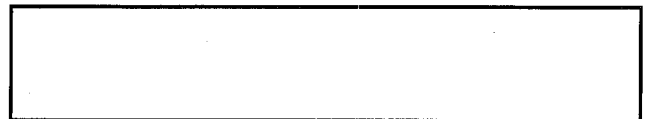# El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemela

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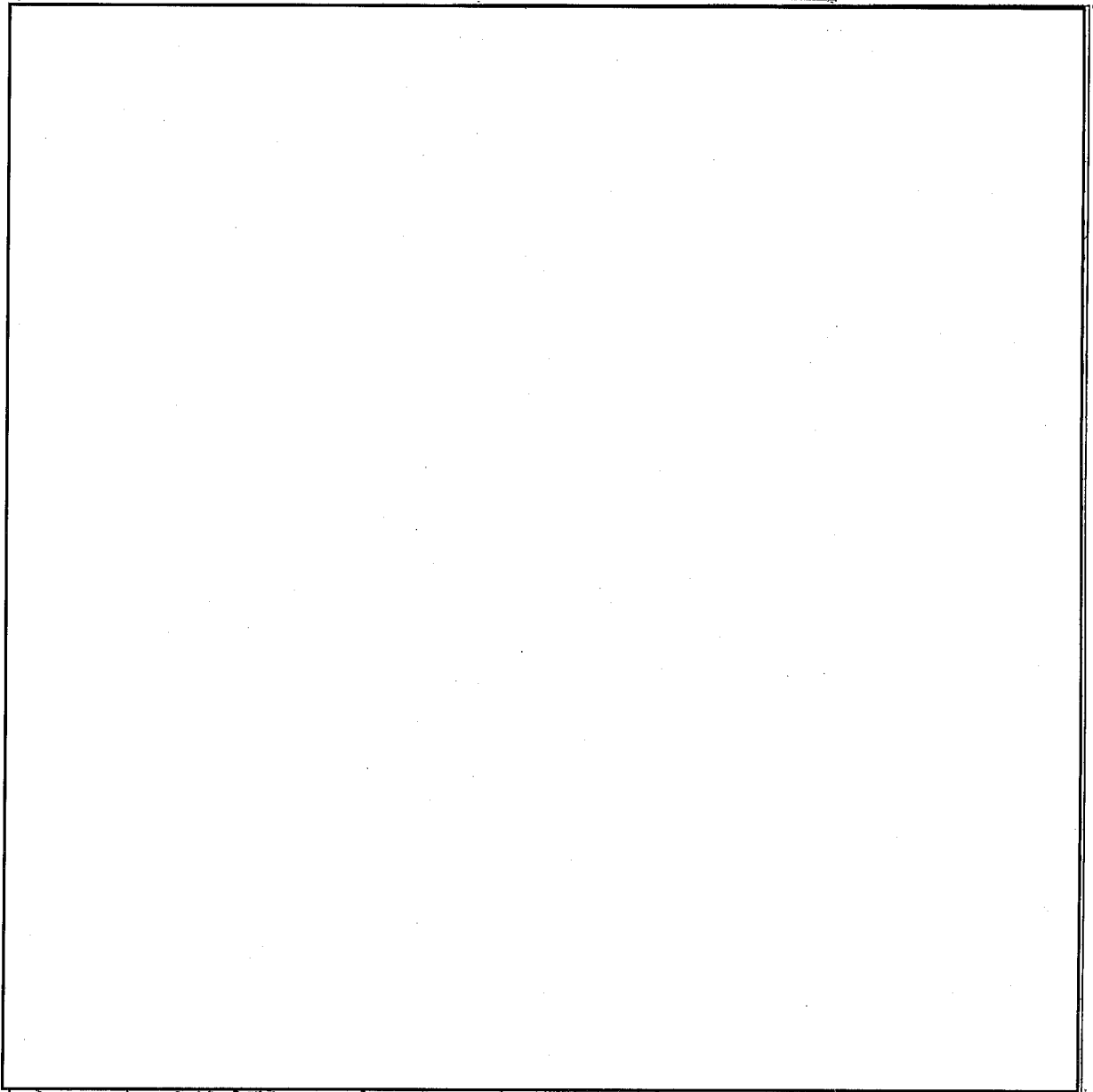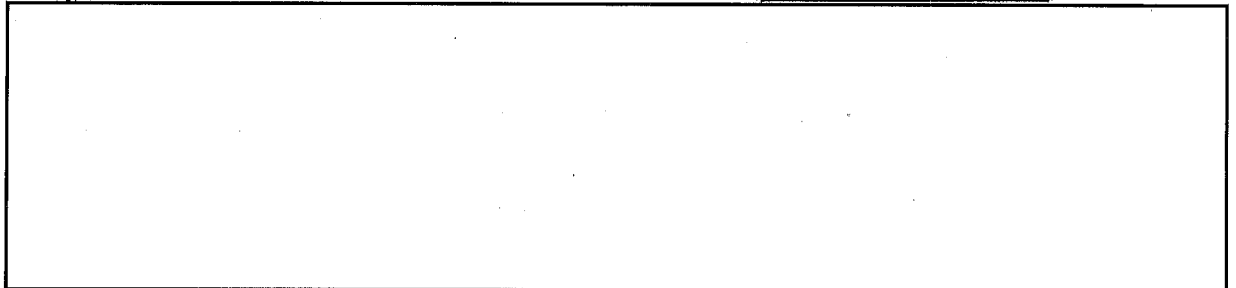0   12.5   25   60 Miles
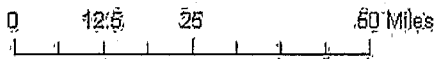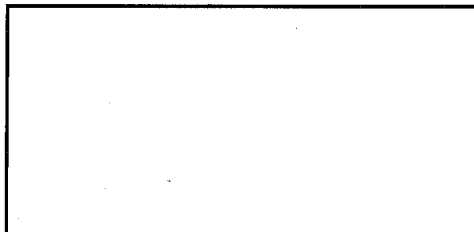
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The map shows areas in Newark's AOR where MS-13 is likely to be concentrated.

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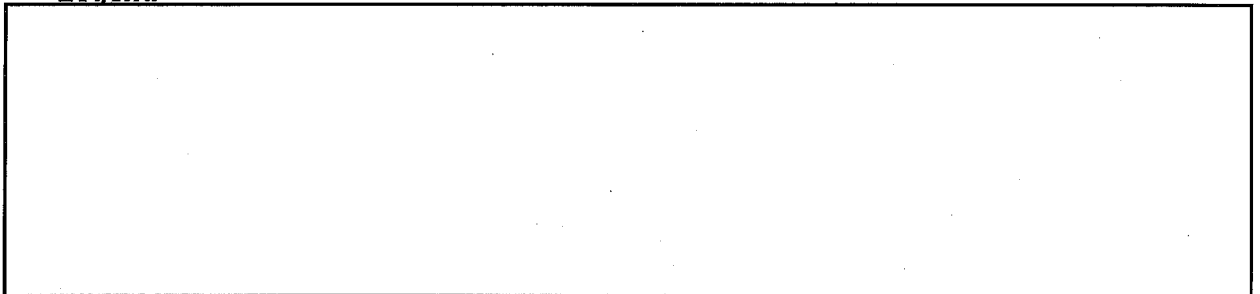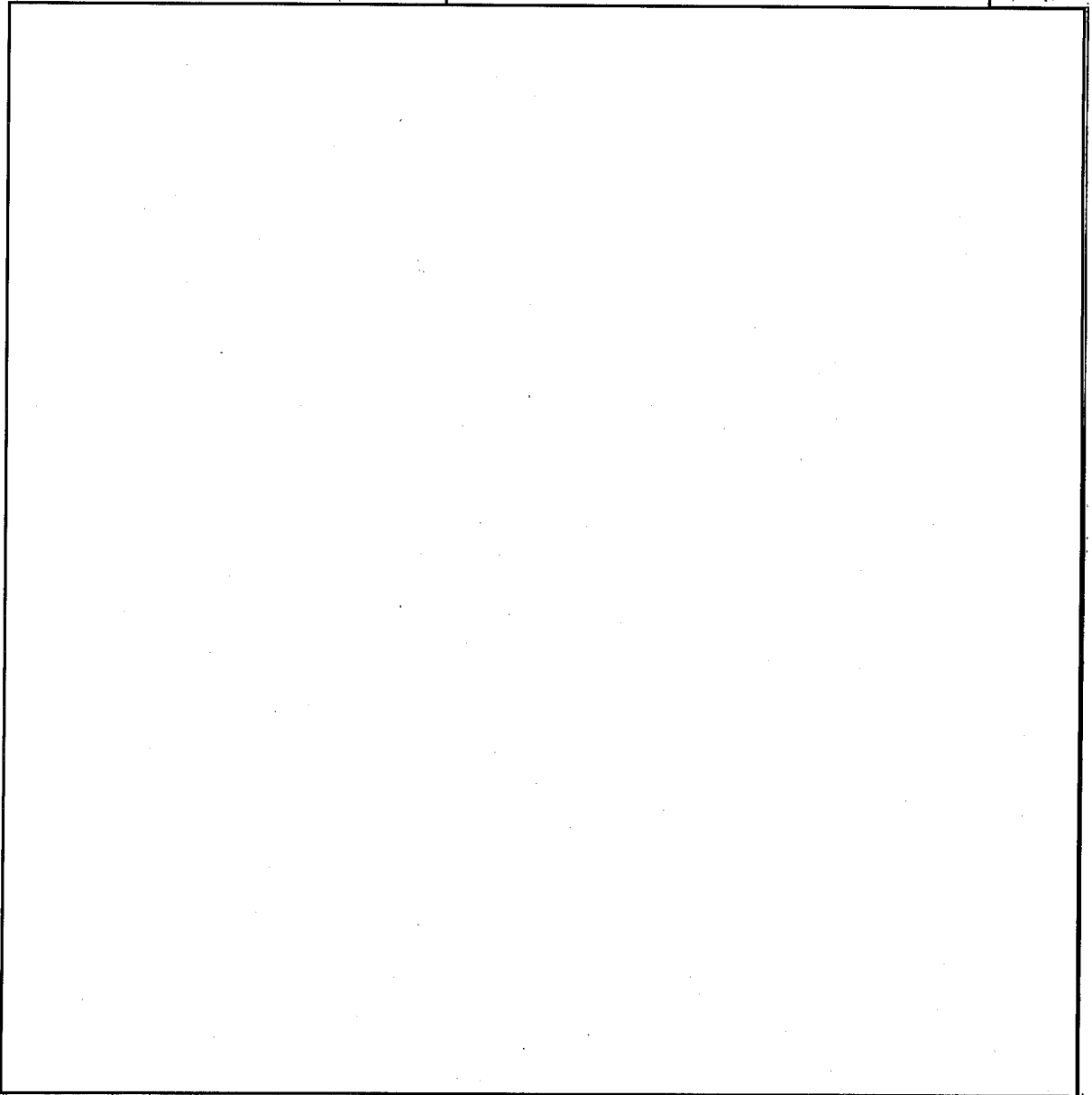
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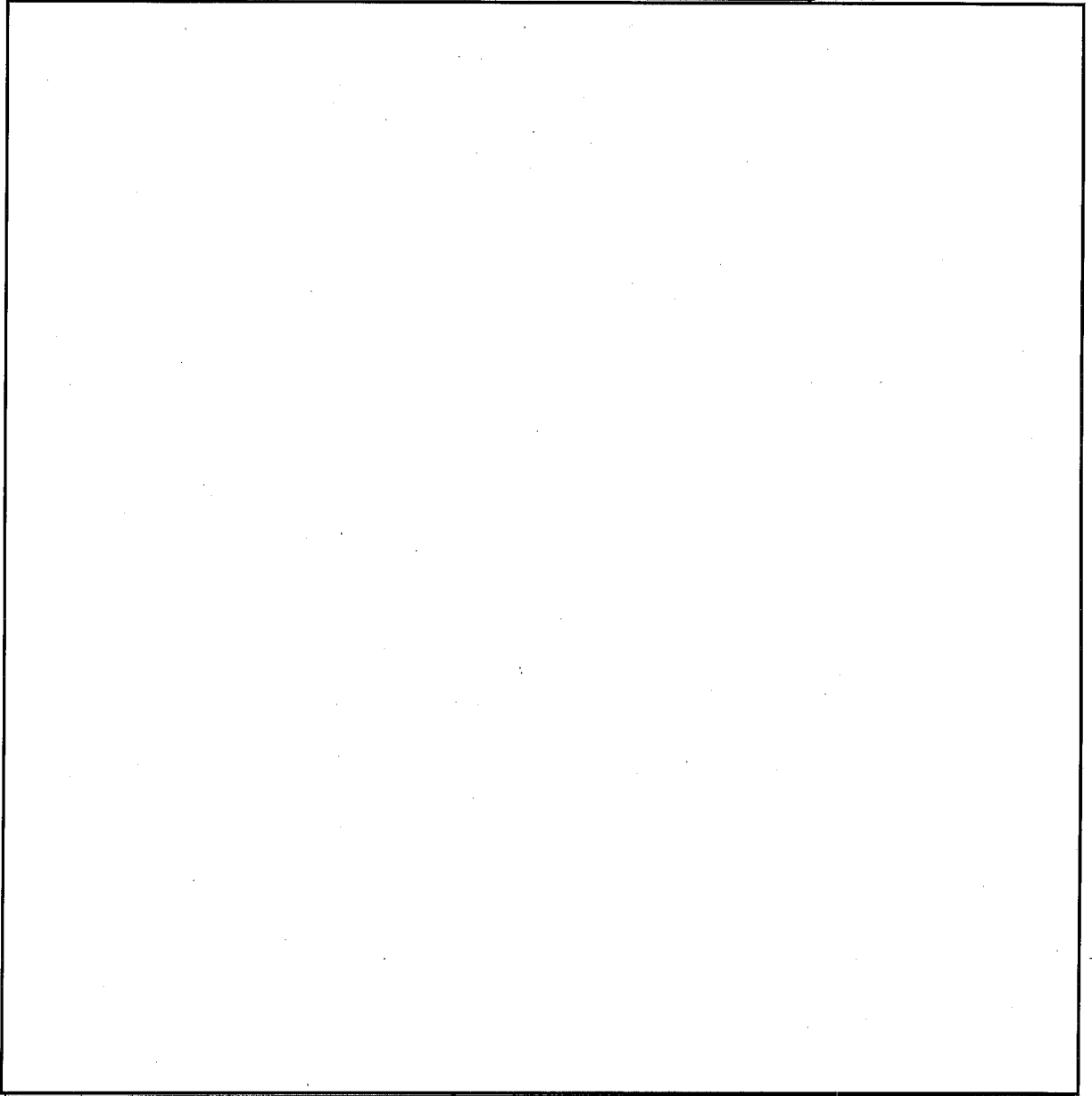
MS-13 Presence in NJ

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