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SUBJ: USSOUTHCOM COUNTERDRUG DAILY OPSUM/INSUM (U)

1. (U) THIS REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD 23/1100Z FEB 93 THRU  
24/1100Z FEB 93.

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3. (U) INTEL UPDATE:

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4. (U) CURRENT OPERATIONS UPDATE:

(A) YESTERDAY THERE WAS A CONTINUATION OF THE RECENT  
TREND OF TRACKS CROSSING THE ARARACUARA AND LETICIA RADARS AND  
HEADING INTO AND OUT OF BRAZIL. AT 0720, A TOI WAS ACQUIRED BY  
THE ARARACUARA RADAR HEADING SOUTHEAST AT 180 KNOTS AT 27,000  
FEET. 30 MINUTES AFTER DETECTION, AN OV-10 WAS LAUNCHED FROM  
ARARACUARA. THE ARARACUARA RADAR LOST THE TOI AFTER 54 MINUTES.  
THERE WAS A GAP OF 14 MINUTES UNTIL THE LETICIA RADAR ACQUIRED

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THE TOI. THE OV-10 CONTINUED HIS TAIL CHASE TO THE BRAZIL BORDER, BUT WAS NEVER ABLE TO VISUALLY IDENTIFY THE TOI. THE MAXIMUM ALTITUDE OF AN OV-10 IS ABOUT 22,000 FEET, AND THE TOI WAS AT 27,000 FEET. THE CDCO NOTIFIED THE USDAO IN BRAZIL, NAVY CAPTAIN LARGUIER OF THE TOI, AND THAT THIS TOI WAS SIMILAR IN CHARACTERISTICS TO ONE ON FEBRUARY 8TH. HE STATED THAT IF THE TOI CAME TO BRASILIA, THE HOST NATION COULD PROBABLY DO NOTHING, DUE TO THE CARNAVAL HOLIDAY. AS THE TOI CONTINUED IN BRAZIL, IT TURNED SOUTH, AND FADED AT 0927, TWO HOURS AND NINE MINUTES AFTER INITIAL ACQUISITION BY THE ARARACUARA RADAR.

(B) AT 1337, THE LETICIA RADAR ACQUIRED A TOI NORTHBOUND IN BRAZIL AT 240 KNOTS AT 21,000 FEET, FLYING A REVERSE PATH OF THE MORNING TOI. 8 MINUTES LATER, THE CUSTOMS REP IN THE SROC WAS NOTIFIED. 32-MINUTES AFTER ACQUISITION, THE TOI CROSSED INTO COLOMBIA. AT THIS TIME, CO-1 REPORTED THAT AN OV-10 TRANSITING FROM BOGOTA TO LETICIA WOULD BE VECTORED TO THE INTERCEPT. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE HIGHER SPEED OF THE TOI (240 KNOTS V. 180 FOR OV-10) THE OV-10 COULD NOT INTERCEPT, NOR COULD AN ARARACUARA OV-10 GET IN POSITION TO INTERCEPT. AT 1530, THE CUSTOMS CITATION FROM HOWARD TOOK OFF AND WAS GRANTED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR COLOMBIA. MINUTES LATER, CO-1 REPORTED THAT AN A-37 WAS ON STANDBY AT CALI. THE TOI FADED FROM THE ARARACUARA RADAR AT 1545. THE CDCO CONTINUED TO PASS DEAD RECKONING CUES TO THE CUSTOMS CITATION, BUT THE TOI WAS NOT FOUND. CDCO INFORMED THE CUSTOMS CREW THAT THE MOST LIKELY AREAS OF LANDING WERE CALI, FARFAN, TULUA, AND BUGA. THE CITATION SEARCHED THE AREAS, BUT DID NOT FIND A SUSPECT.

(C) MILGP BOGOTA HAS RELEASED A DRAFT REPORT OF COLOMBIAN ARMY ACTIONS IN THE VALLE DEL CAUCA. UNDERWAY SINCE FEBRUARY 10TH IS A FIVE-PHASE OPERATION, THRUSTING NORTH FROM CALI TO PEREIRA. THREE PHASES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE CATALYST FOR STARTING OPERATIONS HAS BEEN INTEL PROVIDED THE MILGP AND TAT TO THE COLOMBIAN ARMY. FURTHERMORE, SIX OF THE SEVEN TARGETS HIT IN THE FIRST THREE PHASES WERE PROVIDED BY OUR INTEL. TACTICAL RESULTS ARE IMPRESSIVE SO FAR, PARTICULARLY THE QUANTITY OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS SEIZED. THE THIRD DIVISION HAS DESTROYED ON AVERAGE ONE DRUG LAB PER DAY SINCE THE OPERATION BEGAN, AND HAS SHARED WITH THE MILGP THEIR OPINION THAT GUERRILLAS ARE PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR THE DRUG LABS, BASED ON RESISTANCE TO ARMY ACTIONS. AS THE ARMY OPERATES IN THE AREA, ALL INTEL GATHERED IS BEING FREELY SHARED WITH THE MILGP. AND PLANS FOR THE REMAINING TWO PHASES ARE BEING WORKED JOINTLY. ALSO PROMISING IS THE COLAR'S SYSTEM OF OPSEC. ONLY VERY FEW OFFICERS ARE IN THE LOOP ON THE CD TASKING, AND A CLEAR AUDIT TRAIL OF RESPONSIBILITY IS BEING MAINTAINED, SO AS TO PREVENT OR IDENTIFY CORRUPTION AND COMPROMISES.

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