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RUETIAQ/MPC FT GEORGE G MEADE MD
RHCGRB/CDRFORSCOM FT MCPHERSON GA//AFOP-OD//
RUCBSAA/CINCUSACOM NORFOLK VA//J2//
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RUANJTF/CJTF FOUR//J2//
RUWANGD/CJTF FIVE//J2//
RUEABNE/COGARD LO EPIC EL PASO TX
RUEBMRA/HQS/CUSTOMS WASHDC//INTEL//
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CONTROLS

[REDACTED] SECTION 01 OF 02 [REDACTED]

SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] NARCOTIC CULTIVATION SITES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARAUCA (U)

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[REDACTED]

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: (U) 931118.

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: [REDACTED] THE NARCOTIC CULTIVATION SITES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARAUCA EXIST IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND DEALS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH CULTIVATION OF COCA PLANTS. PRODUCTION, HOWEVER, IS SMALL SCALE WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER COCA REGIONS OF COLOMBIA.

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED] THE NARCOTIC CULTIVATION SITES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARAUCA EXIST EXCLUSIVELY IN THE WESTERN REGIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. COCA CULTIVATION IS PRINCIPALLY THE ONLY NARCOTIC HARVESTED IN THE DEPARTMENT BUT POPPY PLANTS ARE BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN THE MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS. THE ENTIRE NARCO CULTIVATION BUSINESS, HOWEVER, IS OF A SMALL SCALE WHEN COMPARED TO THE OTHER CULTIVATION REGIONS OF COLOMBIA.

2. [REDACTED] COCA CULTIVATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARAUCA LLANOS IS NOT DONE BECAUSE THE LLANOS FLOOD DURING THE RAINY SEASON. THUS, THE CULTIVATORS ARE REQUIRED TO FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS IN THE HIGHLANDS WHICH EXIST IN THE WESTERN REGION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] THE COCA FARMERS ARE INCLUDING CORN AND BEAN CROPS WITHIN THE COCA CULTIVATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO MASK THE SITE.

4. [REDACTED] THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COCA GROWERS IS TO HAVE SEVERAL CULTIVATION SITES SITUATED IN [REDACTED]

CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A PROCESSING LABORATORY (PASTE) ALLOWING FOR EASY TRANSPORTATION OF THE LEAVES FROM THE CULTIVATION SITE TO THE LABORATOR . [REDACTED] ONE PASTE LABORATORY WILL SUPPORT 1-5 GROWERS FROM THE SAME REGION.

5. [REDACTED] 10 HECTARES OF POPPY PLANTS WERE RECENTLY DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED NEAR SIERRA TOLEDO [REDACTED] THE INTRODUCTION OF THE POPPY BUSINESS OPENS UP A NEW PROBLEM FOR THE ARMY AND POLICE IN THE REGION WHOSE BIGGEST WORRY NOW IS COMBATTING THE NUMEROUS GUERRILLA FACTIONS EXISTING IN THE REGION.

6. [REDACTED] GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS, PRINCIPALLY THE EPL AND FARC, ARE INVOLVED IN THE DRUG BUSINESS MORE SO FROM THE TRAFFICKING SIDE OF THE HOUSE. [REDACTED] THE CULTIVATORS ARE GENERALLY CAMPESINOS WHO HAVE FOUND IT MORE PROFITABLE TO GROW COCA THAN LEGITIMATE CROPS. [REDACTED] THE GUERRILLAS ARE INVOLVED IN THE DRUG TRADE MORE SO TO GET THE MEANS TO BUY ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND EXPLOSIVES THAN FOR THE MERE ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH.

COMMENTS: 1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE NARCO-PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES OF THE ARAUCA DEPARTMENT APPEARS LOW SCALE. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING THE POPULATION OF THE REGION IS THE PROLIFIC PRESENCE OF GUERRILLAS.

PROJ : (U) .

ADMIN

COLL: (U) AA.

INSTR: (U) U.S. [REDACTED]

PREP: (U) [REDACTED]

ACQ: (U) COLOMBIA, ARAUCA (931118).

DISSEM: (U) FIELD: EMBASSY AT BOGOTA.

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