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Peter :-

Here at last
is the summary
of the Colombia
prosecutions. Lew
Fields can answer
any questions -

See you in Rome!
Save one night for dinner.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 8, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: S/NM - Ms. Mathea Falco

FROM: L/SFP - Louis G. Fields, Jr.

SUBJECT: Colombia: Status of Judicial Assistance Cases

Background:

In November 1975 Assistant U.S. Attorney Bernard J. Fried (E.D.N.Y.) and I made an official visit to Colombia to discuss ways in which our two governments could cooperate within our respective legal systems to bring to justice those who engage in the illicit traffic in narcotic substances. Since both Colombia and the United States are parties to both the Single Convention (1961) and the Amending Protocol (1972), there was an ample legal basis for such talks and a modus vivendi for the development of a cooperative arrangement. The Attorney General (Jaime Serrano-Rueda) agreed to the submission of a test case based on documentary evidence (principally affidavits of accomplices in U.S. Grand Jury transcripts, narcotic analyses, etc.) and submitted through DEA channels. All of the defendants in these cases are indicted in the United States but, being citizens of Colombia, are not extraditable under Colombian law.

Documentary evidence was forwarded in December 1975 from the indictment in U.S. v. Floresmiro-Hernandez (73 CR 880/EDNY). On a follow-up visit to Colombia in April 1976 by Mr. Fried and me, Attorney General Serrano-Rueda reported that the criminal Court of First Instance and the Superior Criminal Court had accepted the case (based solely on the evidence produced in the U.S.) for prosecution. The case was later quashed as the defendant could not be located and arrested. A

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more detailed procedure for submission of these cases, predicated on the Floresmiro-Hernandez precedent, was formulated and agreed upon during the second visit. Three cases have been presented under this procedure and a group of cases arising from the Colombian CENTAC operation are being prepared for submission. The CENTAC cases are still in Grand Jury and are SECRET, sealed indictments.

Summary and Status of Cases:

1. ROBERTO ALVAREZ (source of supply for 10-20 kilos of cocaine during period February-June 1974). Case was accepted for prosecution but defendant could not be located; however, it is still open and will be prosecuted if he is apprehended.
2. FRANCISCO ("PACHO") ROMANO (source of supply for multi-kilos of cocaine during period April-August 1974). Case was submitted July 29, 1976 and is currently in the judicial process.
3. ALEJANDRO DE LA HOZ (source of supply for about 100 kilos of cocaine in 1975). Case was submitted July 29, 1977 and is being processed for prosecution by Colombian Attorney General.
4. CENTAC cases (in preparation-based on SECRET Grand Jury proceedings in EDNY).
 - a. BERNARDO LONDONO, HORACIO MARTINEZ, MIGUEL ALBERTO SEPULVEDA-OSPINA, GERMAN JIMENEZ-PANESSO, RODRIGO QUESENO-OSORIO, ALONSO RESTREPSO and RUBEN DARIO-SEPULVEDA (sources of supply, financiers and heads of trafficking organizations responsible for illicit importation of over 500 kilos of cocaine into U.S. during 1975 and 1976).
 - b. NACHO MILLAN (source, financier and courier responsible for importation of over 500 kilos of cocaine illegally into U.S. between 1973 and 1975).

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c. GRISELDA BLANCA, ALBERTO BRAVO and FABIO RESTREPSO (sources and financiers of ~~imp~~ortation illegally into U.S. of over 1000 kilos of cocaine).

d. JUAN GUILLERMO MESA (a source of supply for trafficking network).

5. I am advised that there is growing evidence of possible trafficking activities by ALFONSO LOPEZ-CABALLERO (son of President Lopez-Michelson) who is thought to be employee of UN in the Office of the Controller General at UN Headquarters in New York. I am seeking to confirm employment with UN and diplomatic status. No indictment will be sought in EDNY or further action involving this individual without prior consultation with S/NM and L/SFP.

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