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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] BIOGRAPHIC REPORT -- COLOMBIA,  
COLONEL MARIO ((MONTROYA)) URIBE, COLOMBIAN ARMY, DIRECTOR  
OF INTELLIGENCE (U)

DOI: (U) 971209; 980423; 980609; 980625.

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

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SOURCE: (U) [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: (C) REPORT PROVIDES BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON  
COL MONTROYA, DIRECTOR OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE SINCE JAN 98.  
PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS BRIEFLY 15TH BRIGADE COMMANDER IN  
BOGOTA, AND DURING 1997 WAS MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE UK.  
HE MET WITH THE DIA DIRECTOR IN BOGOTA IN APR 98.

TEXT: 1. NAME OF COUNTRY (U) COLOMBIA

2. DATE OF INFORMATION (U) 971200-980600

3. DATE OF REPORT (U) 980626

4. NAME (U)

4.A. FULL NAME (U) MARIO ((MONTROYA)) URIBE

4.B. NAME BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERS TO BE ADDRESSED

(U)

(1) IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE (U) CORONEL  
MONTROYA

(2) ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS (U) CORONEL  
MONTROYA, OR MARIO

4.C. FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET (U) MARIO

((MONTROYA)) URIBE

4.D. VARIANTS, ALIASES OR NICKNAMES (U) UNKNOWN

5. RANK (U)

5.A. ENGLISH LANGUAGE (U) COLONEL

5.B. NATIVE (U) CORONEL

6. DATE OF RANK (U) 941206

7. POSITION/BILLET (U)

7.A. PRESENT POSITION (U) DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE  
AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, COLOMBIAN ARMY

7.B. MILITARY ADDRESS (U) MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA  
NACIONAL, ESTADO MAYOR DEL EJERCITO, 3 PISO,  
CENTRO ADMINISTRATIVO NACIONAL (CAN), AVENIDA  
EL DORADO, BOGOTA, REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA

7C. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (U) 980116

7D. SCHEDULED DATE OF DEPARTURE (U) UNDETERMINED,  
BUT AT LEAST ONE FULL YEAR SHOULD BE EXPECTED  
ASSUMING HE IS NOT REMOVED PREMATURELY, AS WAS THE  
CASE WITH HIS PREDECESSOR, OR A MAJOR SHAKEUP  
DOES NOT OCCUR AFTER THE NEW PRESIDENT IS SWORN IN  
ON 7 AUG 98. THERE ARE RUMORS COL MONTROYA MAY BE  
SELECTED FOR THE WAR COLLEGE SENIOR COURSE  
(CAEM), SINCE HIS YEAR GROUP IS IN THE RUNNING,  
WHICH WOULD MEAN HE WOULD GO TO THE CAEM IN JAN 99

AND BE PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL IN DEC 99.  
THAT WAS THE DESTINATION OF THE MAN WHO SERVED AS  
E-2 FOR MOST OF 1997, COL REINALDO ((CASTELLANOS))  
TRUJILLO.

- 7E. NAME OF PREDECESSOR (U) JAIME ERNESTO ((CANAL))  
ALBAN  
(1) PREDECESSOR'S RANK (U) BRIGADIER GENERAL  
(2) PREDECESSOR'S BRANCH OF ARMED SERVICE (U)  
COLAR  
(3) DATE PREDECESSOR ASSIGNED (U) 971211  
(4) DURATION OF PREDECESSOR'S ASSIGNMENT (U)  
APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH (TRANSFERRED TO A  
BRIGADE COMMAND)
8. BRANCH OF ARMED SERVICE (U) COLAR  
9. SPECIALTY/OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (U) CAVALRY  
10. DATE OF BIRTH (U) 480429  
11. PLACE OF BIRTH (U) BUGA, VALLE DEL CAUCA  
DEPARTMENT, COLOMBIA  
12. SEX (U) MALE  
13. HOME ADDRESS (U) [REDACTED] (b)(6)
14. TELEPHONE NUMBER (U)  
14.A. HOME (U) [REDACTED]  
14.B. WORK (U) [REDACTED] (b)(6)
15. MARITAL STATUS (U) MARRIED  
16. CITIZENSHIP (U) COLOMBIAN  
17. ETHNIC GROUP (U) CAUCASIAN  
18. NATIONALITY (U) COLOMBIAN  
19. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (U)  
19.A. NAME (U) CATHOLIC  
19.B. PRACTICING OR NON-PRACTICING (U) [REDACTED] (b)(6)
20. TITLES, HONORIFICS (U) UNKNOWN  
21. HIGH ORDER DECORATIONS (U)  
--ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT ANTONIO NARINO,  
CATEGORIES OF OFFICER AND KNIGHT COMMANDER  
--ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT JOSE MARIA CORDOBA,  
CATEGORIES OF GRAND OFFICER AND KNIGHT COMMANDER  
--MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN PUBLIC ORDER  
FOR THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD TIMES  
--MEDAL FOR TIME IN SERVICE OF 15 AND 20 YEARS  
--HONOR MEDAL FOR WORK COMPLETED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE DE CUCUTA  
--MERCEDES ABREGO MEDAL  
--GRAND CROSS OF CIVIC MERIT FRANCISCO DE PAULO  
SANTANDER, REGULAR CATEGORY  
--CENTAURO DE ORO AWARD. GOVERNMENT OF META  
DEPARTMENT  
--SAN JORGE MEDAL  
--JUANA RANGEL DE CUELLAR MEDAL, CUCUTA  
--COLOMBIAN DISTINCTIVE OPERATION RIBBON

- 22. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (U)
  - 22.A. FACIAL HAIR (U) NONE
  - 22.B. TEETH (U) NATURAL
  - 22.C. HARD OF HEARING (U) NO
  - 22.D. GLASSES (U) NO, ONLY ON OCCASION FOR READING
  - 22.E. COLOR OF EYES (U) BROWN
  - 22.F. BALD (U) NO
  - 22.G. COLOR OF HAIR (U) BLACK, BUT GRAYING
  - 22.H. WRITING HAND (U) RIGHT
  - 22.I. POSTURE (U) ERECT
  - 22.J. HEIGHT (U) 70 INCHES
  - 22.K. WEIGHT (U) 170 POUNDS
  - 22.L. BUILD (U) MEDIUM; SUPERB PHYSICAL CONDITION
- 23. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS (U) UNKNOWN
- 24. PREFERENCES (U) LIKES TO DRINK SCOTCH WHISKY, BUT NOT TO EXCESS
- 25. PUBLISHED WORKS (U) UNKNOWN
- 26. CIVIL EDUCATION (U) UNKNOWN
- 27. LANGUAGES (U) SPANISH - NATIVE; ENGLISH - FAIR (UNDERSTANDS BETTER THAN HE SPEAKS, EVEN THOUGH HE SPENT A YEAR IN ENGLAND; PREFERS TO CONVERSE IN SPANISH, BUT WILL INTERJECT SLANG PHRASES IN ENGLISH TO CUE THE LISTENER THAT HE HAS HAD THAT LANGUAGE EXPOSURE)
- 28. INTERNATIONAL TRAINING/TRAVEL (U) ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSES--
  - PARTICIPATED IN A "COLLECTIVE COMMISSION" TO PANAMA (DATE AND NATURE OF VISIT UNKNOWN, BUT PROBABLY A CADET OR JUNIOR OFFICER COURSE AT THE U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS WHEN IT WAS AT FT GULICK, I.E., PRE-1984)
  - PARTICIPATED IN A "SPECIAL COMMISSION" TO MEXICO (DATE AND NATURE OF VISIT UNKNOWN)
  - GRADUATED FROM U.S. ARMY ARMOR ADVANCED COURSE, FT KNOX, KY, 1990
  - SERVED AS GUEST INSTRUCTOR AT THE U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS, FT BENNING, GA, TEACHING TACTICS TO THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE, 9301-9401; ALSO ATTENDED AN UNSPECIFIED USARSA

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IS A BREAK IN ASSIGNMENTS FROM 8602 TO 8610)  
--SERVED AS MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM  
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- 29. PHOTO SUBMITTED (U) NO
- 30. DATE OF PHOTO (U) N/A
- 31. MILITARY SERVICE (U) (SINCE PROMOTION TO MAJOR)
  - AIDE TO COMMANDER, 14TH BRIGADE, PUERTO BERRIO (ANTIOQUIA) (MAJ)
  - ASSISTANT BRIGADE PERSONNEL OFFICER (B-1), 13TH BRIGADE, BOGOTA (MAJ)
  - DEPUTY COMMANDER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, 5TH MECHANIZED CAVALRY GROUP "GENERAL HERMOGENES MAZA," SAN JOSE DE CUCUTA (NORTE DE SANTANDER)

(MAJ)

--ASSISTANT BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (B-2),  
13TH BRIGADE (MAJ)

--CHIEF, COMMAND SECTION, 13TH BRIGADE (MAJ)

--BRIGADE LOGISTICS OFFICER (B-4), 13TH BRIGADE  
(MAJ)

--STUDENT, STAFF COURSE (CEM), ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE  
GUERRA (COLOMBIAN WAR COLLEGE), BOGOTA (MAJ)

--BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (B-2), 7TH BRIGADE,  
VILLAVICENCIO (META) (LTC)

--COMMANDER, 4TH INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (ASSIGNED  
TO THE 20TH INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE BUT IN DIRECT  
SUPPORT OF THE 4TH BRIGADE), MEDELLIN  
(ANTIOQUIA) (LTC)

--COMMANDER, 5TH MECHANIZED CAVALRY GROUP  
"GENERAL HERMOGENES MAZA," CUCUTA (LTC)

--COMMANDANT, CAVALRY SCHOOL, BOGOTA (LTC)

--COMMANDER, OPERATIVE COMMAND NO. 9, EL BAGRE  
(ANTIOQUIA), SUBORDINATE TO 11TH BRIGADE AT  
MONTERIA (CORDOBA) (COL)

--COMMANDER, OPERATIVE COMMAND NO. 2, ARAUCA  
(ARAUCA) (REDESIGNATED AS THE 18TH BRIGADE IN  
DEC 96) (COL)

--ARMY AND AIR ATTACHE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (COL)

--COMMANDER, 15TH BRIGADE (SCHOOLS), BOGOTA (COL)

--DIRECTOR OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE, BOGOTA (COL)

32. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE (U) [REDACTED]

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32.A. MAIDEN NAME (U) [REDACTED]

32.B. DATE OF BIRTH (U) XX0319 (YEAR UNKNOWN, BUT  
APPROXIMATELY 45 YEARS OLD)

32.C. PLACE OF BIRTH (U) UNKNOWN

32.D. CITIZENSHIP (U) COLOMBIAN

32.E. ETHNIC GROUP (U) CAUCASIAN

32.F. NATIONALITY (U) COLOMBIAN

32.G. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (U)

(1) NAME (U) CATHOLIC

(2) PRACTICING OR NON-PRACTICING (U) [REDACTED]

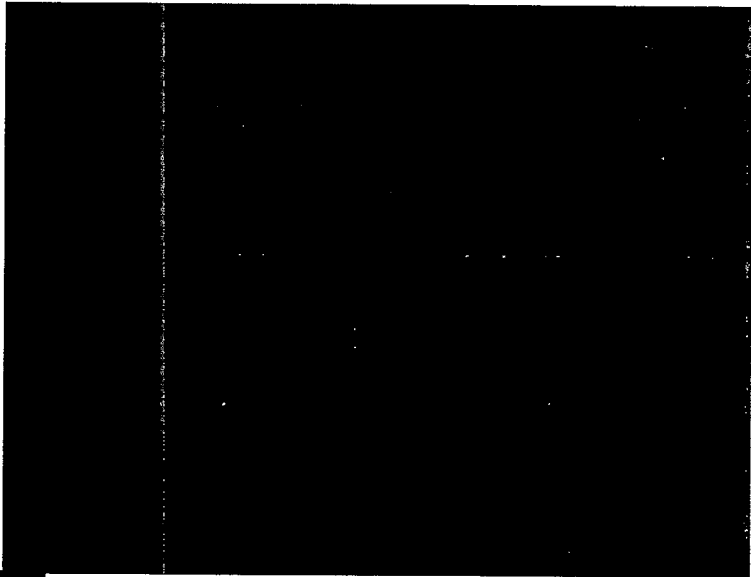
32.H. BACKGROUND (U) [REDACTED]

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33. NAMES OF CHILDREN (U) [REDACTED]

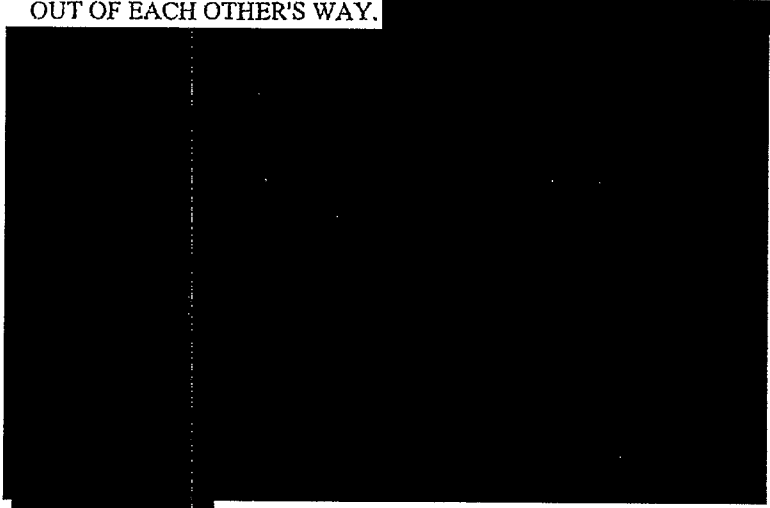
34. SIGNIFICANCE: ~~(S)~~ COL MONTOYA WAS BROUGHT INTO  
THE E-2 BILLET ON PRACTICALLY NO NOTICE WHEN BG  
ALBAN WAS SUMMONED TO COMMAND THE 3RD BRIGADE IN  
CALI (VALLE DEL CAUCA) DUE TO THE FIRING OF THE  
BRIGADE COMMANDER THERE OVER THE TACTICAL DEBACLE  
AT PATASCOY (NARINO). [REDACTED]

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OF COURSE, WHEN BG CANAL (PROMOTED ON 11 DEC 97) STAYED IN THE JOB ONLY A MONTH, THERE WERE NO OTHER QUALIFIED BG'S WAITING IN THE WINGS; THUS, COL MONTOYA WAS TAPPED, PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WAS A NEWLY APPOINTED BRIGADE COMMANDER IN BOGOTA (AND HENCE READILY AVAILABLE) AND HAD SOME INTELLIGENCE EXPERIENCE WITHOUT BEING ONE OF THE 20TH BRIGADE "INSIDERS." IN FACT, EVEN THOUGH MONTOYA IS NOW THE E-2 AND RAMIREZ IS THE COLAR INSPECTOR GENERAL AND DESPITE THE FACT THERE IS NO EVIDENT PERSONAL ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE TWO, THEY PRETTY MUCH STAY OUT OF EACH OTHER'S WAY.



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35. POLITICS: ~~(C)~~



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