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2. SUMMARY MINISTER OF DEFENSE PARDO HAS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN THAT THE GOC WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS, THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THE MOD OBSERVED THAT WHILE AIR OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN COLOMBIA ARE SATISFACTORY, B1

NEVERTHELESS, PARDO SAID HE WOULD MAINTAIN GOC FOCUS AND IS PREPARED TO DEPLOY MORE RESOURCES ONCE COVERAGE IMPROVES. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT COLOMBIAN FORCES ARE MAINTAINING A STRONG PRESENCE BASED ON RECENT CONTACT WITH COUNTERPARTS. END SUMMARY.

3. AMBASSADOR BUSBY AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE PARDO HAD A FRANK DISCUSSION THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 3. PARDO OBSERVED THAT COLOMBIAN/USG DEMAND INTERDICTION FORCES APPEARED TO HAVE REVERSED ROLES

HE SAID THAT COLOMBIAN FORCES RESPONSE WAS WEAK ALTHOUGH THERE WAS GOOD RADAR COVERAGE ON PARTS OF NOW, COLOMBIANS ARE MAKING A FULL COURT PRESS, BUT THEIR SUCCESS

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HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY WEAK, INCONSISTANT RADAR COVERAGE.

4 CONTINUING, PARDO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION ON HE NOTED THAT SHOULD COVERAGE BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS NOTWITHSTANDING, THE GOC WILL DEPLOY MORE INTERDICTION RESOURCES ON THE PROBLEM, TO INCLUDE POLICE HELICOPTERS, FAC OV-LO'S, AND POSSIBLY EVEN MIRAGE AND/OR KFIR FIGHTERS.

5. SENIOR EMBASSY COUNTERNARCOTICS (CN) PERSONNEL HAVE CONFIRMED THROUGH RECENT CONTACTS WITH COUNTERPARTS THAT GOC IS PLANNING TO OPERATE THROUGHOUT

BOTH MILITARY/POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE NOTIFIED THEIR FORCES THAT NO OPERATIONAL UNIT COMMANDERS ARE BEING GRANTED HOLIDAY LEAVE. POLICE CONTINUE PLANNING OPERATIONS INVOLVING INTERDICTION, FUMIGATION, HUNT FOR PABLO ESCOBAR, AND VISITS BY SENIOR OFFICERS TO FIELD OPERATING UNITS.

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