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1. PHASE I OF THE RETURN TO OPERATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH THE RE-QUALIFYING OF COLOMBIAN CONTRACT PILOTS AND THE RE-INITIATION OF SPRAY OPERATIONS AT THE TRAINING AREA SURROUNDING NEIVA AND COCA ERADICATION OPERATIONS AT SAN JOSE. AS STATED, OPERATIONS AT SAN JOSE WILL BE CONDUCTED IAW AIR DIVISION OPERATIONS PLAN 96-02, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE "HIGH THRUSH" OBSERVATION PLATFORM WHICH WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED. OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED USING THREE BASIC OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS; COMBINED INTERDICTION/ERADICATION OPERATIONS, COMBINED COLOMBIAN ARMY GROUND SUPPORT/SECURITY FOR ERADICATION FLIGHTS, AND AERIALY ESCORTED OPERATIONS WITHOUT GROUND SUPPORT. PREVIOUSLY USED OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS ARE VIABLE IN THE SAN JOSE OPERATIONS AREA. CURRENTLY, SIX TO SEVEN CNP HELICOPTERS (UH-1/BELL 212/HUGHES 500) ARE REGULARLY ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT COCA ERADICATION OPERATIONS AT SAN JOSE.

2. PHASE II OF THE OPERATION INVOLVES THE OPENING OF A SECOND
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ERADICATION FRONT WORKING OUT OF THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE BASE AT TRES ESQUINAS. PLANNING FOR THIS OPERATION IS BASED ON A PROJECTED START DATE OF MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER, THIS IS TO ENABLE US TO ASSIMILATE NEWLY ARRIVING AIRCRAFT, PERFORM NAVIGATION UPGRADES,

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AND FINALIZE LOGISTICS SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. BASIC GUIDANCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS IS CONTAINED IN AIR DIVISION OPERATIONS PLAN 96-03. THE OVERALL CONCEPT AT BOTH OPERATING LOCATIONS IS TO USE FOUR T-65 AIRCRAFT AT SAN JOSE, FOUR T-65'S AT TRES EQUINAS AND TWO T-65'S AT THE TRAINING LOCATION IN NEIVA. THE ONE REMAINING T-65 (T-01), IS A SINGLE SEAT AIRCRAFT THAT LACKS THE PERFORMANCE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT TEAM SPRAY OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH LIMITED IN PERFORMANCE, (UPGRADING ENGINE PERFORMANCE IS NOT CONSIDERED COST EFFECTIVE) T-01 CAN STILL BE USED FOR POPPY ERADICATION AT THE NEIVA TRAINING BASE. EVENTHOUGH FOUR AIRCRAFT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE PRIMARY COCA ERADICATION LOCATIONS, ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND ANTICIPATED BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIR REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN AN AVERAGE PROJECTED AVAILABILITY RATE OF THREE AND HALF AIRCRAFT DAILY.

A. SITE SURVEY OF TRES ESQUINAS WILL BE CONDUCTED 7 OCT, TO LAYOUT LOCATIONS OF: REFUELING FACILITIES, AIRCRAFT PARKING AREA, MAINTENANCE AREA, CHEMICAL STORAGE AREA, WELL AND WATER TANK SITE LOCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS. COORDINATION WITH HOST BASE ON INCREASED DEMANDS ON MESSING FACILITIES, LOCAL COMMISSARY FACILITY, TELECOMM RESOURCES AND HOUSING WILL ALSO BE UNDERTAKEN.

B. INSTALLATION OF REFUELING BLADDERS, PUMPS AND HOSES (POL FACILITY) SHOULD OCCUR DURING THE WEEK OF 7-14 OCTOBER. FUELING OF THE INSTALLED BLADDERS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ON SUBSEQUENT DAYS USING EITHER DC-3 OR C-130 ASSETS.

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C. INITIAL SHIPMENTS OF GLYPHOSATE WILL ALSO OCCUR DURING THE ABOVE TIME FRAME AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OPERATIONS BEGIN ON THE 21ST.

D. MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE FO L IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE T-65 AIRCRAFT (17 -21 OCT).

E. DRILLING OF A SHALLOW WATER WELL SHOULD COMMENCE ON THE WEEK O F 14 OCT, DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF A PRIVATE

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CONTRACTOR. IF THIS SCHEDULE SLIPS, ERADICATION OPERATIONS CAN STILL BE STARTED BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE WELL USING RIVER WATER AND THE BASE FIRE TRUCK. OPERATIONS WOULD BE SLOWED AND REQUIRE MORE INTENSIVE SPRAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE. THE WELL SHOULD TAKE NO MORE THAN A WEEK TO COMPLETE ONCE BEGUN. GAS DRIVEN WATER PUMPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROCURED TO PUT THE WELL INTO OPERATION ONCE COMPLETED.

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F. PROCUREMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL ARMORED SEATS HAS ALSO BEEN INITIATED AND IS PART OF THE REQUIRED AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATIONS AT TRES ESQUINAS.

3. IF THE REQUESTED INL SAR PACKAGE ARRIVES, THE THREE BELL-212

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AIRCRAFT WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG THE THREE OPERATING LOCATIONS TO PROVIDE ONE PRIMARY SAR RECOVERY AIRCRAFT, ESCORTED BY CNP GUNSHIPS "RESCORT" AT EACH LOCATION. TWO CRITICAL DETAILS WHICH MUST BE ADDRESSED ARE: THE USE OF CNP GUNNERS ON THE U.S. RESCUE HELICOPTERS, AND THE NEED TO LOCATE, CONTRACT AND HIRE FOUR U.S. MEDICAL

SPECIALISTS TO ACT AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS. ALTHOUGH THE CNP CURRENTLY PROVIDES A MEDICAL SPECIALIST FOR THE COLOMBIAN SAR BELL-212, COLOMBIA TEAM DOES NOT BELIEVE THE LEVEL OF MEDICAL SKILL AVAILABLE IS SUFFICIENT TO MEET U.S. CARE STANDARDS. THE HIRING OF FOUR EX-MILITARY, ARMY SPECIAL FORCES MEDICAL SPECIALISTS OR AIR FORCE PARARESCUE SPECIALIST SHOULD BE A HIGH PRIORITY.

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4. DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS AT EACH OF THE FOL'S WILL VARY DEPENDING ON TARGET, THREAT, AND WEATHER CONDITIONS. AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO USE VARIATIONS OF TEAM SPRAY TACTICS, EITHER IN TWO, THREE, OR FOUR AIRCRAFT FORMATIONS. SEQUENCED TAKEOFFS OF BOTH RESCORT AND SPRAY AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED WHEN POSSIBLE TO MAXIMIZE REFUELING AND RELOADING CAPABILITIES AND TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SORTIE RATES AND TIMES ON STATION FOR THE AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONAL/ENHANCED MIXING EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN FORECASTED TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS.

5. AS OPERATIONS BEGIN AT TRES ESQUINAS, THE TESTING OF THE GRANULAR HERBICIDE IMAZAPIR SHOULD ALSO BE READY TO PROCEED. INITIAL PLANS ARE TO BEGIN THE TESTING IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF GUAVIARE AND META AND THEN MOVE TO THE REMAINING DEPARTMENTS OF CAQUETA AND PUTUMAYO. ONE AIRCRAFT WILL BE DEDICATED TO THIS TESTING AND SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH THE NEW SATLOC NAVIGATION SYSTEM PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE TESTS.

6. PHASE III PLANNING (120 DAYS OUT) WILL REQUIRE MORE TIME TO COMPLETE AND WILL BE FORWARDED ALONG WITH SUPPORT REQUESTS WHEN PREPARED.

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7. SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: (DATES ARE BEST ESTIMATES)

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- 1 OCT - REQUALIFICATION OF COLOMBIAN PILOTS BEGIN.
- 2 OCT - FIRST FOUR REQUALIFICATIONS COMPLETED.
- 3 OCT - FOUR AIRCRAFT, THREE COLOMBIAN PILOTS TO U.S. PILOTS REPOSITIONED TO SAN JOSE.
- 4 OCT - COCA ERADICATION BEGINS AGAIN AT SAN JOSE

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- 3 OCT - ARMOR SEAT PROCUREMENT INITIATED
- 4 OCT - INITIAL REQUEST TO INL FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- 7 OCT - SITE SURVEY OF TRES ESQUINAS
- 10 OCT- ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL T-65 MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL
- 11 OCT- ARRIVAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL T-65'S AND C-208 CARAVAN
- 12 OCT- SHIPMENT OF FUELING EQUIPMENT/CHEMICAL TO TRES ESQUINAS
- 14 OCT- WELL DRILLING EQUIPMENT TO TRES ESQUINAS
- 14 OCT- SATLOC INSTALLATION TEAM ARRIVES FOR INSTALLATION OF TWO SATLOC SYSTEMS

- 15 OCT- ONE ADDITIONAL T-65 ARRIVES
- 17 OCT- INITIAL ARRIVAL OF REQUESTED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.
- 18 OCT- EQUIPMENT PROCESSING AND ASSEMBLY FOR SHIPMENT TO TRES ESQUINAS
- 19 OCT- SUPPORT PACKAGE, MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AND SPRAY AIRCRAFT DEPLOY TO TRES ESQUINAS
- 21 OCT- SPRAY OPERATIONS BEGIN AT TRES ESQUINAS

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- 28 OCT- DRY HERBICIDE TESTING BEGINS

PHASE III - SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED
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