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- A. COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE PROJECT

(1) ERADICATION

THE 1997 LETTER OF AGREEMENT ON NARCOTICS CONTROL BETWEEN THE USG AND GOC, SET THE GOAL TO SPRAY 25,000 HECTARES OF COCA AND 5,000 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY DURING 1997. BOTH GOALS WERE SURPASSED IN AUGUST--THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13 FOR OPIUM POPPY AND THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20 FOR COCA.

- SATLOC/PATHLINK DATA REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

AUGUST - FROM JULY 30 TO SEPT 2, 4,354 HECTARES OF COCA CULTIVATIONS WERE SPRAYED AND 1,090 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY. THERE WERE 242 MISSIONS FLOWN.

SEPT - FROM SEPT 2-30, 2,045 HECTARES OF COCA CULTIVATIONS WERE SPRAYED AND 686.7 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY. THERE WERE 143 MISSIONS FLOWN.

OCT - FROM OCT 1-28, 1,716.66 HECTARES OF COCA CULTIVATIONS WERE SPRAYED AND 275 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY. THERE WERE 91 MISSIONS FLOWN.

NOV - FROM OCT 29-NOV 25, 2,290.42 HECTARES OF COCA CULTIVATIONS WERE SPRAYED AND 50 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY. THERE WERE 86
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MISSIONS FLOWN.

YEAR TO DATE TOTALS ENDING NOV 25 ARE 32,164.97 HECTARES OF COCA AND 6,470.7 HECTARES OF OPIUM POPPY SPRAYED.

- PNC 259, A USG-OWNED T-65 SPRAY AIRCRAFT, WAS SEVERLY DAMAGED WHEN THE COLOMBIAN CONTRACT PILOT MADE AN EMERGENCY CRASH LANDING ON FLAT TERRAIN IN NEIVA ON OCT 14. THE PILOT WAS UNHURT. AN

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INVESTIGATIVE TEAM FROM INL'S AIR WING DIVISION AT PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE IN FLORIDA JOIN THE CNP TEAM TO REVIEW THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING THE INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS RETURNED TO THE U.S. FOR REPAIR.

- TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF AIRCRAFT PARTS, MOSTLY FOR THE OV-10'S WERE RELEASED OCT 20 BY COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS. THE PARTS HAD BEEN IMPOUNDED SINCE JULY BECAUSE THE SHIPPER LISTED THE SHIPMENT AS BICYCLE PARTS. NAS PIERCED SEVERAL LAYERS OF GOC OFFICIALDOM TO ARRANGE RELEASE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF PENALTY ON THE GROUNDS THAT

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THE PARTS WERE A DONATION TO THE GOC ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM.
- AN INL/USDA ERADICATION REVIEW TEAM PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS IN BOGOTA AND FIELD SITE VISITS ON OCT 28-NOV 4. THEY REVIEWED HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND EVALUATED RANDOMLY-SELECTED SPRAYED FIELDS. IMPROVEMENTS IN SPRAY OPERATIONS HAVE RESULTED FROM THIS MEETING, WHICH MORE VIGOROUSLY APPROACHED RELEVANT ISSUES THAT HAD BEEN RAISED IN EARLIER MEETINGS BETWEEN THE USG TEAM AND THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITOR (SEE BOGOTA 10640).

- FOUR FUEL TANKERS ENROUTE TO THE CNP BASE IN SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIRARE WERE INTERCEPTED BY GUERRILLAS ON NOV 7. MOTOR FUEL TANKERS WERE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, BUT AIRCRAFT FUEL (PURCHASED BY
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NAS) WERE FORCED TO RETURN TO THEIR DEPOTS WITH STRONG WARNINGS. THE PROBLEM OF GETTING AIRCRAFT FUEL TO THE FOL'S IS BEING STUDIED. NO RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REACHED.

- SIX USG-OWNED UH-1H'S ARRIVED NOV 8 TO BE EXCLUSIVELY ASSIGNED TO SECURITY ESCORT IN THE AERIAL ERADICATION PROGRAM FOR BOTH SPRAY AND VERIFICATION OPERATIONS. THE HELOS WERE ARMORED SOON UPON ARRIVAL. A 2-MAN TEAM OF WEAPONS EXPERTS THEN TRAVELED TO BOGOTA NOV 16-25 TO INSTALL MINIGUN WEAPONS SYSTEMS IN THE SIX HELOS. THE TEAM ALSO DELIVERED ADDITIONAL BADLY NEEDED SPARE PARTS FOR THE CNP-OWNED MINIGUNS.

- THE SIX UH-1H'S WILL BE PILOTED BY U.S. CONTRACT PILOTS AND CO-PILOTED BY CNP PILOTS WITH THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT. NAS IS AIMING TO PROVIDE THE JUNIOR CNP PILOTS WITH THE BEST ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AVAILABLE BY ASSIGNING THE PILOTS TO WORK ON U.S. WORK SCHEDULES. THE TEAM CONCEPT WILL BE RIGOROUSLY EMPHASIZED, AS THESE HELICOPTERS PARTICIPATE IN POSSIBLY THE MOST DANGEROUS FLYING IN THE SO-CALLED DRUG WAR.

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- VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO UPGRADE CNP BASES AND TO IMPROVE BASE OPERATIONS CONTINUED.

--- IN SAN JOSE: A SEWAGE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER AND AWAITS COMPLETION OF PLUMBING WORKS ONGOING ON THE BASE. PERIMETER BUNKERS ARE NEARING COMPLETION, WITH MINOR ALTERATIONS LEFT TO BE DONE. THE BASE GLYPHOSATE RESIDUE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT WAS ALSO COMPLETED. ONLY MINOR PLUMBING CONNECTIONS NEED TO BE MADE BEFORE THE PLANT BECOMES OPERATIONAL. THE BASE ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT, INCLUDING PERIMETER LIGHTING AND UPRGRADING OF THE BASE LIGHTING, IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR A FEW
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MINOR ITEMS. THE PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT TWO PLATFORMS TO MIX HERBICIDE IS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

--- CNP HELICOPTER BASE AT GUAYMARAL/HANGAR 2: UPGRADING THE LIGHTING FOR THE WAREHOUSE AND THE HANGAR WAS COMPLETED. THE WAREHOUSE ALSO UNDERWENT ROOF REPAIR.

(2) TRAINING

- THE FIRST NIGHT VISION COURSE, CLASS 97-01, WAS COMPLETED ON OCTOBER 8. EIGHT STUDENTS--3 NVG INSTRUCTOR PILOTS, 1 NVG PILOT, AND 4 CREW CHIEFS COMPLETED THE TRAINING. THIS COURSE WAS CONDUCTED BY ETSS WC3 CARLOS CARDONA, WHO HAS RESCUED THE NVG PROGRAM FROM LIMBO.

- TWO BELL TEXTRON TRAINING COURSES WERE COMPLETED: AUG 4-22, UH-1H MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF, 11 STUDENTS; OCT 6-24 MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT FOR 10 PARTICIPANTS.

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- ONE FLIGHT SAFETY RECURRENCE TRAINING IN THE U.S. WAS
COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER FOR ONE CARAVAN PILOT.

- THE FOLLOWING TRAINING IN DOD CONUS SCHOOLS WAS CONDUCTED,
WITH CNP PAYING THE PER DIEM AND NAS THE TUITION AND
TRANSPORTATION COSTS:

-- IN AUGUST, BASIC ADMINISTRATION FOR OFFICERS (3 STUDENTS);
AVIATION MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR AND MAINTENANCE TEST PILOT (1); AND
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (5).

-- IN SEPTEMBER, LOGISTICS OFFICER (3); UH-1H PILOT INSTRUCTOR
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-- IN OCTOBER, RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION (2); BATTLE STAFF OPERATIONS (5); COMMANDO (4); INSTRUCTOR PILOT INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES (2); ADVANCED LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT FOR OFFICERS (3);

--- IN NOVEMBER, NONE.

- A LOGISTICS COURSE, COORDINATED BY THE ETSS LOGISTICS ADVISOR, COMPLETED TRAINING FOR 16 LOGISTICS PERSONNEL ON OCTOBER 16. THE 16 PERSONNEL ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PROJECT TO INVENTORY THE ENTIRE AIR SERVICE STOCK BEFORE BEING ASSIGNED TO FIELD AND HEADQUARTERS DUTIES. THE INVENTORY, WHICH IS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE FOR THE TRAINEES, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY.

- AN ONGOING 10-MONTH IN-COUNTRY COURSE FOR 20 UH-1H MECHANICS IS BEING TAUGHT BY CNP INSTRUCTORS AND WILL END IN DECEMBER.

(3) AIR SERVICE SUPPORT

- THE AVAILABILITY RATE IN SEPT FOR THE 17 FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT WAS 53 PER CENT AND FOR 44 HELICOPTERS 70 PER CENT. A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON AVAILABILITY BY MODEL AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

FIXED WING MODEL	NO. IN FLIGHT LINE	PER CENT AVAILABILITY RATE			
		AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
CESSNA 152	3	33	33	42	54
CESSNA 206	5	58	57	50	27
CESSNA 208	2	92	65	27	47

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BEECH C-99 1 100 37 97 85
DC-3 2 95 98 79 92
PA31 (PIPER) 1 00 00 DROPPED
SK-300 (KING AIR) 1 100 47 00 00

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ROTARY WING MODEL

HUGHES 500D 2 85 35 56 100
BELL 206B 2 95 100 87 100
BELL 206L 1 52 73 90 80
BELL 206L3 5 63 60 75 56
BELL 206L4 2 70 97 97 76
BELL 212 7 72 62 59 52
BELL UH-1H 26/25/37* 69 66 48 58

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*1 UH-1H WAS LOST IN SEPT AND
12 FROM 506 (A) DRAWDOWN WERE
ADDED TO FLIGHT LINE IN OCT

- TWO C-26'S DONATED UNDER A 506 (A) DRAWDOWN WERE DELIVERED TO
THE CNP IN OCTOBER. TRAINING FOR TECHNICIANS AND PILOTS HAS BEEN
COMPLETED. DETAILS ON HOW TO FUND THE SUPPORT PACKAGE HAVE NOT
BEEN FINALIZED AND AWAIT INL GUIDANCE. MEANWHILE, NAS IS NOW
FILLING PARTS REQUESTS FROM THE CNP TO GET THE AIRCRAFT OFF THE
GROUND.

- ADDITIONAL MINIGUN SPARE PARTS WERE DELIVERED ON LOAN TO THE
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CNP IN MID-NOVEMBER.

- NAS SOLICITED INL'S ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING 20 FLOOR ARMORING
KITS FOR CNP UH-1H'S. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS, GROUND FIRE ATTACKS COULD HAVE RESULTED IN FATALITIES
HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR FLOOR ARMORING.

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(4) AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS

- PNC 266, A USG-OWNED T-65, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT WHILE ON AN OPIUM POPPY SPRAY MISSION IN THE MOUNTAIN NEAR NEIVA ON AUG 6. THE AIRCRAFT WAS PILOTED BY A COLOMBIAN CONTRACT PILOT. THIS AIRCRAFT, FLOWN BY THE SAME PILOT, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT AGAIN ON AUG 11.

- PNC 275, A USG-OWNED T-65, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT WHILE ON A COCA RECON MISSION NEAR SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS PILOTED BY A COLOMBIAN CONTRACT PILOT.

- PNC 130, A UH-1H, WAS SHOT DOWN WITH 20 BULLET IMPACTS ON SEPT 3 AT PUERTO RICO, META, NORTHWEST OF SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE, AND WAS BADLY DAMAGED WHEN IT WAS FORCED TO LAND ON UNEVEN TERRAIN. NO SERIOUS INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. WHEN THE CNP ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE IT THE FOLLOWING DAY, THEY CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM GUERRILLAS AND ENDED UP BLOWING THE AIRCRAFT INSTEAD OF LEAVING IT FOR THE GUERRILLAS. DURING THIS REMOVAL ATTEMPT, PNC 154, A UH-1H, RECEIVED 2 BULLET IMPACTS. THE CNP WERE ABLE TO REPAIR PNC 154 ON THE SPOT AND FLY IT OUT.

- PNC 155, A UH-1H, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT ON SEPT 5 IN THE SAME
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OPERATION MENTION ABOVE.

- PNC 146, A UH-1H, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT ON SEPT 15 AT MIRAFLORES WHILE ON ESCORT DUTY FOR SPRAY OPERATIONS.

- PNC 259, A USG-OWNED T-65, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT WHILE ON OPIUM POPPY SPRAY OPERATIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR NEIVA ON SEPT 16. THE AIRCRAFT WAS PILOTED BY A COLOMBIAN CONTRACT PILOT.

- PNC 195, A USG-OWNED BELL 212, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT WHILE ON NIGHT VISION GOGGLES RECURRENENCY TRAINING 30 MILES SOUTH OF SAN JOSE.

- PNC 163, A UH-1H, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT ON SEPT 21 AT MIRAFLORES

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WHILE ESCORTING A SPRAY MISSION.

- ON SEPT 22, 3 HELICOPTERS WERE HIT BY GROUND FIRE: PNC 158, A UH-1H, RECEIVED 2 IMPACTS ABOUT 35 MILES FROM SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE; PNC 194, A USG-OWNED BELL 212 SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTER PILOTED BY A U.S. CONTRACT PILOT, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JOSE; PNC 140, A UH-1H, RECEIVED 1

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IMPACT WHILE ON THE SAME OPERATION AS PNC 194.

- PNC 277, A USG-OWNED T-65, RECEIVED 1 IMPACT ON SEPT 25. A CNP LIEUTENANT, ASSIGNED DANTI CHIEF OF RECONNAISSANCE, WAS HIT IN THE WRIST AND ANKLE AS HE RODE IN THE BACK SEAT AS OBSERVER DURING A PHOTO RECON MISSION. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED 3 MILES SOUTH OF THE SAN JOSE RUNWAY UPON RETURN.

- IN A CONFRONTATION WITH GUERRILLAS ON OCT 19, FOLLOWING THE TAKEDOWN OF A MAJOR COCAINE LAB AT LOMA LINDA NEAR SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE, FOUR CNP BELL 212 WERE HIT AS FOLLOWS: PNC 182, 2 IMPACTS; PNC 184, 3; AND, PNC 186, 2; AND PNC 183, 14 IMPACTS THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF CNP MAJOR JAIRO CASTRO AND A
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PATROLMAN. THREE UH-1H'S WERE ALSO HIT: PNC 146, 2 IMPACTS; PNC 154, 2; AND PNC 158, 4.

- PNC 244, A USG-OWNED OV-10, RECEIVED TWO IMPACTS ON NOV 4 35 MILES WEST OF SAN JOSE WHILE ON RECON TO SELECT A FIELD FOR TEST SPRAYING. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME AN OV-10 HAS BEEN HIT. (INFORMATION ON OTHER GROUND FIRE INCIDENTS IN NOV WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT MONTHLY REPORT.)

- REGARDING PNC 160, THE UH-1H THAT CRASHED IN MARCH TAKING THE LIVES OF A CNP AVIATION INSTRUCTOR AND A STUDENT AT THE CNP AVIATION SCHOOL IN MARIQUITA: ALTHOUGH THE FINAL BOARD HAS NOT MET TO ISSUE A FINAL REPORT, REPORTS OF THE EXAMINATION OF COMPONENTS DONE BY ALLIED SIGNAL AND BELL TEXTRON STATE THAT THE PARTS WERE ALL WORKING WELL.

(5) OTHER

- INL COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AL CARPENTER AND INL REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR HERMAN RIVERA TRAVELED TO BOGOTA FROM WASHINGTON AND LIMA, RESPECTIVELY, TO ASSIST WITH SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES.

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B. DEMAND REDUCTION

- NOV 1-5, NAS PROGRAM OFFICER NORMA REYES, NAS DEMAND REDUCTION PROJECT MANAGER MARTHA BONILLA, AND CNP D.A.R.E COORDINATOR MAJOR ANGEL LARA ATTENDED THE D.A.R.E. (DRUG ABUSE RESISTENCE EDUCATION) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PUERTO RICO. FROM ITS
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INITIATION IN JANUARY 1997 TO DATE, 18 CNP D.A.R.E. OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN THE D.A.R.E./COLOMBIA PROGRAM TO 11,002 CHILDREN IN 44 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE PROGRAM ENJOYS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM CNP DIRECTOR GENERAL JOSE ROSSO SERRANO AND CNP/DANTI DIRECTOR COLONEL LEONARDO GALLEGO, WHO HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL OF THE CLOSING CEREMONIES.

3. VISITORS

- NINE U.S. STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT VISITED COLOMBIA OCT 12-16 ON A FACT-FINDING TRIP FOCUSING ON COUNTER-NARCOTICS AND SECURITY ISSUES. LED BY JOHN MACKAY AND KEVIN LONG, THE STAFF DELEGATION MET WITH VARIOUS GOC ENTITIES AND TRAVELED TO MARIQUITA AND NEIVA. MAIN FOCUS WAS ON CNP AIR SERVICE CAPABILITY.

- ONDCP DIRECTOR BARRY MCCAFFERY VISITED COLOMBIA OCT 19-21,

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ACCOMPANIED BY A DELEGATION OF 8 REPRESENTATIVES FROM HIS OFFICE,
DEA, AND THE DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

4. OTHER

- A NEW PROJECT AGREEMENT WAS ADDED TO THE NAS ACCOUNT. THE
AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES 5 MILLION DOLLARS IN COUNTER-NARCOTICS
ASSISTANCE TO THE COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES, WAS SIGNED AUGUST 28.

- ON OCTOBER 1, INL PSC SHERMAN HINSON ENDED A 5-MONTH TDY TO
ASSIST NAS BOGOTA AS ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR PENDING DAVID
BECKER'S ARRIVAL. NAS BOGOTA HAD BEEN PLAGUED FOR OVER A YEAR

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WITH CRUCIAL OFFICER STAFF SHORTAGES. MR. HINSON'S SUPPORT WAS
VERY WELCOMED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.
- INL'S TIM HENDERSON AND DOS CONTRACT OFFICER JOHN STEVER
TRAVELED TO BOGOTA ON A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE VISIT IN EARLY
NOVEMBER. THEY REVIEWED PROJECT FINANCIAL FILES AND ADVISED NAS
B&F AND PROCUREMENT STAFF ON PROCEDURES.
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