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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. (C) SUMMARY: VARIOUS ESCOBAR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOW KNOWN TO BE IN CHILE, COSTA RICA AND THE UNITED STATES. EVER-WILDER PRESS REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON TO TRACK FAMILY MOVEMENTS; IN PARTICULAR THERE IS NO SOLID EVIDENCE AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF PABLO ESCOBAR'S WIFE AND CHILDREN. SPECULATION AS TO THE REASONS FOR THE DIASPORA RANGES FROM BETTER ACCESS TO PABLO'S INTERNATIONAL FUNDS TO PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW TERRORIST CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

3. CHILE: [REDACTED] IN EARLY JUNE THE FOLLOWING ESCOBAR FAMILY MEMBERS ARRIVED IN CHILE VIA PANAMA, AND IN SPITE OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO EXPEL THEM, REMAIN THERE AS OF THIS WRITING. THEY ARE:

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 NICOLAS ENRIQUE ESCOBAR URQUIJO SON OF ROBERTO ESCOBAR
 - (ROBERTO IS PABLO'S BROTHER CURRENTLY BEHIND BARS IN
 - ITAGUI PRISON NEAR MEDELLIN)
 ELIANA MARIA CADAVID DELGADO WIFE OF NICOLAS
 NICOLAS ROBERTO ESCOBAR URQUIJO SON OF NICOLAS
 LAURA ISABEL ESCOBAR URQUIJO SISTER OF NICOLAS
 MARTHA LIGIA URQUIJO DE ESCOBAR MOTHER OF NICOLAS
 NICOLAS ALBERTO URQUIJO GAVIRIA BROTHER OF MARTHA
 JOSE URQUIJO GAVIRIA BROTHER OF MARTHA

4. WE UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IS TRYING TO EXPEL THIS GROUP ON THE GROUNDS OF "ILLICIT ENRICHMENT" (REF B). MEANWHILE JULY 6 BOGOTA PRESS REPORTS CLAIMED THAT THE FISCALIA GENERAL (PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE) "CERTIFIED" THAT THE GROUP'S MONEY IS CLEAN. IN REALITY, THOUGH, THE FISCALIA ISSUED NOTHING BUT A STANDARD REPORT INDICATING ONLY THE LACK OF CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST NICOLAS (SEPTEL, NOTAL).

5. COSTA RICA: [REDACTED] ON JUNE 26 THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ESCOBAR FAMILY MEMBERS DEPARTED MEDELLIN FOR SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, VIA CARACAS, ON COPA AIRLINES FLIGHT 320 (SEE ALSO REF C):

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ARGEMIRO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA BROTHER OF PABLO
LUZ MARINA ESCOBAR GAVIRIA SISTER OF PABLO
FRANCISCO LEONARDO ARTEAGA HUSBAND OF LUZ MARINA
PAULO ANDRES ESCOBAR NEPHEW OF PABLO
LEONARDO ARTEAGA ESCOBAR NEPHEW OF PABLO

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MARILUZ ARTEAGA ESCOBAR NIECE OF PABLO

6. WE UNDERSTAND [REDACTED] THAT COSTA RICAN IMMIGRATION
AUTHORITIES HAVE POSITIVELY CONFIRMED THAT THE ABOVE SIX
ESCOBAR FAMILY MEMBERS ENTERED COSTA RICA. (COMMENT:
REF (C) ADDS A SEVENTH, UNNAMED FAMILY MEMBER, ANOTHER
NIECE OR NEPHEW OF PABLO, AND REPORTS PABLO'S SISTER'S
NAME AS "MARIA ESCOBAR GAVIRIA". END COMMENT).

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7. DESPITE FRANTIC PRESS SPECULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER AT THIS TIME THAT ANY OTHER ESCOBAR FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING PABLO ESCOBAR'S WIFE (VICTORIA MARIA HENAO VALLEJO) AND CHILDREN (JUAN PABLO ESCOBAR HENAO AND MANUELA ESCOBAR HENAO), TRAVELLED TO COSTA RICA.

8. UNITED STATES: ~~DEA TELLS US THAT~~ LUZ MARINA HENAO VALLEJO, SISTER OF PABLO ESCOBAR'S WIFE, ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ON AVIANCA FLIGHT 060 AT ROUGHLY 12:30 PM JULY 6. SHE ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ON HER OWN PASSPORT WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE A VALID TOURIST VISA. (AT THIS WRITING WE CAN CONFIRM ONLY THAT HENAO WAS NOT ISSUED A TOURIST VISA IN BOGOTA WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS). ~~ACCORDING TO DEA SHE IS STAYING AT THE HILTON HOTEL IN MIAMI AND IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.~~

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9. COMMENT: WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE STRONGLY ENOUGH THAT THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE ON THE LOCATION OF PABLO ESCOBAR'S WIFE AND CHILDREN. ~~ON JUNE 15~~

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US HE WAS CERTAIN THEY WERE IN SWITZERLAND (REF D). THE
DAS ITSELF TOLD US JUNE 29 THAT THE THREE HAD JUST
DEPARTED COLOMBIA FOR VENEZUELA. DEA JULY 7 REPORTS A
RUMOR THAT THEY HAVE ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ON FORGED
OR PHOTO-SUBSTITUTED PANAMANIAN PASSPORTS. THE PRESS
CLAIMS THE THREE ARE IN COSTA RICA. AT THIS TIME THESE
ALLEGATIONS CONSTITUTE NOTHING BETTER THAN RUMORS.

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10. COMMENT CONTINUED: SPECULATION AS TO THE REASONS
FOR THIS ESCOBAR FAMILY DIASPORA IS ALSO RIFE. LUZ
MARINA HENAO AND NICOLAS ESCOBAR URQUIJO ARE KNOWN TO
DEA TO BE IMPORTANT MANAGERS OF ESCOBAR FAMILY
NARCOTRAFFICKING ENTERPRISES. PERHAPS THE MOVES ARE
DESIGNED TO GIVE PABLO MORE ACCESS TO HIS INTERNATIONAL
FUNDS. OTHER THEORIES INCLUDE: (1) PABLO AND HIS
BROTHER ROBERTO ARE TRYING TO PROTECT FAMILY MEMBERS
FROM REPRISALS SIMILAR TO THOSE THE ANTI-ESCOBAR GROUP
"LOS PEPES" CONDUCTED EARLIER THIS YEAR; (2) PABLO IS
PREPARING TO SURRENDER AND WANTS HIS FAMILY SAFELY OUT
OF COLOMBIA ONCE HE IS IN PRISON; (3) PABLO IS GETTING
READY TO EMBARK ON ANOTHER NATIONWIDE TERROR CAMPAIGN.
THERE IS NO SOLID EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT ONE THEORY OVER
THE OTHERS, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT PABLO'S OPTIONS
INCREASE ONCE HE IS RELATIVELY CONFIDENT THAT HIS FAMILY
IS SECURE. BUSBY

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