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CONTROLS

[REDACTED] SECTION 01 OF 02 [REDACTED]

SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) COLOMBIA (CO).  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] SMUGGLING TRENDS IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUILA (U)

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EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED

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DOI: (U) 931116.

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: [REDACTED] NARCO-SMUGGLING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUILA  
FOCUSES PRINCIPALLY ON SHIPPING OF OPIUM BASED NARCOTICS  
WHICH ARE CULTIVATED, MANUFACTURED, AND REFINED IN THE  
DEPARTMENT. POPPY CULTIVATION SITES ARE CONTROLLED BY  
INDEPENDENT GROWERS WHO SELL THEIR PRODUCT TO MIDDLEMEN.

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED] NARCO SMUGGLING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUILA  
FOCUSES PRINCIPALLY ON SHIPPING OF OPIUM BASED NARCOTICS  
WHICH ARE CULTIVATED, MANUFACTURED, AND REFINED IN THE  
DEPARTMENT. THE CULTIVATION SITES ARE OWNED AND MANAGED  
BY LOCAL PEASANTS AND NATIVE COLOMBIANS WHO SELL THEIR  
PRODUCTS TO MIDDLEMEN WHO FURTHER DISTRIBUTE THE PRODUCT  
TO CARTEL BASED ORGANIZATIONS. UP TO THE POINT THE  
PRODUCT IS REFINED INTO MORPHINE, [REDACTED]  
THE CARTELS HAVE LITTLE TO NO ASSOCIATION WITH THE  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

2. [REDACTED] MANAGEMENT AND EXTRACTION OF THE LATEX FROM THE  
POPPY PLANTS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY PEASANTS AND NATIVE  
COLOMBIANS LIVING IN THE HUILA HIGHLANDS; OFTEN ON  
GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERIODICALLY AN INDEPENDENT  
MIDDLEMAN PASSES THROUGH THE REGION AND PURCHASES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OPIUM LATEX FROM THE CULTIVATORS. THE  
MIDDLEMAN WILL THEN CONSOLIDATE THE OPIUM LATEX WHICH HE  
HAS PURCHASED FROM SEVERAL SUPPLIERS AND DELIVER THE  
ENTIRE LOT TO A MORPHINE PRODUCTION LABORATORY. THE  
METHOD OF TRANSPORTING THE OPIUM LATEX FROM THE  
CULTIVATION SITES TO THE MORPHINE LABORATORIES IS

[REDACTED]

ACCOMPLISHED EITHER BY PERSONALLY CARRYING THE LATEX IN A CAR OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT OR HAVING ANOTHER PERSON TRANSPORT THE PRODUCT. [REDACTED] THE LATEX IS OFTEN TRANSPORTED BY INTER-MIXING IT WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE WHICH IS HAULED BY TRUCKS.

3. [REDACTED] THE MORPHINE LABORATORIES ARE GENERALLY OWNED AS WELL BY NON-ASSOCIATED CARTEL INDIVIDUALS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONCE THE LATEX IS REFINED INTO MORPHINE, THE PRODUCT IS ONCE AGAIN MOVED TO A HEROIN PRODUCTION LABORATORY. [REDACTED] RARELY WILL THE MORPHINE AND HEROIN LABORATORIES BE ONE IN THE SAME. [REDACTED] IS DONE FOR TWO REASONS: (1) THE EXPERTISE TO PRODUCE THE HEROIN CAN ONLY BE FOUND AT THE HEROIN LABS AND (2) THE MORPHINE AND HEROIN PRODUCERS MINIMIZE THEIR LOSSES IN THE EVENT EITHER ONE OF THE LAB SITES IS RAIDED. HEROIN LABORATORIES ARE LOCATED IN ANY GIVEN LOCATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAJOR CARTELS BECOME INTIMATELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPIUM BASED NARCO-TRADE AT THE MORPHINE TO HEROIN PROCESSING STAGE. [REDACTED] OWNERSHIP OF THE HEROIN LABORATORIES IS NOT MONOPOLIZED BY THE CARTELS BUT THEY DO BEGIN TO MAKE THEIR PRESENCE FELT AT THIS STAGE OF THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION CYCLE. ADDITIONALLY, THE HEROIN LABORATORIES ARE NOT EXCLUSIVELY LOCATED WITHIN THE HUILA DEPARTMENT.

4. [REDACTED] ONCE THE HEROIN IS REFINED FROM THE MORPHINE, IT IS THEN MOVED FROM THE LABORATORIES TO DISTRIBUTION SITES BY SEVERAL TRANSPORTATION MEANS TO INCLUDE AIR AND VEHICLE.

5. [REDACTED] GUERRILLA INVOLVEMENT IN THE OPIUM BASED NARCOTICS TRADE FOCUSES ON THE EXTORTION OF THE PEASANTS GROWING POPPY PLANTS AND PRODUCING THE LATEX. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONCE THE PEASANTS SELL THE PRODUCED LATEX TO THE MIDDLEMEN, THE GUERRILLAS APPEAR AT THE CULTIVATION SITE AND DEMAND A 30 PER CENT CUT OF THE GROSS PROFIT. IF THE GROWERS REFUSE TO PAY THEY ARE KILLED. IN RETURN FOR THE 30 PER CENT CUT, THE GUERRILLAS BASICALLY GUARANTEE NOT TO DESTROY THE PEASANT'S POPPY FIELDS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, NOT TO KILL THEM. [REDACTED] THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT THE GUERRILLA ARE PHYSICALLY PROTECTING POPPY FIELDS. [REDACTED]

THE PRESENCE OF GUERRILLAS IN THE POPPY CULTIVATION REGIONS IS FREQUENTLY A DETERRENCE IN KEEPING COLOMBIAN MILITARY OUT OF THE REGION. RETALIATORY ACTS AGAINST POPPY PLANT ERRADICATION UNITS ARE MORE INSTIGATED BY THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

GROWERS THEMSELVES AND NOT BY HIRED GUERRILLA PROTECTORS.

COMMENTS: 1. [REDACTED] HEROIN LABS ARE SMALL  
THUS MAKING THEM EXCEEDINGLY MORE DIFFICULT TO DISCOVER.  
ADDITIONALLY, LOCATING THE LATEX, MORPHINE, AND/OR HEROIN  
IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN COCAINE FOR GOVERNMENTAL FORCES  
BECAUSE IT CAN BE TRANSPORTED IN MUCH SMALLER QUANTITIES  
THAN COCAINE.

[REDACTED]

ADMIN

PROJ: (U).

COLL: (U) AA.

INSTR: (U) U.S. [REDACTED]

PREP: (U) [REDACTED]

ACQ: (U) COLOMBIA, PEREIRA (931116).

DISSEM: (U) FIELD: EMBASSY AT BOGOTA.

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