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SUBJECT: FEAR OF BOMBING: ANOTHER EXPLANATION FOR  
-- "OVERFLIGHT HYSTERIA"

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MEDELLIN SENATOR ALVARO URIBE GAVE HIS IMPRESSION OF THE VOLATILE REACTION TO THE JULY 29 USG OVERFLIGHTS OF THE MEDELLIN AREA IN A JULY 30 CONVERSATION WITH A/POLCOUNS (SEPTTEL). URIBE SAID HE BELIEVES THE RESIDENTS OF MEDELLIN ARE PANICSTRICKEN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER NARCOTERRORIST BOMBING CAMPAIGN.

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3. ACCORDING TO URIBE, THE HIGHLY VISIBLE USG ROLE IN THE JULY 29 OPERATION AROUND MEDELLIN HAS CAUSED FEAR THAT PABLO ESCOBAR WOULD RETALIATE FOR THE OVERFLIGHTS BY RESUMING A TERRORIST BOMBING CAMPAIGN IN MEDELLIN. HE ADDED THIS AT LEAST PARTLY MOTIVATED THE LETTER FROM ANTIOQUIA GOVERNOR JUAN GOMEZ MARTINEZ AND MEDELLIN MAYOR LUIS ALFREDO RAMOS CRITICIZING GAVIRIA FOR THE OVERFLIGHTS (SEPTTEL).

3. URIBE SAID IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE TWO POINTS REGARDING THE OVERFLIGHTS:

-- THAT THEY ARE ROUTINE AND CONDUCTED ONLY WITH THE EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA;

-- THAT THEY REFLECT FULL COOPERATION IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND IN NO WAY PORTEND UNILATERAL USG ACTION IN THE FORM OF KIDNAPPING OR "INVASION."

4. URIBE SAID HE WAS SLATED TO SPEAK LATER THAT AFTERNOON IN CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE AND THAT HE WOULD

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UNQUESTIONABLY SUPPORT THE GAVIRIA ADMINISTRATION'S  
POSITION, AS WELL AS OPPOSE ANY CALLS FOR DEFENSE  
MINISTER PARDO'S PARDO'S RESIGNATION.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS NO DOUBT THE MAJORITY OF THE  
HYSTERIA WAS NARCO-DRIVEN, AND WE STILL REMAIN LEARY  
OF URIBE'S OWN POSSIBLE NARCO CONNECTIONS (REFTEL).

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BUT THE MEMORY OF THE BLOODY 1989-90 NARCO BOMBINGS IS  
STILL FRESH IN THE MINDS OF ALL COLOMBIANS, AND THIS  
MAY VERY WELL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERREACTION.  
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