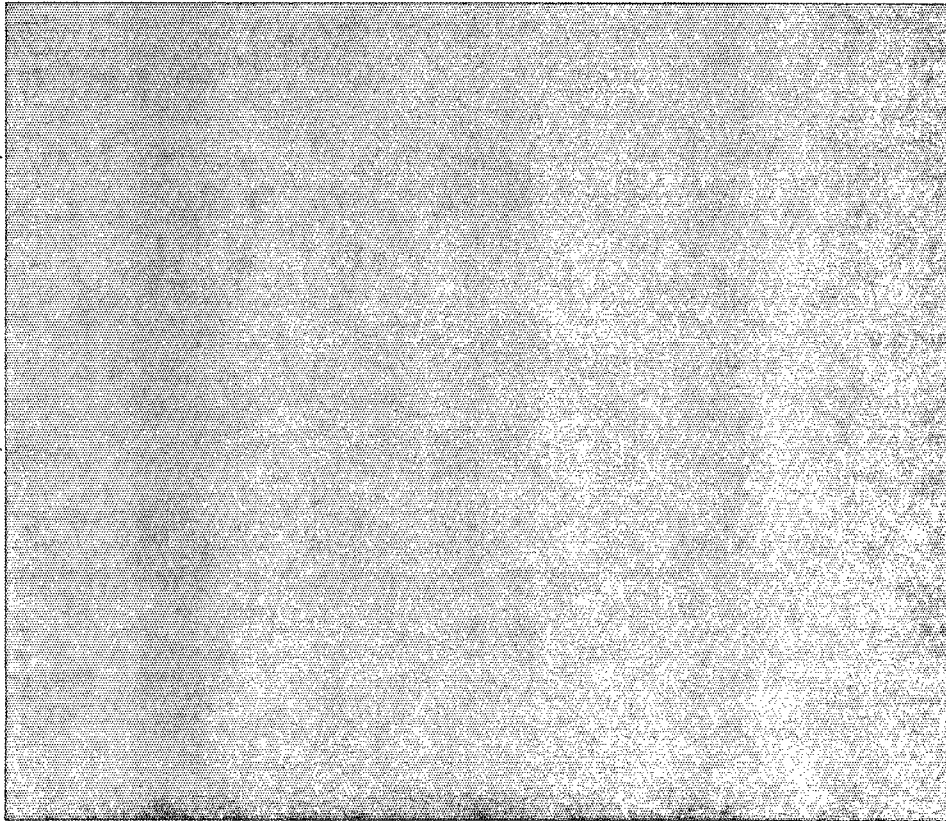


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DIST: 12 MARCH 2001

COUNTRY: COLOMBIA

SUBJ: RELOCATION OF UNITED SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF COLOMBIA
SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL BOLIVAR BLOC IN RESPONSE TO COLOMBIAN
ARMY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN BOLIVAR; [REDACTED]

DOI: MID-FEBRUARY 2001

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: NONE

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TEXT: 1. AS OF MID-FEBRUARY 2001, UNITED SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS OF COLOMBIA (AUC) SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL BOLIVAR BLOC UNITS WERE TEMPORARILY FORCED TO RELOCATE EAST TOWARDS CESAR AND NORTH SANTANDER DEPARTMENTS AS A RESULT OF COLOMBIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN SOUTHERN BOLIVAR. [REDACTED] THESE OPERATIONS WERE LIKELY A PART OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMY'S "OPERATION BOLIVAR" WHICH WAS SEEKING TO NEUTRALIZE ILLEGAL ARMED GROUPS' ABILITY TO WAGE WAR IN THE REGION.) APPROXIMATELY 700-800 OF THE MEN LED BY THE AUC BLOC COMMANDER, [REDACTED] HAD TO BE MOVED INTO LA GLORIA, AGUAS CHICA, SAN MARTIN, AND SAN ALBERTO IN CESAR DEPARTMENT. A SMALLER CONTINGENT FLED INTO LA ESPERANZA IN NORTH SANTANDER. [REDACTED] GAVE THE ORDER TO DISPERSE WHEN UNITS BELONGING TO THE COLOMBIAN ARMY'S 5TH BRIGADE CONDUCTED PRE-DAWN RAIDS IN THE AREAS NEAR SAN BLAS AND SIMITI, SOUTHERN BOLIVAR. THE ARMY UNITS CONDUCTED SEARCHES OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE APPROXIMATELY 70 OF [REDACTED] MEN AND AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF UNSPECIFIED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] WHILE THE COLOMBIAN ARMY UNITS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN PUSHING THEM OUT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AREAS, THE ARMY TREATED THEM "WELL." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] AUC MEMBERS CAPTURED DURING THE OPERATION WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED, ALONG WITH THEIR WEAPONS. ([REDACTED])

[REDACTED] NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE KNOWN ABOUT THE REPORTED RELEASE OF CAPTURED PARAMILITARY MEMBERS.)

3. [REDACTED]

POC: COMMENTS, EVALUATIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS WELCOME.

ADMIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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