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DRUG INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (SELECTED ITEMS)*

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2. (U) Colombia: Drug Trafficker and Paramilitary Deported to Colombia

~~(C/NF)~~ On Wednesday 20 June 2001, Luis Alberto Bernal-Seijas, Panama-based Colombian drug trafficker was arrested in Panama while carrying false documents under the name of Nicolas Bedoya-Herrera. He was immediately deported to Bogota. Press accounts identified Bernal as a former pilot for the infamous drug trafficker Gonzalo Rodriguez-Gacha. Reportedly, Bernal was the individual in charge of finances and logistics in Panama for the Colombian United Self-Defense Groups (AUC). In his role as Bedoya-Herrera, he was president of an aviation company owning six planes.

~~(S//NF, WN)~~ [redacted] Bernal-Seijas's aviation company was probably involved in the transshipment of large quantities of cocaine from Colombia through Panama. [redacted]

(b)(1),1.4 (c),(b)(3):10 USC 424

(C) There are five outstanding arrest warrants for Bernal, including one charging him as an intellectual and material author of the December 1991 massacre of 20 Paez Indians in the Colombian village of Caloto, in Cauca Department. The Indians were killed on the 800-hectare farm named "El Nilo" that had been purchased by Bernal and his brother. Colombian authorities claimed that Bernal was linked to local drug trafficking activities and that the attack was perpetrated to terrorize the local indigenous population into either cooperating with his criminal enterprises or abandoning the area. The northeast part of Cauca Department is a primary opium poppy growing area.

(b)(1),(b)(3):10-USC 424,1.4 (c)

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