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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: SNAR, PINS, ASEC, CO
SUBJECT: ESCOBAR REPORTEDLY DENIES CAR BOMBING

REFS: A) BOGOTA 11339, B) BOGOTA 11322 (NOTAL)

1. (U) ESCAPED DRUG KINGPIN PABLO ESCOBAR HAS
APPARENTLY DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AUGUST 4

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JAMES F COOPER
DATE/CASE ID: 18 MAY 2009 200705928

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2. (U) BEGIN TEXT:

TO THE PUBLIC, FROM PABLO ESCOBAR AND COMPANIONS:

TODAY A CAR BOMB WAS PLACED AT A SHOPPING CENTER IN
MEDELLIN.

MY BROTHER ROBERTO ESCOBAR AND I PUBLICLY PROMISED THE
PEOPLE OF ANTIOQUIA AND COLOMBIA THAT WE WOULD COMMIT
NO (REPEAT NO) VIOLENT ACTS OF ANY NATURE, AND WE HAVE
NOT BROKEN THAT PROMISE.

GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ OREJUELA IS THE KING OF
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DISINFORMATION. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF THE FAKE
COMMUNIQUES FROM THE EXTRADITABLES; HE IS THE CREATOR
OF "CALICHE", AND IS THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR (THE
AUG. 4) BOMBING. (FYI: "CALICHE" HAD IN THE PAST
CLAIMED TO BE A SPOKESMAN FOR "THE EXTRADITABLES.")

WE KNOW THE PEOPLE BELIEVE US BECAUSE WE HAVE NEVER
LIED TO THEM.

THE FISCAL GENERAL, IN GOOD FAITH, HAS ALLOWED HIMSELF
TO BE FLOODED WITH INFORMATION, TESTIMONY AND STORIES
THAT ARE PURE FANTASY.

IF THE GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES US A PRISON IN ANTIOQUIA,
WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PROCESS OF SURRENDERING TO
JUSTICE, INTERRUPTED ONLY BY THE TRIUMPH OF THOSE WHO
ALWAYS HAVE BEEN THE ENEMIES OF THE PROCESS.

COLOMBIA, AUGUST 4, 1992.

END TEXT.

3. (C) MEDELLIN SEN. ALVARO URIBE, DURING A BREAKFAST
WITH ACTING POLCOUNS AUGUST 5, SAID HE'S CONVINCED

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ESCOBAR PLANTED THE BOMB, ADDING THAT MEDELLIN RESIDENTS ARE TERRIFIED OVER THE PROSPECT OF ANOTHER 1989-TYPE BOMBING CAMPAIGN. HE SAID HE SUPPORTS GAVIRIA'S COUNTER-NARCOTICS POLICIES BUT FEARS A BOMBING CAMPAIGN COULD FORCE THE GOC TO RETREAT.

4. (C) COMMENT: OTHER INFORMATION (REFTEL B) POINTS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ESCOBAR AS THE CULPRIT; HOWEVER, URIBE HAS A POINT. MANY MEDELLIN RESIDENTS, MOTIVATED BY A COMBINATION OF SHEER TERROR AND WISHFUL THINKING, ARE LIKELY TO BELIEVE ESCOBAR REALLY WANTS TO SPARE THEM FROM A TERRORIST CAMPAIGN, AND WILL OPPOSE GOC "PROVOCATION" OF HIM. END COMMENT.

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