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SUBJECT: NARCOS REPORTEDLY SEEK INVITATION TO
CARTAGENA SUMMIT

1. FABIO OCHOA RESTREPO, PATRIARCH OF THE OCHOA
NARCOTRAFFICKING CLAN, REPORTEDLY TOLD THE SPANISH NEWS
AGENCY EFE ON FEBRUARY 6 THAT TOP NARCOTRAFFICKING
KINGPINS SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE CARTAGENA
ANTI-NARCOTICS SUMMIT. THE FEBRUARY 7 EDITION OF
BOGOTA'S MORNING PAPERS CARRIED DIFFERING VERSIONS OF
THE EFE REPORT, AND IT WAS NOT CLEAR IF OCHOA HAD MADE
HIS PROPOSAL DIRECTLY TO A REPORTER OR BY MEANS OF A
LETTER SENT TO THE NEWS AGENCY. NO OTHER NEWS
ORGANIZATION REPORTED HAVING RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION
FROM OCHOA.

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2. ACCORDING TO EFE, OCHOA SAID THAT "THEIR WOULD BE NO
SENSE TO HOLDING THE CARTAGENA SUMMIT WITHOUT THE
PARTICIPATION OF SOME OF THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING
CHIEFS... THE PRESIDENTS ARE NOT GOING TO SOLVE ANYTHING
WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO KNOW AND CONTROL
THE BUSINESS." OCHOA SAID THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF
MEDELLIN CARTEL BOSS PABLO ESCOBAR "WHO HAS MADE PUBLIC
HIS WILLINGNESS TO ACHIEVE PEACE" WAS ESPECIALLY
IMPORTANT. WHILE ADMITTING THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN ESCOBAR

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FOR SOME TIME, OCHOA DENIED WHAT HE SAID WERE RUMORS THAT THE DRUG KINGPIN WAS ILL OR SUFFERING FROM A SERIOUS WOUND. OCHOA SAID HE WOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE COLOMBIAN EMBASSIES OF THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS FORMALLY PROPOSING NARCO PARTICIPATION.

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