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PABLO EMILIO ESCOBAR-GAVIRIA

Colombian/South American  
Drug Trafficking Organizations  
Racketeering Enterprise Investigation

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SOURCE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] reporting has  
been substantiated by other sources, liaison contacts, technical means, and law  
enforcement operations in Colombia and the U.S. and is considered reliable. The  
information was provided on April 4, 1990.

SYNOPSIS

Pablo Escobar and [REDACTED] have been forced into a reduced circle of movement  
around [REDACTED] Medellin, Colombia. They have also set up new  
administrative offices in Medellin. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Because of law enforcement pressure most members of the Medellin Cartel, including  
Escobar's group, have moved their processing and shipping operations to Ecuador and  
Bolivia, and are shipping directly from those two countries.

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Several Antioquia politicians won senate and representative seats in the Colombian Government. They represent the Colombian Liberal Party (PLC). Their campaigns were assisted by Escobar's group. Also, Escobar's [redacted] who is a personal friend of Colombian President Barco, has been [redacted]

## DETAILS

## ORGANIZATION

Since recent raids on "La Colina," and "La Setenta," the former office site and attending communications/security center in Envigado, Pablo ESCOBAR [redacted] have been forced to move their base of operations and hideouts [redacted]

Barring renewed Government activity ("war") against Escobar and [redacted] they intend to [redacted]

## OPERATION

The Pablo Escobar group and many other Medellin traffickers have been busy moving their operations out of Colombia to Ecuador and Bolivia, where law enforcement is lax. They have set up large-scale labs in those countries. Product (cocaine) shipments now are largely being made directly out of those countries as well, rather than out of Colombia.

## FINANCES

Pablo Escobar and [redacted] have a substantial bank account [redacted]

[redacted]

## POLICE/PUBLIC CORRUPTION

[redacted] recently gained a seat as representative in the Colombian House of Representatives (*Camara de Representantes*). His campaign was helped with over ten million pesos. It was [redacted] the source believes, who tipped off Escobar and [redacted] of the impending law enforcement action in January or February of this year, when the Colombian Army [redacted] raided "La Colina" and "La Setenta." [redacted] became aware of irregular, preparatory troop movements in the town and immediately alerted Escobar.

Other Antioquia Department politicians helped successfully by Escobar and [redacted] in the recent 1990 elections are:

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Despite [redacted] public denials, he has been [redacted]  
[redacted] is no friend of the Medellin Cartel, he has  
remained helpful to certain Cartel members who are [redacted] personal friends, such as  
[redacted] who functions as Escobar's [redacted]

[redacted]