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Washington, DC 20536



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

AUG 17 2006

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This is in reference to your letter dated July 6, 2006, to U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP), wherein you request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and/or Privacy Act, access to records pertaining to the interdiction of a Colombian Air Force C-130 at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport. Your request was referred by CBP to this agency for any records we may have responsive to your request.

Before we address your request, please be advised that effective March 1, 2003, the U.S. Customs Service became part of the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the form of two new agencies: U.S. Customs and Border Protection - which has primary inspectional responsibility at our Nation's airports, seaports and land border crossings, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement - which has primary investigative jurisdiction in the enforcement of Immigration and Customs law. Our particular office is under U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

We have enclosed a copy of twenty-four (24) pages of documents responsive to your request. However, we have determined that portions of the records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemptions (b)(2) and (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA. Also, we are withholding seven (7) pages of documents in their entirety pursuant to (b)(2) and (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA.

If there are any other identifiable records responsive to your request, they would be located in the Office of the Special Agent in Charge in Miami. Therefore, your request has been forwarded to that office for a search of records, determination of disclosure and a direct response to you. Further inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the Office of the Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, 8075 NW 53rd Street, Miami, Florida 33166 (Telephone: (305) 597-6000).

Inasmuch as you may consider this response to constitute a partial denial of your request, you may appeal this decision, in writing, 35 days after the date of this determination to the Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, FOIA Appeals, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Building 410, Washington, D.C. 20528.

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Enclosed is an information sheet pertaining to the exemptions from disclosure under the FOIA, your rights to administrative appeal and judicial review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria L. Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

Gloria L. Marshall
Chief, Information Disclosure Unit
Mission Support Division

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TECS II AIRCRAFT SUBJECT

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TECS RECORD ID:

[REDACTED] b2

b2 [REDACTED]

*** IDENTIFYING INFORMATION =====
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION NUMBER (TAIL NUMBER): FAC1005

*** DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION =====
MANUFACTURER S NAME: HERCULES CODE:
ENGINE TYPE: 2 TURBOPROPELLE # ENGINES:
COLOR- BODY1: GRY BODY2: WHI TRIM:

*** ENGINE INFORMATION =====

*** REGISTRATION INFORMATION =====

*** RECORD OWNERSHIP INFORMATION =====

STATUS: [REDACTED] DATE: 010900
AGENCY: [REDACTED] NAME: [REDACTED] b7c
TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] TITLE: [REDACTED]

REMARKS: b2 + b7c
AIRCRAFT USED TO SMUGGLE APPROXIMATELY 1600 LBS OF COCAINE AND APPROXIMATELY 13 LBS OF HEROIN. SEVERAL CREW MEMBERS AND WAREHOUSE WORKERS ARE SUSPECT.

*** PRIMARY ACCESS INFORMATION =====

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TECS II ORGANIZATION SUBJECT

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TECS RECORD ID:

[REDACTED] b2

b2 [REDACTED]

*** IDENTIFYING INFORMATION =====

NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE

BUSINESS ID:

[REDACTED] b2

TYPE: [REDACTED] EMPLOYER ID # / IRS

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*** DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION =====

*** ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE INFORMATION=====

TELEPHONE: 954 359 0177 IF NON-US, INTL PREFIX:

TYPE: DATE: 11101998

ADDRESS- STREET: 702 SW 34TH STREET

APT/SUITE:

CITY: FT. LAUDERDALE

STATE: FL COUNTRY: US

ZIP: 33315 COUNTY:

TYPE: DATE: 112398

*** INFORMATION ON OFFICERS =====

*** OTHER INFORMATION =====

FIN ID:

DATE: 19

*** RECORD OWNERSHIP INFORMATION=====

STATUS:

[REDACTED] b2+b7C

DATE: 010900

AGENCY:

NAME: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE:

TITLE:

b7C

DATE ENTERED:

LAST UPDATE: [REDACTED]

CASE NUMBER:

[REDACTED] b2

REMARKS:

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PALLETS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1600 LBS OF COCAINE AND APPROXIMATELY 13 LBS OF HEROIN IN CARGO NETTING WERE BOUND FOR THIS COMPANY. SEVERAL WAREHOUSE WORKERS ARE SUSPECT.

*** PRIMARY ACCESS INFORMATION=====

LOOKOUT LEVEL:

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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CASE NUMBER [REDACTED]
OCDETF NO: [REDACTED]

FILE: COLOMBIAN MILITARY A/C FAC1005 C-130

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CASE STATUS: INIT RPT

REPORT DATE
112598

DATE ASSIGNED
110998

PROGRAM CODE
[REDACTED] b2

REPORT NO.
[REDACTED] b2

RELATED CASE NUMBERS:

COLLATERAL REQ:

TYPE OF REPORT:
INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

TOPIC: SEIZURE OF 1,638.93 LBS OF COCAINE AND APPROXIMATELY 13 LBS OF HEROIN

SYNOPSIS:

Since 1994, the RAIC Ft.Lauderdale and The Office of Field Operations have received numerous reports indicating that Colombian Military Aircraft were being utilized to transport contraband into Ft. Lauderdale International Airport.

Upon the arrival of the Aircraft bearing tail number FAC1005 on November 9, 1998, it was met by 2 Inspectors and 2 K-9 Officers. 2 Special Agents were nearby in the event of positive examination results. A search revealed 1,638.93 pounds of cocaine hidden in metal cargo pallets. On November 12, 1998, a subsequent search of the Colombian Air force Hangar resulted in an additional seizure of approximately 13 pounds of heroin secreted in cargo netting. Details are contained herein.

DISTRIBUTION:

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SIGNATURE:

[REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT

APPROVED:

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[REDACTED]

SOI GRP SUPERVISOR

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ORIGIN OFFICE: FL
FT LAUDERDALE - RAC

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

TYPIST:

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

Since 1994 the RAIC Ft.Lauderdale and The Office of Field Operations have received numerous reports indicating that Colombian Military Aircraft were being utilized to transport contraband into Ft. Lauderdale International Airport.

Upon the arrival of the Aircraft bearing tail number FAC1005 on November 9,1998, it was met by 2 Inspectors and 2 K-9 Officers. 2 Special Agents were nearby in the event of positive examination results. Inspection of the aircraft by K-9 Officers results in a positive reaction for the presence of contraband on or about the pallets/cargo skids. Subsequent drilling of the metal cargo pallets by Customs Inspectors resulted in positive finding of cocaine.

Broward County Sheriff's Office provided their Crime Scene Unit to facilitate the recovery of forensic evidence.

Upon completion of the recovery of the contraband, it was determined that the total weight of the contraband was 1,638.93 pounds. The narcotics were transported to the DEA SE Regional Lab for analysis and forensic evidence recovery.

On November 9,1998 investigating agents are advised by State Department that the crew members do not enjoy Diplomatic Immunity.

It was asked of [REDACTED] b7C the Commanding Officer of the facility in Ft. Lauderdale, that FAC1005, the aircraft from which the contraband was recovered, remain in Ft. Lauderdale until further notification by U.S.Customs.

Investigation and interviews of crew and passengers were initiated.

6 crew members were interviewed consisting of:

1. Pilot [REDACTED] b7C having a B1/B2 Visa
2. Co-pilot [REDACTED] having a B1/B2 Visa
3. Navigator [REDACTED] having a B1/B2 Visa
4. Flight Engineer [REDACTED] having a A2 Visa
5. Loadmaster 1 [REDACTED] having a A2 Visa
6. Loadmaster 2 [REDACTED] having a A2 Visa (annotation on Visa states canceled without prejudice American Embassy Bogota

During the interview pedigree information, fingerprints and statements were obtained relative to any knowledge of the contraband.

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The 5 member family traveling aboard the aircraft, consisting of 2 adults and 3 children were also identified. Only the adults were interviewed. The family was traveling onboard the military aircraft as a result of past association with the military.

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There was an additional unaccompanied female who arrived aboard the aircraft, [REDACTED] who was not detained and departed the area. A subsequent interview of this female confirmed she was visiting her daughter who is expecting a child in two weeks.

On November 10, 1998 Inspectors personnel returned to the Colombian Military facility and conducted an examination of the warehouse and contents with negative results.

During a meeting with officials of the Colombian Government, they stated that investigators would be permitted access to all personnel affiliated with the aircraft and the military facility. Access to include the fingerprinting, polygraph examinations of all personnel and review of all records maintained on the premises.

Specific information was obtained relative to additional contraband and possible locations of same aboard the aircraft that was currently detained. Information provided by the Colombian Government stated that the wheel chocks, fire extinguishers, and cargo netting should be examined closely as they had been advised by sources in Colombia that they could contain heroin.

Subsequently on Friday November 13, 1998, reporting agent, in response to the specific information provided by the Colombian Government located and identified the cargo netting lying on the floor of the warehouse which was said to contain heroin. At approximately 0930 hours a field test was performed on the greyish white substance which tested positive for heroin. The weight of the heroin is estimated to be 13 lbs.

An intensive re-examination, of the aircraft and warehouse was conducted predicated upon this discovery. The examination was performed by Customs Inspectors and Customs Special Agents. The search resulted in no further narcotics being found.

Polygraph examinations authorized by Colombian Government Officials in conjunction with consultation of the U.S. Attorney's Office were conducted from November 16, 1998 thru November 20, 1998.

On November 16, 1998, polygraphs were conducted on the six flight crew members. The results of the polygraph tests were (3) not deceptive, (2) deceptive, and (1) inconclusive.

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On November 17 thru November 20, 1998, further polygraph tests were conducted on the 21 ground personnel. The following results were obtained, (8) deceptive, (12) not deceptive, (1) inconclusive.

On Friday November 13, 1998 the C-130 Military Aircraft bearing FAC1005 was released by U.S. Customs and departed Ft. Lauderdale bound for Bogota, Colombia.

The investigation continues.

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CASE NUMBER [REDACTED]
OCDEF NO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: THE BLUE CARTEL/COLOMBIAN MILITARY C-130/FAC1005

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CASE STATUS: CLOSING RPT

REPORT DATE
010900

DATE ASSIGNED
110998

PROGRAM CODE
[REDACTED] b2

REPORT NO.
[REDACTED] b2

RELATED CASE NUMBERS:

COLLATERAL REQ:

TYPE OF REPORT:
INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

TOPIC: CLOSING REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

Upon the arrival of the Aircraft bearing tail number FAC1005 on November 9, 1998, it was met by two Inspectors and two K-9 Officers. Special Agents were nearby in the event of positive examination results. Inspection of the aircraft by K-9 Officers resulted in a positive reaction for the presence of contraband and a resulting seizure of approximately 1639 pounds of cocaine in the pallets. On November 12, 1998, a subsequent search of the Colombian Air force Hangar resulted in an additional seizure of approximately 13 pounds of heroin secreted in cargo netting.

The purpose of this report is to close this case. Seven of the individuals involved in this smuggling organization are in custody in Colombia. The original source of information has not been available for a debriefing and all investigative leads have been exhausted in the domestic side of this investigation.

DISTRIBUTION:

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SIGNATURE:

[REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT

APPROVED:

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[REDACTED]

OI GRP SUPERVISOR

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ORIGIN OFFICE: FL
FT LAUDERDALE - RAC

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

TYPIST: [REDACTED] b7C

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

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Information from the DEA office in Bogota Colombia indicates that at least seven individuals are in custody and are being held by the Colombian authorities. The Colombian Government has discontinued the use of C-130 aircraft to transport cargo into and out of the United States. The original Colombian warehouse personnel have been rotated back to Colombia. The General in charge of the Colombian Air force [REDACTED] b7c resigned his commission and accepted full responsibility for not preventing the smuggling attempt soon after the seizure occurred. Information provided by several sources of information suggests that the seven individuals currently under arrest in Colombia in connection with this investigation are facilitators and low level employees of a high ranking consortium of Colombian Air force officers who have utilized their official positions within the Colombian Air force to facilitate the smuggling of cocaine and heroin to the United States.

Customs RAIC Fort Lauderdale, DEA Group 1, Fort Lauderdale Internal Revenue Service, State Department, and the United States Attorney's office have exhausted all investigative avenues available in the Domestic side of this investigation. Requests for the debriefing of the original British Government source of information have been unsuccessful.

It is anticipated because of the concealment method used in this case that cooperating defendants or several sources of information would be needed to advance this case in the United States. To date, no sources of information in the CONUS have

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been located to provide information on the domestic side of this investigation. Possible targets who were employed at the Colombian Air force warehouse have been allowed to return to Colombia. Toll records and analysis, interviews, background checks, financial records, security gate access records, fingerprint analysis, translations of debriefing reports provided by the Colombian prosecutors office, and briefings of the investigative team provided by various heads of the Colombian government have failed to provide a viable target in the United States.

Therefore, this case is closed pending any further investigative leads or findings.

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On November 09, 1998 Agents of the RAC/Ft. Lauderdale provided information to the Office of Field Operations relative to a smuggling attempt using Colombian Military Aircraft arriving at Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. This specific information led to the seizure of approximately 1,500 pounds of cocaine concealed within aluminum pallets/cargo skids. The information also alluded to the possible carriage of contraband by crew/passengers. A Customs passive alert K-9 was used, however no additional narcotics were discovered. The Colombian Military Aircraft, bearing registration number FAC1005, frequently arrives with military hardware for repair/refurbishment. The Broward County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit was called and responded in an effort to obtain any forensic evidence available. The U.S. Department of State was contacted and is working with U.S. Customs to verify the validity of the Passports and Visas of the crew and passengers. There were 6 crew and 6 passengers onboard the aircraft.

Investigation continues.

For additional information contact:
Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C
or Group Supervisor [REDACTED]

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CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED] b2

CASE TITLE: COLOMBIAN MILITARY A/C FAC1005 C-130

SHORT TITLE:
SEIZURE OF COCAINE FROM COLOMBIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT
APPROXIMATELY 1,500 POUNDS

REPORT DATE/TIME	DATE ASSIGNED	PROGRAM CODE	SAR NUMBER
110998 1736	110998	[REDACTED] b2	[REDACTED] b2

SAS NUMBER: [REDACTED] b2 SEAR NUMBER:

RELATED CASE:

FOR ADDL INFO CONTACT: [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE: SPECIAL AGENT PHONE: [REDACTED] b7c

LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY/IMPORTANCE:
IMMEDIATE INTEREST OF ICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

PUBLICITY INSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTIONS: - REG. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DISTRIBUTION (EMAIL):
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APPROVING OFFICIALS:		
LOC - [REDACTED]	OI GRP SUPERVISOR	DATE: 110998
SAC/CA - [REDACTED]	SUP CRIM INV (SAC)	DATE: 111098
HQ - [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT	DATE: 111298

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] b7c
SPECIAL AGENT

APPROVED: [REDACTED] b7c
OI GRP SUPERVISOR

ORIGINAL OFFICE: FL
FT LAUDERDALE - RAC

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] b7c
TYPIST: [REDACTED] b7c

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CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
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CASE TITLE: COLOMBIAN MILITARY A/C FAC1005 C-130

SHORT TITLE:
TOTAL NARCOTICS SEIZED 1,638.93 POUNDS

REPORT DATE/TIME	DATE ASSIGNED	PROGRAM CODE	SAR NUMBER
111098 1500	110998	[REDACTED] b2	[REDACTED] b2

SAS NUMBER: | SEAR NUMBER:

RELATED CASE:

FOR ADDL INFO CONTACT: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: SPECIAL AGENT | PHONE: [REDACTED] b7C

LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY/IMPORTANCE:
IMMEDIATE INTEREST OF ICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

PUBLICITY INSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTIONS: - HQ PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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APPROVING OFFICIALS:		DATE:
LOC - [REDACTED]	OI GRP SUPERVISOR	111098
SAC/CA - [REDACTED]	SUP CRIM INV (SAC)	111098
HQ - [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT	111298

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT

APPROVED: [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] OI GRP SUPERVISOR

ORIGINAL OFFICE: FL
FT LAUDERDALE - RAC

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]
TYPIST: [REDACTED] b7C

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CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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TOTAL COCAINE SEIZED

On November 9, 1998 Agents of the RAC/Ft. Lauderdale provided information to the Office of Field Operations relative to a smuggling attempt using Colombian Military Aircraft arriving at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This specific information led to the seizure of 1,638.93 of cocaine concealed within aluminum pallets/cargo skids. The Colombian Military Aircraft, bearing registration number FAC1005, frequently arrives with military hardware for repair/refurbishment.

Investigation continues.

For additional information contact:

Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

or Group Supervisor [REDACTED]

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CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED] b2

CASE TITLE: COLOMBIAN MILITARY A/C FAC1005 C-130

SHORT TITLE:
SEIZURE OF HEROIN IN CARGO NETTING AT COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE WAREHOUSE

REPORT DATE/TIME	DATE ASSIGNED	PROGRAM CODE	SAR NUMBER
111398 1700	110998	[REDACTED] b2	[REDACTED] b2

SAS NUMBER: [REDACTED] | SEAR NUMBER:

RELATED CASE: b2

FOR ADDL INFO CONTACT: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: SPECIAL AGENT PHONE: [REDACTED] b7C

LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY/IMPORTANCE:
IMMEDIATE INTEREST OF ICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

PUBLICITY INSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTIONS: - HQ PUBLIC AFFAIRS
- DO NOT DISCL MEDIA

DISTRIBUTION (EMAIL):
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APPROVING OFFICIALS:		
LOC - [REDACTED]	OI GRP SUPERVISOR	DATE: 111398
SAC/CA - [REDACTED]	SUP CRIM INV (SAC)	DATE: 111398
HQ - [REDACTED]	SENIOR SPEC AGENT	DATE: 111698

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] b7C
SPECIAL AGENT

APPROVED: [REDACTED] b7C
OI GRP SUPERVISOR

ORIGINAL OFFICE: FL FT LAUDERDALE - RAC	TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] b7C
	TYPIST: [REDACTED] b7C

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On November 9, 1998, based upon information provided by a source of information not controlled by U.S. Customs, 1,638.93 pounds of cocaine was interdicted inside aircraft cargo pallets, aboard Colombian Military Aircraft FAC1005. Refer to [REDACTED] linked to case. b2

On November 12, 1998, information was developed that approximately six (6) kilograms of heroin was secreted in cargo netting, located at the Colombian Air Force hanger. This information supported the initial information received that Colombian Military Aircraft FAC1005 also contained heroin.

On November 13, 1998, Special Agents of the RAC/FL discovered a cargo net that felt unusually thick. This net contained approximately 13 pounds of a substance which field tested positive for heroin. All cargo netting was searched by OFO/Ft. Lauderdale at the facility with only one cargo net found to contain heroin. The heroin packages were sandwiched between the nylon strapping. The heroin was turned over to DEA for analysis, fingerprinting and signature analysis.

For additional information contact G/S [REDACTED] or S/A [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

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SEAR #: [REDACTED] b2 PORT: PORT EVERGLADES - FO DATE WRITTEN: 111098

TOPIC: 1639LBS OF COCAINE IN PALLETS/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

PLACE OF INCIDENT: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE / KFL PORT: OFFICE:
DATE OF INCIDENT: 110998 TIME OF INCIDENT: 1430
INCIDENT#: 1999SZ000532501 CASE NBR:
PPF CASE #: 1999520300002701

SEAR QUALIFICATION: DRUG SEIZURE MINIMUM
RELATED SEAR NBR:

CONVEYANCE TYPE: [REDACTED] b2 COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IN-BOUND/OUT-BOUND: [REDACTED] SEIZED: [REDACTED] b2
DISCOVERING: PORT EVRGLADES ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT
SEIZING: PORT EVERGLADES ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT b2 b2
ARRESTING:

CASE OFFICER:
PARTICIPATING: FT LAUDERDALE RAC
NOTIF./OFCR INVOLVED: [REDACTED] b7C
TIME NOTIFIED: TIME ARRIVED:

ACTION TAKEN: 1639 POUNDS COCAINE SEIZED
PUBLICITY INSTRUCTIONS: AS PER CMC GUIDELINES b2
PRIOR INFO: NONE DEA CUSTOMS: [REDACTED] b2 TECS NCIC OTHER

ACS SELECTIVITY INFO: NONE
OFFICER AUTHORIZING SEAR: PHONE: [REDACTED] b7C
NAME-TITLE-AGENCY: [REDACTED] CHIEF INSPECTOR-C

SUMMARY: b7C
ON 110998, PORT EVERGLADES ASU RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE FORT LAUDERDALE RAC THAT A COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT DUE TO ARRIVE INTO FT. LAUDERDALE GENERAL AVIATION FACILITY WOULD CONTAIN NARCOTICS. ASU MEMBERS MET THE AIRCRAFT UPON ARRIVAL AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CREW, CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE CARGO AND AIRCRAFT. IN THE CARGO HOLD WERE SEVEN STEEL 8'X 8' PALLETS. INSPECTORS NOTICIED UNUSUAL RIVETS AND A SMELL OF GLUE ON ONE OF THE PALLETS. CANINE BETSY, 3C-82, WAS BROUGHT IN AND ALERTED TO THE PALLETS. SUBSEQUENT DRILLING REVEALED COCAINE. ASU AND OPERATION GUARDIAN MEMBERS DISASSEMBLED THE PALLETS, AND DISCOVERED 1639 POUNDS OF COCAINE COCEALED WITHIN FOUR OF THE SEVEN PALLETS ON THE AIRCRAFT. THE PALLETS, NORMALLY FILLED WITH 2" OF WOOD, HAD BEEN HOLLOWED OUT AND FILLED WITH KILOS OF COKE. CLOSE INSPECTION REVEALED NEW RIVETS AND CAULKING ON THE PALLETS CONTAINING THE COKE. THE CONTRABAND WAS TOT S/A [REDACTED] FT LAUDERDALE RAC, ON 6051# 0981598.

SEIZED ITEMS:
ITEM # 1 SEIZED FROM VIOL # 1 OF TOTAL # OF 1 VIOLATORS IN INCIDENT
CATEGORY CODE: DRG DESC: COCAINE
COMM/CDE: QTY: 1639.00 UM: LB FDIN: [REDACTED] b2
DOMESTIC VALUE: 0 CNTRY OF ORIGIN: CO CONCEAL: [REDACTED] OTHER b2

SUBJECT # 1 ON VIOLATOR REPORT # 1 OF TOTAL # OF 1 VIOLATORS FOR INCIDENT
LAST NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
FIRST NAME: MIDDLE NAME: TYPE: [REDACTED] b2
STREET: 702 SW 34TH STREET APT/SUITE:

REQUESTED BY: [REDACTED] b7c

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SEAR #: [REDACTED] PORT: PORT EVERGLADES - FO DATE WRITTEN: 111098

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CITY: FT. LAUDERDALE ST: FL CTRY: US ZIP: 33315

DOB: CITIZENSHIP: POB CTRY: ST: CITY:

WARRANT NBR: ORI NBR:

RELATIONSHIP TO INCIDENT: [REDACTED] b2

[REDACTED] b2

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SEAR #: [REDACTED] PORT: PORT EVERGLADES - FO DATE WRITTEN: 111398

TOPIC: THIRTEEN LBS OF HEROIN/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

PLACE OF INCIDENT: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE - KFLI PORT: OFFICE:
DATE OF INCIDENT: 111398 TIME OF INCIDENT: 0915
INCIDENT#: 1999SZ000587501 CASE NBR:
FPF CASE #: 1999520300002901

SEAR QUALIFICATION: DRUG SEIZURE MINIMUM
RELATED SEAR NBRS:

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CONVEYANCE TYPE: [REDACTED] COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IN-BOUND/OUT-BOUND: [REDACTED] SEIZED: [REDACTED]
DISCOVERING: PORT EVERGLADES ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT b2 b2
SEIZING: PORT EVERGLADES ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT

ARRESTING:
CASE OFFICER:
PARTICIPATING: OI/RAC/FT. LAUDERDALE
NOTIF./OFCR INVOLVED: S/A [REDACTED] b7C
TIME NOTIFIED: TIME ARRIVED:
ACTION TAKEN: ESTIMATED 13 POUNDS HEROIN SEIZED

PUBLICITY INSTRUCTIONS: NONE AT THIS TIME b2
PRIOR INFO: NONE DEA CUSTOMS [REDACTED] b2 TECS NCIC OTHER

ACS SELECTIVITY INFO: NONE
OFFICER AUTHORIZING SEAR: PHONE: [REDACTED] b7C
NAME-TITLE-AGENCY: [REDACTED] CHIEF INSPECTOR-C

SUMMARY: b7C
HARD LINE II - ON 111398, BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS, RAC FT. LAUDERDALE, PORT EVERGLADES ASU AND SPECIAL AGENTS CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE WAREHOUSE AND AIRCRAFT. AN AGENT NOTICED THAT THE NYLON STRAPS OF ONE OF THE CARGO NETS SEEMED TO BE THICKER THAN NORMAL. CLOSER INSPECTION REVEALED PACKAGES OF HEROIN CONCEALED BETWEEN TWO STRAPS THAT WERE WOVEN TOGETHER. TOTAL ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF THE HEROIN IS 13 POUNDS. CONTRABAND TOT S/A [REDACTED] ON 6051#0737147. THE CARGO NET WAS FOUND ON THE FLOOR OF THE WAREHOUSE. b7C

SEIZED ITEMS:
ITEM # 1 SEIZED FROM VIOL # 1 OF TOTAL # OF 1 VIOLATORS IN INCIDENT
CATEGORY CODE: [REDACTED] DESC: HEROIN
COMM/CDE: QTY: 13.00 UM: LB FDIN: 99014117
DOMESTIC VALUE: b2 0 CNTRY OF ORIGIN: CO CONCEAL: [REDACTED] AIRCRAFT b2

SUBJECT # 1 ON VIOLATOR REPORT # 1 OF TOTAL # OF 1 VIOLATORS FOR INCIDENT
LAST NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
FIRST NAME: MIDDLE NAME: TYPE: [REDACTED] b2
STREET: 702 SW 34TH STREET APT/SUITE:
CITY: FT. LAUDERDALE ST: FL CTRY: US ZIP: 33315
DOB: CITIZENSHIP: POB CTRY: ST: CITY:
WARRANT NBR: ORI NBR:
RELATIONSHIP TO INCIDENT: [REDACTED] b2

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b2 [REDACTED]

INCIDENT NBR: 1999SZ000587501 FP&F CASE NBR: 1999520300002901
VIOLATOR NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
TOPIC: THIRTEEN LBS OF HEROIN/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

SEARCH: DATE / TIME ARREST: DATE / TIME SEIZURE: 11131998/0915

VIOLATOR DATA

BUSINESS NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
BUSINESS TYPE: E BUSINESS #: 91520100000
STREET ADDRESS: 702 SW 34TH STREET APT/SUITE:
CITY: FT. LAUDERDALE STATE: FL CNTRY: US ZIP: 33315
LOCAL USE:

TECS RECORD ID: [REDACTED] b2

SUMMARY DATA

OI OFFICE CODE: [REDACTED] b2 CASE #: [REDACTED] b2
PROJECT CODES: [REDACTED] I&C CONTRABAND ENFORCEMENT TEAM
PRIOR INFO: NONE DEA CUSTOMS [REDACTED] b2 TECS NCIC OTHER

NAME-TITLE-AGENCY

DECLARATION TAKEN BY:
ARRESTING OFFICER:
SEIZING OFFICER: PORT EVERGLADES ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT
SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED] CHIEF INSPECTOR-C
PORT DIRECTOR: [REDACTED] b2 b7c

TYPE OF INCIDENT: [REDACTED] DRUGS DISCOVERY DATE: 11131998

LAW CHARGED LAW CHARGED LAW CHARGED
18USC545 21USC952 19CFR162.45 (A)

AGENCY PARTICIPATION

DISCOVERING: [REDACTED] b2
SEIZING: [REDACTED]
PARTICIPATED IN SEIZURE: [REDACTED]

REQUESTED BY: [REDACTED] b7C

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INCIDENT NBR: 1999SZ000587501 FP&F CASE NBR: 1999520300002901 b2
VIOLATOR NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
TOPIC: THIRTEEN LBS OF HEROIN/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

CONVEYANCE DATA b2

CONVEYANCE TYPE: [REDACTED] COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT
ITINERARY: DATE 11091998 TIME 1400 FROM CO COLOMBIA
INBOUND/OUTBOUND: [REDACTED] b2 VIA [REDACTED] b2
CONVEYANCE SEARCHED: [REDACTED] b2 CONVEYANCE SEIZED: [REDACTED] b2
FLIGHT #: 1005 AIRLINE CODE: BILL OF LADING:

REGISTRATION NUMBER: FAC1005

MAKE: HERCULES MODEL:
SERIAL #: YEAR: COL: GRY
OWNER 1 BUSINESS NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
STREET ADDRESS: APT/SUITE:
CITY: STATE: CNTRY: ZIP:

OWNER 2 BUSINESS NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
STREET ADDRESS: APT/SUITE:
CITY: STATE: CNTRY: ZIP:

TECS RECORD ID: [REDACTED] b2

===== SEIZURE DATA

REASON FOR EXAM: TYPE OF EXAM:
SEIZURE REFERRED TO OI: FILER CODE:
MANUFACTURER NAME/NBR:
SHIPPER NAME/NBR: b2 COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
ABANDONED: [REDACTED] BLITZ: DOG ALERT: XRAY:
ENFORCEMENT AID USED:
ENTRY NUMBER: ENTRY TYPE:
APPRAISING OFFICER:
MITIGATING OFFICER:
ON SITE MITIGATION:
CITATION ASSOCIATED WITH PENALTY:
PENALTY: PENALTY ASSESSED .00 MITIGATED AMT .00
AMT CLCTD .00 DATE RECEIPT# PRMSRY AMT
PLACE OF DISCOVERY: [REDACTED] (WITHIN P.O.E.) LOC: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE - KFL
PLACE OF SEIZURE: [REDACTED] (WITHIN P.O.E.) LOC: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE - KFL

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INCIDENT NBR: 1999SZ000587501 FP&F CASE NBR: 1999520300002901
VIOLATOR NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
TOPIC: THIRTEEN LBS OF HEROIN/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

1 DESC OF SEIZED ITEM: HEROIN
COMM/CD: HER QTY: 13.00 UM: LB WT DET: [REDACTED] b2 FDIN: [REDACTED] b2
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CO COUNTRY OF EXPORT: CO COUNTRY OF DESTINATION: US
DEC VAL: 0 FOR VAL: DOM VAL:
DUTY: 0.00 LEGAL STAT: SF PHYS STAT: TO CUST: [REDACTED] b2
CONCEAL: [REDACTED] SEC: ENTERED TARIFF #:
T.E.S. CODE: INV LIST: CONCEAL COMM/CDE:

TOTALS: DECLARED VALUE: 0 FOREIGN VALUE: 0
DOMESTIC VALUE: 0 DUTY: 0.00

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CIRCUMSTANCES/REMARKS:
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INCIDENT NBR: 1999SZ000532501

FP&F CASE NBR: 1999520300002701

VIOLATOR NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE

TOPIC: 1639LBS OF COCAINE IN PALLETS/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

SEARCH:	DATE	TIME	ARREST:	DATE	TIME	SEIZURE:	DATE	TIME
	/			/		11091998/1430		

VIOLATOR DATA

BUSINESS NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE

BUSINESS TYPE: E BUSINESS #: 91520100000

STREET ADDRESS: 702 SW 34TH STREET

APT/SUITE:

CITY: FT. LAUDERDALE

STATE: FL

CNTRY: US

ZIP: 33315

LOCAL USE:

TECS RECORD ID: [REDACTED] b2

SUMMARY DATA

OI OFFICE CODE: [REDACTED] b2 CASE #: [REDACTED] b2

PROJECT CODES: [REDACTED] I&C CONTRABAND ENFORCEMENT TEAM

PRIOR INFO: NONE DEA CUSTOMS [REDACTED] b2 TECS NCIC OTHER

NAME-TITLE-AGENCY

DECLARATION TAKEN BY:

ARRESTING OFFICER:

SEIZING OFFICER: PORT EVERGLADES ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT

SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED] CHIEF INSPECTOR-C

PORT DIRECTOR: [REDACTED] b2 b7C

TYPE OF INCIDENT: [REDACTED] DRUGS

DISCOVERY DATE: 11091998

LAW CHARGED

LAW CHARGED

LAW CHARGED

18USC545

21USC952

19CFR162.45 (A)

AGENCY PARTICIPATION

DISCOVERING:

SEIZING:

PARTICIPATED IN SEIZURE: [REDACTED] b2

REQUESTED BY: [REDACTED] b7c

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INCIDENT NBR: 1999SZ000532501 FP&F CASE NBR: 1999520300002701
VIOLATOR NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
TOPIC: 1639 LBS OF COCAINE IN PALLETS/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

CONVEYANCE DATA b2

CONVEYANCE TYPE: [REDACTED] COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT
ITINERARY: DATE 11091998 TIME 1400 FROM CO COLOMBIA
INBOUND/OUTBOUND: [REDACTED] b2 VIA [REDACTED] b2 CONVEYANCE SEARCHED: [REDACTED] b2
FLIGHT #: 1005 AIRLINE CODE: [REDACTED] BILL OF LADING: [REDACTED] b2

REGISTRATION NUMBER: FAC1005
MAKE: HERCULES MODEL:
SERIAL #: YEAR: COL: GRY
OWNER 1 BUSINESS NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: CNTRY: ZIP: APT/SUITE:
OWNER 2 BUSINESS NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: CNTRY: ZIP: APT/SUITE:
TECS RECORD ID: [REDACTED] b2

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SEIZURE DATA

REASON FOR EXAM: TYPE OF EXAM:
SEIZURE REFERRED TO OI: FILER CODE:
MANUFACTURER NAME/NBR:
SHIPPER NAME/NBR: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE
ABANDONED: BLITZ: DOG ALERT: X XRAY:
ENFORCEMENT AID USED:
ENTRY NUMBER: ENTRY TYPE:
APPRAISING OFFICER:
MITIGATING OFFICER:
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CITATION ASSOCIATED WITH PENALTY:
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PLACE OF DISCOVERY: [REDACTED] (WITHIN P.O.E.) LOC: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE / KFL
PLACE OF SEIZURE: [REDACTED] (WITHIN P.O.E.) LOC: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE / KFL

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INCIDENT NBR: 1999SZ000532501

FP&F CASE NBR: 1999520300002701 **b2**

VIOLATOR NAME: COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE

TOPIC: 1639LBS OF COCAINE IN PALLETS/COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE/PEV-ASU

1 DESC OF SEIZED ITEM: COCAINE

COMM/CD: [REDACTED] **b2** QTY: 1639.00 UM: LB WT DET: [REDACTED] **b2** FDIN: [REDACTED] **b2**
 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CO COUNTRY OF EXPORT: CO COUNTRY OF DESTINATION: US
 DEC VAL: 0 FOR VAL: [REDACTED] **b2** DOM VAL: [REDACTED]
 DUTY: **b2** 0.00 LEGAL STAT: [REDACTED] **b2** PHYS STAT: TO CUST: [REDACTED] **b2**
 CONCEAL: [REDACTED] SEC: [REDACTED] **b2** ENTERED TARIFF #:
 T.E.S. CODE: INV LIST: CONCEAL COMM/CDE: 98040010

TOTALS:	DECLARED VALUE:	0	FOREIGN VALUE:	0
	DOMESTIC VALUE:	0	DUTY:	0.00

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CIRCUMSTANCES/REMARKS:

ON 110998, PORT EVERGLADES ASU RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE FORT LAUDERDALE RAC THAT A COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT DUE TO ARRIVE INTO FT. LAUDERDALE GENERAL AVIATION FACILITY WOULD CONTAIN NARCOTICS. ASU MEMBERS MET THE AIRCRAFT UPON ARRIVAL AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CREW, CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE CARGO AND AIRCRAFT. IN THE CARGO HOLD WERE SEVEN STEEL 8'X'8' PALLETS. INSPECTORS NOTICIED UNUSUAL RIVETS AND A SMELL OF GLUE ON ONE OF THE PALLETS. CANINE BETSY, 3C-82, WAS BROUGHT IN AND ALERTED TO THE PALLETS. SUBSEQUENT DRILLING REVEALED COCAINE. ASU AND OPERATION GUARDIAN MEMBERS DISASSEMBLED THE PALLETS, AND DISCOVERED 1639 POUNDS OF COCAINE COCEALED WITHIN FOUR OF THE SEVEN PALLETS ON THE AIRCRAFT. THE PALLETS, NORMALLY FILLED WITH 2" OF WOOD, HAD BEEN HOLLOWED OUT AND FILLED WITH KILOS OF COKE. CLOSE INSPECTION REVEALED NEW RIVETS AND CAULKING ON THE PALLETS CONTAINING THE COKE. THE CONTRABAND WAS TOT S/A [REDACTED] FT LAUDERDALE RAC, ON 6051# 0981598.

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