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SUBJECT - Monthly Report - Public Safety Division
May 1966

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I. SITUATION

May 1

1. The month following the 1966 National elections of Colombia was relatively quiet. There were widely scattered violations of public order involving student groups and isolated crimes.

2. National Police Daily Intelligence Bulletins reflected the following information and incidents:

Rural Violence

Citizens murdered by bandits	2
Citizens wounded by bandits	15
National Police murdered by bandits	1
Bandits captured by National Police	17
Bandits wounded by National Police	1
Bandits killed by National Police	11
Hi-jack (rural)	19

These figures point out the rural post-election calm that settled over Colombia after the elections. Note should be made of the reduction of assassinations of citizens and police by bandits.

3. The following is a summary of some of the more important bandits captured or killed by the National Police:

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Luis Alfredo RAMIREZ Alzate (alias Capitan Veneno) who directed a band of bandits in the Department of Cauca and maintained contact with the bandit leader "Tiro Fijo". Ramirez was captured through the efforts of the National Police Criminal Intelligence Division.

Rafael Enrique WEGA (alias Chapa) and an associate identified as "Granadillo" were captured by the National Police after they murdered a Police Agent in the Department of Guajira. Police found a shotgun owned by the National Police in possession of the bandits.

- 4. There was very little EIM activity during this period. There were unverified reports that the Cuban Communist leader Che Gueverra was in Colombia during the month of May.
- 5. An outbreak of violence occurred in Viotá on the 8th of May. A police agent transporting a prisoner to jail was attacked by a group of about 500 persons. This group was incited by 11 known communists who were arrested by the police.

Urban Crime

Citizens murdered by gangsters	3
Citizens injured by gangsters	11
National Police wounded by gangsters	5
Gangsters killed by police	4
Gangsters captured by police	15
Gangsters injured by police	1
Kidnappings	1
Hi-jack	6
Jailbreak	3
Bank robbery	3

The bank robbery and hi-jack crimes were carried out successfully by well organized bands armed with automatic weapons.

Civil Turbulence

Demonstrations and Manifestations	14
Riots	10
Strikes	20
National Police injured in riots	8
Persons injured in riots	21
Persons arrested in riots	47

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- 6. Almost all of the manifestations were of a peaceful nature. Most of the riots were attributed to student complaints against the University and Government authorities due to the poor financial condition of the Universities.
- 7. On May 3 a large group of rioters, composed mainly of students, invaded the Municipal Palace at Manizales causing heavy property damage. National Police dispersed the group. Later this group reformed and were blocking the streets of the city. Units from the Colombian Army routed the group by firing shots over their heads.
- 8. Student groups rioted in Barranquilla, Cartagena, and Monteria during May. On May 11 in Barranquilla students burned a bus and blocked the main streets. Three National Policemen and eight students were injured and 16 persons arrested. National Police officers saved more policemen from injury by arriving at the scene of the riot and scattering the group by firing shots over their heads.
- 9. In the University of Atlantico at Barranquilla the Governor of the Department and the Dean of the University set a precedent for other Universities to follow when they set up a permanent University Police Force with jurisdiction on Campus grounds. This unit is composed of members of the National Police under the supervision of the Department of Atlantico Police Commander.
- 10. Another indication of a change in the thinking of University authorities in handling student riots occurred in the National University at Bogotá. Students kidnapped an Agent of the National Police and carried him onto the University grounds, and stole his police revolver. A director of the University forced the students to release the man and return his gun.
- 11. By May 31 things had settled down to normal in all universities in Colombia.

Terrorism

Bombs placed and/or exploded	8
Persons injured by bombs	1
Arson	5
Sabotage	2
Harrassment by firearms	8
Persons wounded by harrassment by firearms	4
Terrorists captured	5
Subversives captured	2

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In Bogotá

12. a molotov cocktail bomb was thrown into a Colombian Air Force vehicle driven by an Air Force Captain who escaped injury. The automobile was a total loss.
13. On May 17 in Bucaramanga in the Department of Santander a bomb with a small powder charge exploded on the streets of this city causing only property damage. Another bomb was located in an electric plant of a large department store and was safely disarmed.
14. A homemade bomb was found in the home of Dr. Muce Moises in Santa Marta, and it was sent to the laboratories of DAS for investigation.
15. In the Department of Cauca a bomb was placed in the house of a Liberal Party official which exploded causing minor property damage. Another bomb was exploded under a parked "CARB" Mission vehicle. A suspect was detained and has been connected by the police with both bombings.
16. In May the Chief of the Division of Judicial Police of DAS, Alberto Leon Orjuela (IPA), resigned to accept a position as Chief of Investigations of the Burns International Detective Agency in Bogotá, Colombia. The new Chief of the Judicial Police is Alvaro Galeano Bohorquez (IPA), assisted by Dr. Hector Melo, a highly competent young law graduate. While the loss of Mr. Leon is unfortunate the new leadership in the Judicial Police is considered strong and friendly to Public Safety. There were no other important changes of personnel in DAS in May.
17. There is considerable speculation regarding the intentions of President-Elect Carlos Lleras Restrepo concerning DAS. Sources within DAS insist that the Chief of DAS, Lt. Col. Alfonso Rojas Martinez, will continue in office with even stronger support from the new President because of Rojas' Liberal background and because of the confidence and esteem which President Lleras has toward Rojas. On the other hand there are many rumors issuing from sources in the military and the National Police concerning drastic changes in DAS under the new Administration. It will be the aim of Public Safety to try to influence any changes in the direction of the Public Safety recommendations for DAS which have been accepted by GOC.
18. DAS accomplishments in May include a commendation from the Mayor in Cali to the Chief DAS in Cali, Bernardo Agreda Pinillos (IPA) for his excellent work in preserving public order during the election period; arrest of Miguel Marquez Moys, accused of killing a theater watchman during a robbery in Bogotá; arrest in Barranquilla of two Spaniards and one Venezuelan carrying crudely made counterfeit credentials of U. S. Foreign Service Officers; arrest in Puerto Boyacá of 22 individuals implicated in extortion attempts; capture of Eduardo Bernal, wanted for murder; arrest of

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three individuals in Bogotá charged with counterfeiting tax certificates; capture of Modesto Posso, charged with ~~air murders~~; capture of Diego Lemus Noya, charged with murder; arrest in the Llanos Orientales of four of the six bandits who ambushed a patrol led by Luis Torres, chief of the Rurales post in Monterey, Casanare. Torres is slowly recovering at the Military Hospital from seven bullet wounds.

II. OPERATIONS

1. Emphasis has been on riot-control and firearms training. To expedite both of these important programs Public Safety Training, Rural, and Urban Advisors have been actively engaged in the organization, presentation and inspection of these programs. The Public Safety Division and General Camacho Leyva of the National Police feel that this "instructor training" was highly successful and would have been impossible without the involvement of our Advisors.
2. The two day .30 caliber M1 firearms training for National Police Instructors continued throughout May. The training team was composed of a National Police Lieutenants and the Rural, Urban, and Training Advisors of the Public Safety Division.
3. The firearms training was given to 74 Majors, Captains and Lieutenants who are presently attending promotional training at the National Police officers training school, "General Santander" on May 24 and 25 at Medellin. This training was given to National Police Instructors representing the Departments of Antioquia, Caldes, Choco and the National Police Agents schools of Medellin and Manizales. On May 31-June 1 the training was given at Cali to 10 National Police Instructors representing the Departments of Valle, Narino, Cauca and the National Police School, Simon Bolivar, at Tulula.
4. The riot control instructors training was completed in April. In a follow-up of this training, Public Safety Urban and Rural Training Advisors conducted inspection visits to Cali, Medellin, Bogotá and Barranquilla. Additional training in riot control has been recommended for the Barranquilla group as a result of this inspection.
5. Twenty-three National Police Captains who were taking promotional training completed 72 hours of training in "Fundamentals of Police and Public Administration." This training was given by the "Escuela Superior Administración Publica, Bogotá" with technical assistance and funding support by USAID Public Safety Division. This course included 20 hours of principals of administration, organization, ethics, and human relations. The other 50 hours was devoted to techniques of administration which which included office management, report and supervision. This course was very well received by the National Police. It was the first phase of the Police and

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public administration training program and will be followed by supervisory training to non-commissioned officers and high level Police and public administration training to 25 Majors attending a promotional course.

6. Public Safety Urban and Communications Advisors continued working on the Model Police Radio Dispatch Center at Station 100 in Bogotá. Models of the Patrol areas are being constructed and additional supplies have been ordered from the United States. "Peak" radio traffic periods have been determined from studies and the City of Bogotá will be divided into three radio districts operating on separate frequencies to relieve radio congestion.

7. From May 9 to May 20, the Public Safety Communications Advisor visited the Tactical Radio Net in the Departments of Magdalena, Norte Santander, and Santander. The communications net in North Santander is virtually complete. A few problems in the need for additional radios to cover some isolated police posts remain. These will be worked out in the future.

8. The communications net in Magdalena is completed with the exception of two districts which do not have the Single Side Band Linking net.

9. The technical communications training of 12 National Police Agents is scheduled to begin about July 4. This training will be given in Bogotá by the Colombian vocational school, SENA, with aid and support from USAID.

10. In May eleven DAS Chiefs of Public Order from important population centers came to Bogotá for six weeks for on-the-job training with the Counter Intelligence Group. The purpose of the training is 1) In-service training in counterintelligence techniques, 2) coordination of counterintelligence activities in the field, 4) discussion of problems encountered in the field, and 3) strengthening of counterintelligence activities in Bogotá during a critical period. The Chief of DAS agrees that when the eleven participants are returned to their posts they will be replaced in the Counterintelligence Group by eleven selected graduates from basic training who will be permanently assigned to the group.

11. The DAS Chief of Operations, Dr. Saul Amezcua, was received by OPS/ Washington for ten days observation of IPA and other activities of interest. His reports to the Chief of DAS have been highly laudatory of the hospitality furnished and of the Public Safety program in general. He particularly calls attention to the order and discipline achieved at IPA among diverse groups of participants.

12. A DAS mechanic is currently in the Canal Zone preparing three excess buses for shipment to Colombia with the highly appreciated assistance of the Chief Public Safety Advisor in Panama, and of the Guardia Nacional of Panama.

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13. The twelve vehicles ordered for DAS for FY 66 continue to be urgently needed in internal security operations. The import licenses have all been forwarded to the appropriate Colombian Consuls, but no shipping information has been received.

14. In May the Investigations Advisor again visited the Chief of the DAS Field Office in Neiva, Lt. Col. Enrique Millán Perdomo (IPA), and was briefed on the current internal security situation in Buila. In summary Col. Millan reported that according to his sources and from contacts made by the military and National Police it appears that the bandit gangs in Marquetalia, Rio Chiquito, and El Pato seem to be converging toward Sumapaz at the present time to regroup. While they have suffered substantial losses in recent actions their tactical effectiveness continues to be a threat to rural public order.

15. Personnel changes among the top command of the National Police were not as serious or extensive as the predicted "rumors". The retirements which are effective June 1, 1966 include the following senior officers;

Colonel Ruffo Antonio DIAZ Figueras, former Commander of the Boyaca Department and recently assigned to the Inspection Division.

Colonel Pedro Jose JIMENEZ Pandoño, Director of the Inspection Division.

Major Bernardo ECHEVERRI Ossa, Director of the Colombian Prison System who will remain at this position in a civilian capacity.

16. Transfers among command officers effective June 1, 1966 were held down to a minimum, and are a favorable indication that the National Police will remain operational and stable during the change over of the Colombian Government. Transfers include the following top command personnel:

Colonel Mario Ernest REVILLA Mora, Commander of the Department of Santander who will be assigned to the Minister of Defense at Bogotá.

Colonel Hector FINEDA Gallo, will be assigned as Commander of the Department of Santander.

Major MORA Urrea, First District Commander, Bucaramanga, Department of Santander who was transferred to second-in-command Department of Cundinamarca.

17. Four officials of the National Police have been chosen to attend the International Police Academy advanced course for high ranking officers #24 which will begin August 15, 1966. They were selected to represent a cross-section of top administrative officials. They are all from critical positions within the National Police and they will be able to obtain technical knowledge

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that will be of great benefit to the National Police. Their names are as follows:

Colonel Henry GARCIA Bohorquez, Commander of Los Llanos.

Colonel Ciro E. DUEÑAS Perilla, Chief of Operations and Training.

Lt. Colonel Luis Humberto VALDERAMA Muñoz, Chief of Legal Staff.

III. EVALUATION

Same as last month.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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ANNEX II (A)
NATIONAL POLICE

<u>PIO/G and/or Purchase Order</u>	<u>Items Received</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Disp.</u>	<u>Organization</u>	
5-60073	1-2	Unknown	Good	PSD	National Police	
5-50077	1-A, 2.A					
	"Partial"	Unknown	Good	PSD	National Police	
266-66	1 SENA LITS (49)	1,237.38	Good	PSD	National Police	
0-60075	1 to 9	3,325.00	Good	PSD	National Police	
5-60073	11 Partial,					
	3 Part., 4Part.	24,315.00	Good	PSD	National Police	
0-60076	268-66	1-4	1,189.10	Good	PSD	National Police

ANNEX II (A)
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY (DAS)

50106	Item 8	631.00	Good	PSD	DAS
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ANNEX II (B)
DELINQUENT PIO/G'S NATIONAL POLICE

0-50091	Items 3 through 14
0-60070	Laboratory Equipment
0-60071	10, 13, 16, 17 y 19

ANNEX II (B)
DELINQUENT PIO/G'S ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY (DAS)

5-50101	Automobiles
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ANNEX II (C)
PIO/G'S ISSUED THIS MONTH
NATIONAL POLICE

69157	Carbines
60121	Excess Property

ANNEX II (C)
PIO/G'S ISSUED THIS MONTH
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY (DAS)

NONE

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MONTHLY TRAINING REPORT
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY (DAS)
ANNEX I (B) MAY 1966

Place, Type of Training, Duration	Entered Ing. This Month	Total in Training	This Month	This Year to Date	Cum Total to Date
<u>U.S. TRAINING</u>					
IPA, 12 WEEKS SENIOR COURSE					1
IPA/WASHINGTON					
16 WKS GENERAL COURSE	3	13	5		102
U.S. POST OFFICE GRAPHOLOGY, 6 MONTHS COURSE					1
TELETYPE MAINTENANCE, 5 WKS CHICAGO					1
INTERNAL SECURITY SUPERVISORY WASHINGTON - 10 WKS					1
<u>LOCAL TRAINING</u>					
20 HOUR REVOLVER TRAINING FBI-PPC COURSE (X)					311 -
SENA, SSB RADIO COURSE, 6 MONTHS, MEDELLIN					6 -
RURAL SECURITY SCHOOL, AGUA AZUL					93 -
INTERNAL SECURITY COURSE, BOGOTA		11			13

MONTHLY TRAINING REPORT
NATIONAL POLICE
ANNEX I (A) MAY 1966

Place, Type of Training, Duration	Entered Ing. This Month	Total in Training This Month	This Year to Date	Cum. Total to Date
U.S. TRAINING				
IPA/WASHINGTON 16 WKS GENERAL COURSE	4	4	8	64
LOCAL TRAINING				
USE OF THE BATON				18,000
1 HR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COURSE				335
PATROL METHODS 1 WK COURSE				4,404
DRIVER TRAINING 2 WKS COURSE				450
REVOLVER REFRESHER TRAINING 2 HR COURSE				4,470
FBI-PPC REVOLVER TRAINING 20 HR COURSE				213
AUDIO-VISUAL 2 WKS ENG COURSE				24
COUNTER-BANDIT TRAINING 12 WKS			18	174
PUBLIC RELATIONS 2 WKS TRAINING				21
COUNTER-BANDIT TRAINING 3 WKS				450
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN 9 MONTHS		12		8
COMMUNICATIONS RADIO OPERATOR 3 MONTHS				42
PUBLIC RELATIONS ENGLISH SPEAKING 3 MONTHS				37
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION 3 WKS				50
INSTRUCTOR TRAINING 8 HRS				13
RIOT CONTROL TRAINING 1 MO.			2,849	2,849
POLICE MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION 220 HRS			25	25
FIREARMS TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTORS 30 CAL M-1 & SHOTGUN 16 HRS	95	95	115	115
ABOVE TRAINING IS IN ADDITION TO TRAINING CONDUCTED BY NINE POLICE SCHOOLS IN NINE POLICE COMMANDS IN THE COUNTRY AND THE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL, "GENERAL SANTANDER"				
THIRD COUNTRY				
IAPA/PANAMA - 12 WKS GENERAL COURSE				2
IAPA/PANAMA - 1 WK BOMB DISPOSAL COURSE				2
CRIMINALISTICS TRAINING, CARACAS				1

Grand Total
33,230