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Background Paper for the Deputy National Security Advisor to the President,
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Interagency Document Exploitation Effort (U)

1. (U) PURPOSE: To provide information to the Deputy National Security Advisor to the President, National Security Council, on the Panama interagency document exploitation effort.

2. (U) POINTS OF MAJOR INTEREST:

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b. (U) The Washington community has been informed through daily message situation reports. A weekly wrap-up report by the interagency team is included in enclosure 1.

c. (U) Copies of items of interest are sent to DIA--95% are in Spanish, thereby, requiring translation prior to any indepth analysis.

d. ~~(S)~~ Information exploited has led to the closure of a large number of former Panamanian Defense Force (PDF) and government senior official bank accounts.

e. ~~(S)~~ The exploitation effort is expected to continue for another 60-90 days, and collected material is expected to approach 50 tons.

3. (U) EXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS:

a. ~~(S)~~ The exploitation team has reviewed a considerable amount of personal correspondence, bank statements/transfers, travel records indicating shipment of illegal aliens, arms inventories, policy letters, stolen U.S. documents, personal checking accounts, election ballots, letters to and from commercial firms, PDF G-2 reports on enemies of the government, and other like material.

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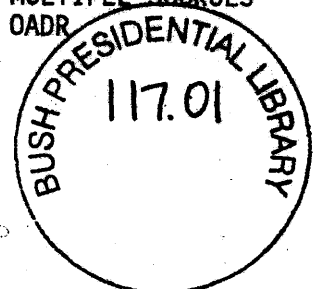
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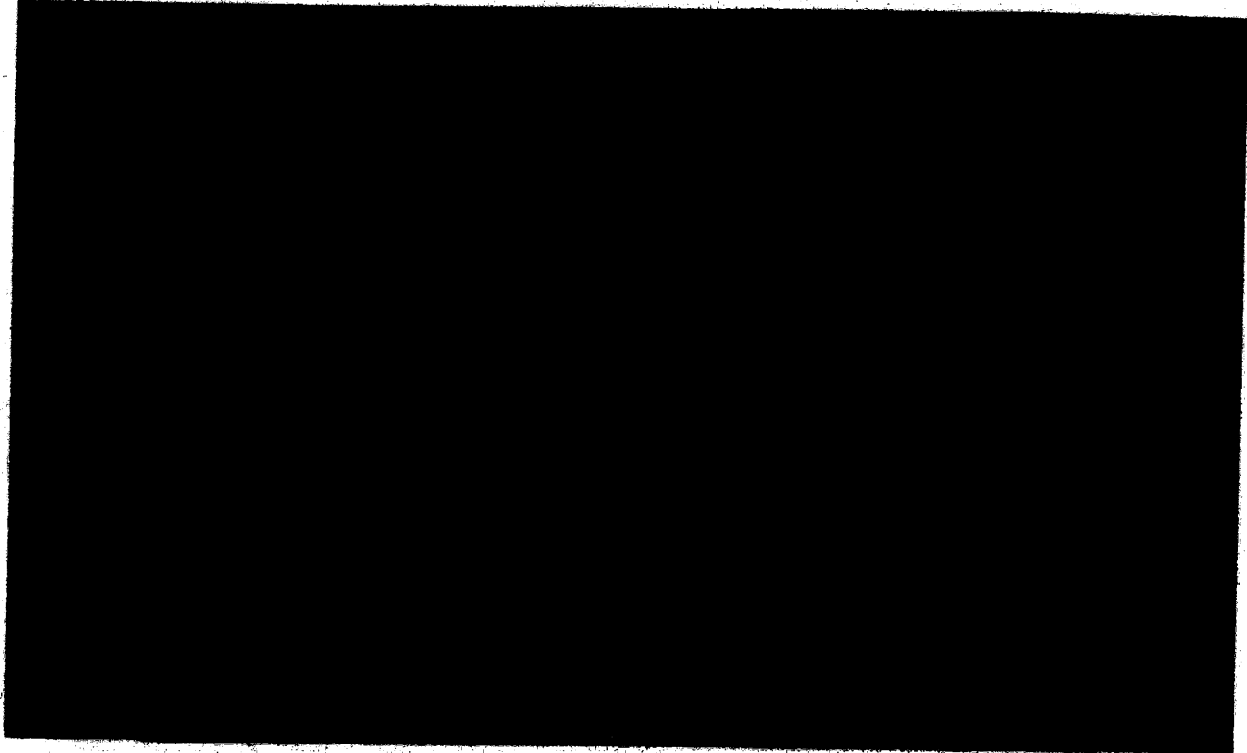




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c. ~~(S)~~ The exploitation team has found over 200 bank account numbers of former PDF and Panamanian Government officials which U.S. Treasury officials in the embassy have been able to freeze--this has been a significant achievement of this interagency effort.



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e. (U) The exploitation effort has been progressing extremely well and the team members are doing an outstanding job. The effort is expected to continue for at least 60-90 additional days. Dedicated copiers and other support equipment have been airlifted to the team.

f. (U) There are discussions at SOUTHCOM for additional resources because of the magnitude of the available material. Regardless of any such request, consideration will be given to providing replacements in the near future to TDY members of the interagency team.

COORDINATION: None



APPROVED BY:

2 Enclosures

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