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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Narcotics Warning and Forecast Meeting

Representatives of the Intelligence Community met on 29 March 1984 to consider the attached subjects.



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National Intelligence Officer
for Narcotics

Attachments:
Warning and Forecast Report
Agenda



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Narcotics Warning and Forecast Meeting

Production MattersA. Colombia

Current Crop Estimates: We expect the 1984 coca crop to exceed the 1983 harvest; although there has not been an increase in coca plant cultivation, per plant yield increases as the plant matures. We also expect the 1984 marijuana harvest to at least equal last year's crop.

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Forecast:

We expect coca and marijuana crops in Colombia to increase as long as demand remains strong and government control of the countryside is limited.

B. The Bahamas. Current Situation:

The Royal Commission has been granted a 17-week extension to conduct their investigation of high level drug related corruption. The Community will consider the preliminary results of the Commission during the April meeting.

Operational MattersA. NNBIS

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the regional NNBIS centers are nearing full operational status: The Miami Center is now fully operational; New Orleans will soon gain full operational status; the Long Beach Center should be completed by June 1984; construction work on the El Paso Center is almost complete; and Chicago and New York lack only [redacted]

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[redacted] UNCODED CIA, DIA and USCG are working to increase dissemination of their reports to the NNBIS centers.

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B. CIPC Study on Narcotics

The study recommends that the NIO/Narcotics review narcotic related production schedules for State, DEA, DIA, Customs and the Coast Guard to ensure a clear focus on key issues and to avoid duplication. The NIO plans to accomplish this through the warning meeting process, where all agencies are represented and production schedules already are discussed.

The study also asks the NIO/Narcotics to solicit from consumers a list of estimates they want prepared. This is under way. The current schedule contains: the flow of drug money; the international cocaine market; the role of Cuba as a safehaven; and the Bahamas as a transit point. Additional suggestions by Community members would be appreciated.

To meet the requirement for a review of which countries receive priority for crop production estimates, the NIO/Narcotics will meet with appropriate consumers to prepare a prioritized list for consideration by the Community at next month's Warning Meeting.

The NIO/Narcotics is also asked in the study to promote information sharing between the Intelligence and Law Enforcement Communities, meaning DIA, INR, CIA, NSA, DEA, Customs and Coast Guard. There was some discussion of trying also to circulate information from police and district attorney files, but all agencies at the meeting were firmly opposed.

C. Costa Rica Conference on Narcotics

Community participants were impressed with the caliber of presentations and discussions at the Conference.

The absence of clearances on the part of many of the Conference participants proved to be a major problem. Many field consumers of intelligence support information (mainly DEA and Coast Guard) do not have the clearances for all source information. The problem is that the field investigations required for clearances take months to complete.

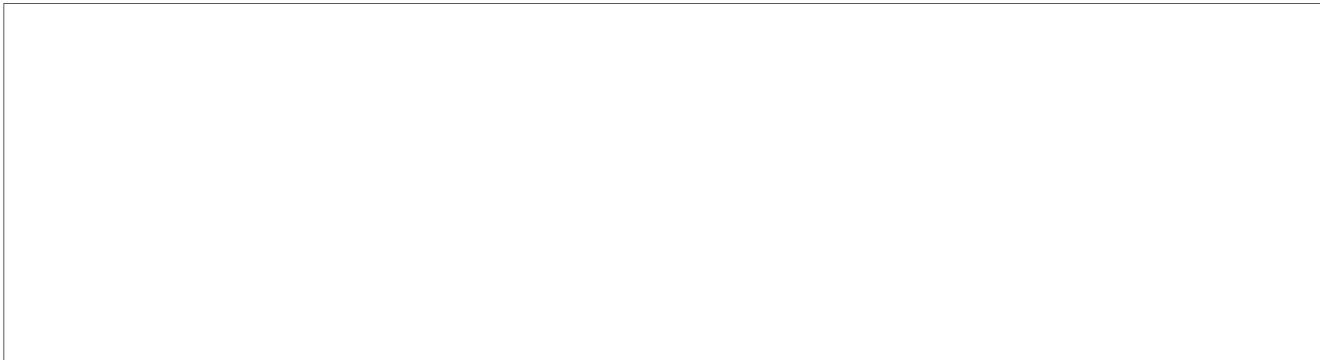
Members of the Community who attended the conference offered the following suggestions for future conferences:

- Allow a looser, more flexible schedule that emphasizes more small working groups and fewer large assemblies.
- Hold the conference in the United States to enhance security considerations (foreign hotels are inappropriate)

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sites for candid discussions) and to give foreign based participants a chance to hold consultations with their headquarters colleagues.



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Agenda for April Warning and Forecast Meeting

The next monthly Warning and Forecast Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19 April 1984 at 1400 hours [redacted]

[redacted] Representatives should be prepared to discuss topics listed below, remembering our emphasis on identifying collection gaps and forecasting the future rather than describing current intelligence findings.

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Production Matters

A. The Bahamas

- Current situation--We will discuss the preliminary findings of the Royal Commission's investigation into charges of drug related corruption in the Bahamas.

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- Forecast of the impact of the findings of the Royal Commissioners.

B. Belize

- Current situation--The government has suspended their program of spraying marijuana fields.

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- Forecast--How will this affect the supply of marijuana to the US market? What is the outlook of the next six months?

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