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Meanwhile, the investigations continued and they led to another group of narcotics traffickers, consisting of military policemen. The investigation indicated that the MPs were responsible for delivering the cocaine to the traffickers who controlled the distribution points. They delivered the drugs during the hours when they were on patrol in the central area of the city.

The Federal Police promised to release the names of the arrested soldiers and a list of the new suspects, including noncommissioned Military Police officers, today.

**Seizures in Sao Paulo**

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[Text] Assis, Sao Paulo—A team from the Sao Paulo Police Narcotics Department (DENARC) yesterday seized 20 kilograms of pure cocaine, valued at \$2 million (about 134 million cruzados at free market exchange rates). The drug was apprehended at Kilometer 440 of the Raposo Tavares Highway, in a Volkswagen van, license CB 3726, which was traveling from Corumba (Mato Grosso do Sul) to the Sao Paulo State capital. Registered to the company Transportes San Martin in Corumba, the van was driven by Manoel Fernandes de Souza. He was accompanied by Walter de Oliveira, who was armed with a revolver.

To carry out the drug seizure, the DENARC mounted a real military operation, with the support of the Highway Police, who set up a roadblock on the Raposo Tavares Highway, near Assis. DENARC Chief Carlos Alberto Costa said that the arrest, in Campinas, of trafficker Antonio Carlos Cirino had led to the drug seizure. On his arrest, with 20 kilograms of cocaine in his possession, Cirino said the drug had come from Bolivia, through a group based in Corumba.

The DENARC hopes to make more arrests this weekend in the metropolitan region of Sao Paulo. According to Chief Oswaldo Pinheiro, a trafficking ring is about to be dismantled in the ABC [Greater Sao Paulo industrial zone].

**Luggage Seized**

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[Text] Campo Grande—Early yesterday morning, the Federal Police of Tres Lagoas—on the border between Mato Grosso do Sul and Sao Paulo—seized 21 kilograms of pure cocaine. Originating in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, in Bolivia, the cocaine was to have reached Copacabana, in Rio's southern zone, today.

Chief Olimpio Machado de Oliveira, of the Tres Lagoas Federal Police Delegation, believes the cocaine was ultimately destined for the international market.

The cocaine was in two traveling bags in the luggage compartment of one of the cars of the Federal Railway

System train on the Corumba-Bauru line. Their suspicions aroused by two passengers who spent large sums of money in the dining car, the Federal Police identified the owners of the luggage. Benedito Roger da Silva, 40, of Aquidauana, Mato Grosso do Sul, and his brother-in-law, Marcos Aurelio Ribas de Barros Soares, 23, of Corumba, also in Mato Grosso do Sul, had obtained the cocaine from two Bolivians and admitted that they had been paid 50,000 cruzeiros to transport it as far as the railway station at Lins, in the interior of Sao Paulo. Claudio Morais Junior, 19, who was to have taken the cocaine to Rio, was arrested at the Lins station. Junior said he was from Marilia, but lives in Copacabana. He said he did not know who the cocaine was for.

According to Chief Oliveira, this was the largest cocaine seizure in Mato Grosso do Sul this year to date. The three traffickers are in custody at the Tres Lagoas Penal Institution, but the Bolivians involved have not been located by the Federal Police.

**GUATEMALA**

**Mexico, Guatemala Sign Drug Treaty**

90WD0288A Guatemala City DIARIO DE CENTRO  
AMERICA in Spanish 17 Apr 90 p 4

[Text] Since last month, the agreement between Guatemala and Mexico on cooperation to combat drug trafficking and drug addiction signed in August of last year in the town of Tapachula, Chiapas, has been in effect.

The official organ of the Republic, DIARIO DE CENTRO AMERICA, has published the instrument ratifying this agreement, signed by the president of the Republic and issued through the Ministry of Foreign Relations. Previously, through diplomatic channels, both countries had exchanged notifications that the respective constitutional requirements and procedures had been fulfilled.

According to the agreement, the cooperation between the two countries relates to the implementation of programs to reduce the illicit demand for drugs, to eradicate drug crops, to engage in activities aimed at curbing and prosecuting activities carried out in connection with the drug trade and drug addiction, and to identify and destroy laboratories and other facilities in which such products are processed illicitly.

It is also intended to regulate the production, importing, exporting, and storing of components and chemical products the use of which could be diverted to the processing of narcotics and psychotropic substances.

**60 Kg of Cocaine Seized At Air Terminal**

90WD0282A Guatemala City SIGLO VEINTIUNO  
in Spanish 12 Apr 90 p 3

[Text] A large shipment of almost pure cocaine, valued at approximately \$2 million, was intercepted by special

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