

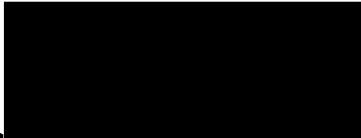


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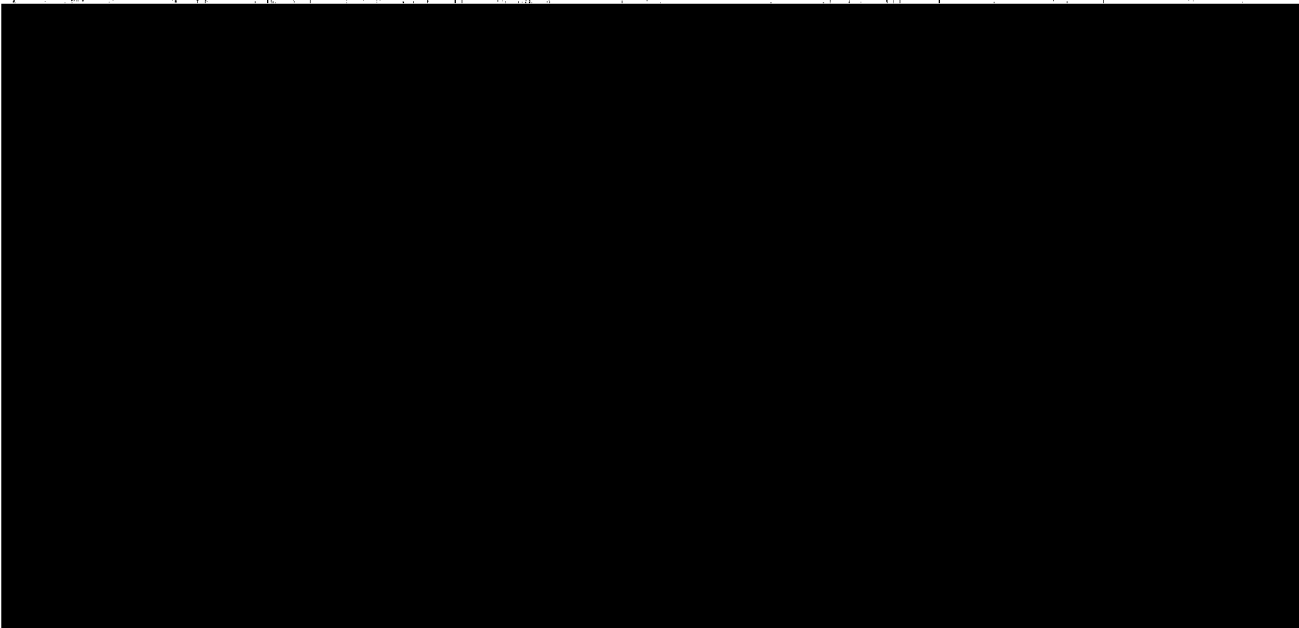
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COLCMBIA: Hostage Negotiations Continue

The government is showing restraint and some willingness to negotiate with the terrorists holding the Dominican Embassy in Bogota, but there are no indications it is ready to satisfy their demands. The Colombians probably hope to drag out negotiations and to avoid precipitate action. A two-man Colombian negotiating team has visited the Embassy to talk with the terrorists and some of the hostages; US Ambassador Asencio, in a phone call to the US Embassy, said negotiations were continuing. [REDACTED]

The terrorists also appear ready for a long wait. They have released the wounded and the female nondiplomatic hostages, have agreed to release the remaining women today, and have set no deadline for government compliance with their demands. [REDACTED]

