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SUBJECT: Colombia: Implications of the Presidential  
Election

The attached paper, Colombia: Implications of the Presidential Election, concludes that Liberal Party candidate Cesar Gaviria is an almost certain victor and that he is likely to continue the basic outlines of the Barco administration's antinarcotics policy. Gaviria will have his hands full as he tries to sustain public support for this effort in the face of the continuing onslaught by the traffickers. Nevertheless, the fact that Gaviria's opponents have deliberately advocated a softer line against the drug kingpins during the campaign should give him a mandate for continuing the crackdown if he is elected by a substantial margin.

We hope you find this paper useful.

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Attachment

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