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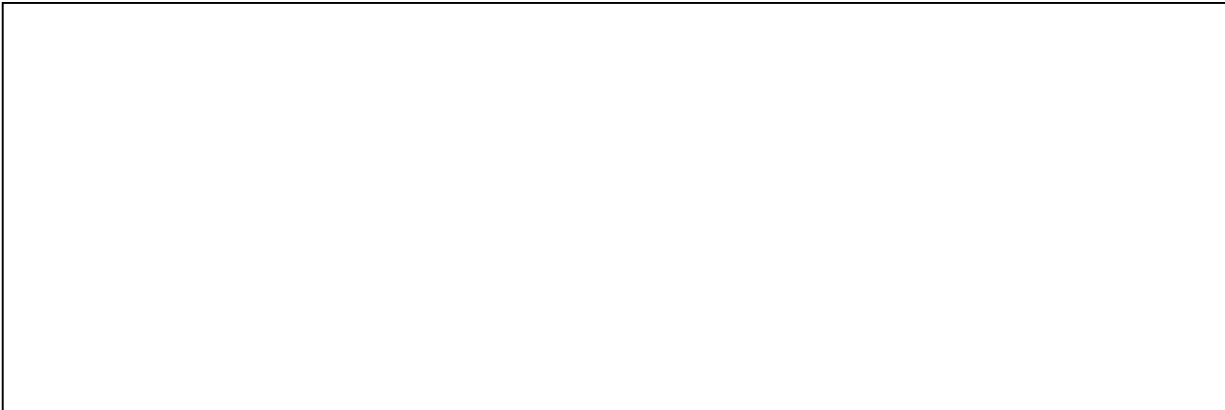
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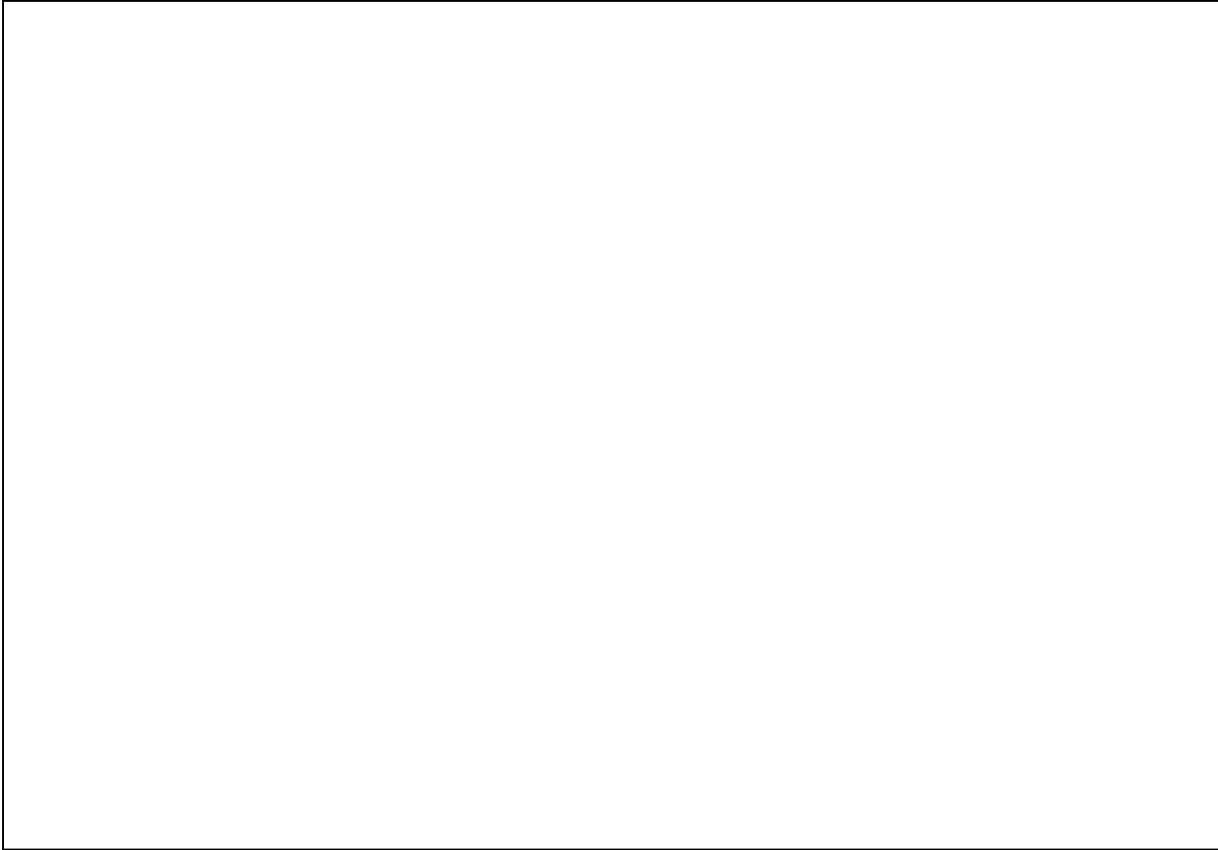
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CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE

THE LACK OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTERRORISM STANDS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE TRAFFICKERS' SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION OF TERRORIST TACTICS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. NARCOTERRORISM HAS OFTEN BEEN USED TO WARN OFF MEDIA, WITNESSES, AND LOCAL POLICE AND TO INFLUENCE JUDICIAL RULINGS AND GOVERNMENT DECISIONS AFFECTING THE DRUG TRADE. IN 1984 TRAFFICKERS ENGINEERED THE ASSASSINATION OF COLOMBIA'S ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVIST MINISTER OF JUSTICE, RODRIGO LARA BONILLA. ANOTHER GRAPHIC EXAMPLE WAS THE SEIZURE OF COLOMBIA'S PALACE OF JUSTICE BY THE INSURGENT 19TH OF APRIL MOVEMENT (M-19) IN 1985--WHICH SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO EXTRADITE TRAFFICKERS TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS ACT REPORTEDLY WAS FINANCED BY MAJOR TRAFFICKERS,

[REDACTED] THE TERRORISTS DESTROYED THE SUPREME COURT'S EXTRADITION FILES, AND 11 JUSTICES KNOWN TO OPPOSE DRUG INTERESTS WERE KILLED. SUCH KILLINGS HAVE CONTINUED. AS RECENTLY AS 1988, TRAFFICKERS ASSASSINATED COLOMBIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL CARLOS MAURO HOYOS, WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS SUPPORT OF EXTRADITION.

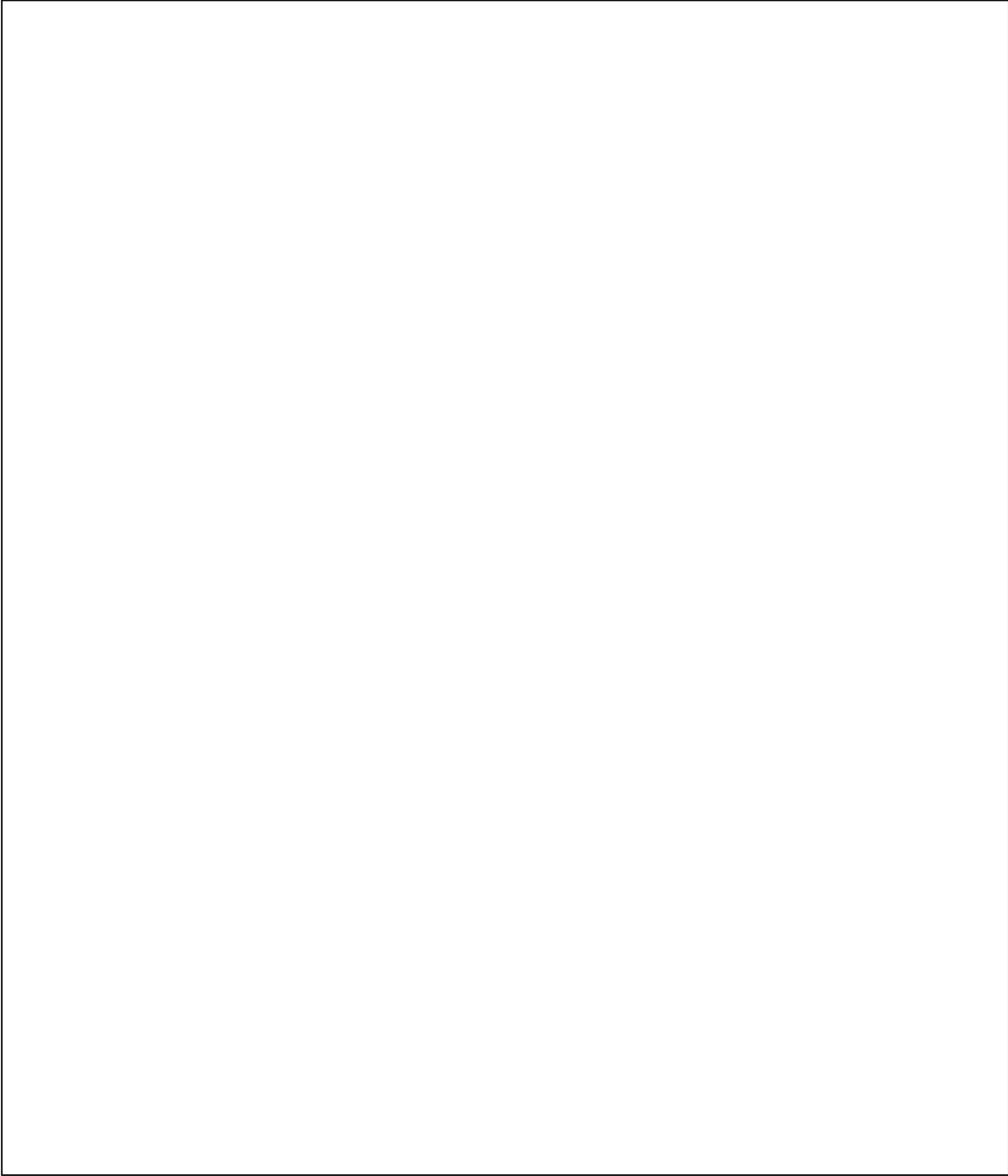


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