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SUBJ: IIR (b)(2) [REDACTED] ATTITUDES TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
THE COLAR 5TH BRIGADE (U)

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2. ~~(S/NF)~~ MEMBERS OF THE 5TH BRIGADE EXPRESSED  
FRUSTRATION AND SOME ANGER ABOUT HOW HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN  
ISSUE IS PERCEIVED. SEVERAL COMMENTS WERE MADE (b)(2) TO  
THE EFFECT, "WHEN WE KILL A GUERRILLA THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
ORGANIZATIONS ARE UP IN ARMS, BUT WHEN GUERRILLAS AMBUSH  
AND KILL OUR COMPANIONS IT IS IGNORED, OR DISMISSED AS  
PART OF THE CONFLICT."

3. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(2) [REDACTED] THAT AT TIMES IT WAS  
DIFFICULT TO PREVENT TROOPS IN THE FIELD FROM  
OVERREACTING WITH VIOLENCE TO GUERRILLAS ENCOUNTERED  
DURING A PATROL, ESPECIALLY WHEN THESE SAME GUERRILLAS  
HAD JUST KILLED OR WOUNDED SOME OF THE TROOPS' COMRADES.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(2) [REDACTED] ALSO HEARD SEVERAL COMMENTS TO THE EFFECT  
THAT MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS "WERE ALL  
LEFTISTS" WHO OFTEN USED LAWYERS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT  
IMAGINARY ABUSES, OR CONTRIVED ABUSES TO DISCREDIT ARMY  
MEMBERS. EXAMPLES WERE CITED OF LABOR LEADERS AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED AFTER PROOF WAS

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OBTAINED THAT THEY WERE ELN OR FARC MEMBERS. (b)(2)  
(b)(2) TO SEVERAL ARMY MEMBERS, THIS WAS ALL THE PROOF  
NEEDED TO LABEL ALL SUCH INDIVIDUALS GUERRILLAS OR  
GUERRILLA SYMPATHIZERS.)

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(2) TAKEN ALL  
TOGETHER, (b)(2) IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE 5TH BRIGADE PAYS  
LIP SERVICE TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AND DOES CONDUCT REGULAR  
TRAINING, BUT FEELS THAT IT IS INVOLVED IN A DAILY ARMED  
STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AND CONTROL OF COLOMBIAN TERRITORY,  
AND IN A WAR "THINGS HAPPENED". THERE WAS NO SYMPATHY  
NOTED FOR WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN TO A GUERRILLA WHO ENGAGES  
IN OPEN CONFLICT WITH THE STATE.

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(2) HE COULD  
NOT BELIEVE THE CHARGES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND  
MURDER AGAINST THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, COLONEL  
RODRIGO ((QUINONES)), BASED IN BARRANCABERMEJA, IN THE  
5TH BRIGADE'S AOR. HE SAID IT MADE NO SENSE, BECAUSE  
NAVY PERSONNEL LIKE THE GOOD LIFE, AND WERE NOT  
THREATENED DIRECTLY BY THE GUERRILLAS. HE ADDED THAT IF  
AN ARMY OFFICER HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF SUCH ACTIONS, HE  
WOULD FIND IT MORE CREDIBLE.

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