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TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

- I just received your letter on assistance to Poland. I welcome your views and will reply soon on this issue. However, today I would like to talk to you about the situation in Colombia.
- As you know, the situation in Colombia is a serious concern for us.
- The traffickers there have sought to undermine the legal and social fabric of that nation by threatening and killing judges, corrupting and intimidating the police, the military and other institutions. The attack on one of the leading newspapers (El Espectador) over the weekend is but one sickening example.
- I therefore very much appreciated your timely letter last week on your readiness to join in supporting Colombia.
- President Barco has shown great courage in deciding to stand up to the cartels. I have spoken with President Barco several times, and we intend to give him all the support possible. The \$65 million in emergency military aid which I offered two weeks ago was but a first step. Tonight I will announce a \$260 million program for Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia for next year and a \$2 billion program over the next five years.

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-- I know you agree that Colombia must not fail in its effort to attack the drug cartels. We cannot stand by and let Barco succumb, lest we wish the chaos of Lebanon, with a drug cartel overlay, to be recreated in Latin America.

-- I agree that we should coordinate our assistance for maximum effect, and we will welcome and work closely with your team of senior officials when they arrive here for consultations on this subject. In fact, I am told we are talking with some of your folks today.

✓ -- You also suggested a combined European effort to do more to help Colombia, citing our commitment along these lines at the Paris Summit in July. One approach might be for the rest of the G-7 to provide a counternarcotics assistance package to Colombia, or to the region more broadly, perhaps on the order of /\$250-300/ million, of the sort of aid with which you and our partners will be comfortable.

-- I have spoken to Brian Mulroney and Helmut Kohl about the idea of President Mitterrand announcing such a G-7 initiative from Paris, in his role as chairman at the recent Summit.

-- { In addition, I think your idea for a UN Security Council resolution of support for Colombia is an excellent idea.

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- I wanted to talk to you before I talk to the American public this evening. I am glad that we both see the urgency of the situation and the need for concerted action.
- ✓ By the way, I just want to let you know that I am looking forward to meeting John Major on Monday, and I hope to have a good discussion with him.

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