



Press conference of General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police

Bogotá, March 3 (SP). "We basically want to inform that on the assessment and analysis of the documents in the computers found in the head camp where alias "Raul Reyes" was killed, more documental material of vital importance is being found which is evidence of the linking and direct relationship if Farc with Ecuador, not only how it was indicated yesterday (Sunday March 2), through the two notes that you were informed on in which the Minister of Security, as an emissary of President Correa, in a meeting with 'Raul Reyes' came to some agreements, but we have also found information involving the Government of Venezuela, particularly through Minister Rodriguez Chacin, and letters, documents which the Secretariat itself and "Manuel Marulanda" had sent to President Hugo Chavez Frias.

To clarify, in relation to this experts' test from a group of forensic technicians, I want to indicate the following:

During the different Colombian operations which have involved bombarding of the camps where rebel leaders have been found and killed, as in the case of 'Martin Caballero'; as in the case also of 'Antonio Losada' which you all know was a military coup, in these two previous events, the Public Force was able to recover computers in a perfect operating state.

I am simply stating this to indicate that there is experience in recovering computers and remove useful information such as

recovering computers and remove useful information, such as occurred in the case of 'Antonio Losada' and 'Martin Caballero'.

I also want to indicate that the documents found in these computers not only have texts, but also images, basically photographs which we will show you and which indicate that it was impossible to have prepared this material since this photographs correspond, basically, to the historical registry of the different persons who visited the camp of alias 'Raul Reyes'.

This photographic material is also being recovered from the hard drives of these computers.

On the other hand, indicate that the National Government has today requested to the Organization of American States (OAS) a technical forensic mission to accompany us on this matter so as to certify the authenticity of the documentation found in those computers seized from the camp of alias 'Raul Reyes'.

Basically, we shall be informing you on a summary of the main documents appearing in this first examination which, I repeat, are not by far the total contents of what is recorded in those hard drives.

But, for example, I want to indicate how the information has been found with these titles or headings: 'Official Alliance Farc and the Government of Ecuador' dated February 28, 2008; letters from 'Manuel Marulanda' to Hugo Chavez.

I want to indicate that in one of those communications what 'Manuel Marulanda' tells Chavez in one of the paragraphs is the following: "We (that is, Farc) shall always be attentive, should a 'gringo' aggression happens, to contribute with our modest knowledge in defense of the bolivarian revolution of Venezuela".

A note which, not only carries an implicit nearness, but that makes an evident alliance in terms of weapons between Farc and the Government of Venezuela.

Dated February 18, 2008, in a detailed manner, the dispatch of drugs towards Mexico is mentioned and explained.

One of the topics that is particularly interesting and which has meant that an investigative team of true specialists be conformed is the narration of the acquisition and sale of 50 Kgs of uranium. You understand the magnitude and the impact of this communication and, thus, the efforts we the Colombian authorities have initiated to clarify this fact.

Venezuela's financing Farc with 300 million dollars, dated 14-02-08 corresponds to a communication sent by Ivan Marquez to the secretariat stating: "Comrades of the secretariat, greetings. We have met for two days with Rodriguez (meaning Minister Rodriguez Chacin). Main conclusions:

In relation to 300 - which from now on shall be known as 'dossier'- there are procedures carried on by the boss of the lame one, which I shall comment in a separate note - the boss shall be called 'Angel' and the lame one, 'Ernesto'-.

A note collected from Raul Reyes mentions thanks from Chavez with the contribution by Farc of 100 million Pesos sent to President Chavez at the time when he was in prison.

I am reading the relevant part when in a letter dated February it states: "He thanked the solidarity of the 100 million pesos contributed from Farc when he was in prison. From this conversation - it asserts - it shall continue to insist in a meeting Chavez - Marulanda, he informed that he was going to give us some old slings which he had kept somewhere and that he knew they were still operational". Old slings in the terrorist argot really refers to rifles, according to our interpretation.

But what is clear is that there is that reference which in any case, Ivan Marquez writes in February of this year.

Document where the secretariat evaluates the release of Moncayo's

son. A document which is proof, let' say, of the influence, the manipulation of the march programmed for March 6, contained in Reyes computer, where the Southern Block invites to the march and is in a form of the pamphlets which are being effectively distributed, as we have been able to prove, for example in Solano, (Caquetá).

An exact information from Edgar Tovar, leader of the 48 block, forwarded to 'Raúl Reyes', where the sale of 700 Kgs of cocaine, for one and al half million Dollars.

'Mono Jojoy', addressing the secretariat, to 'Reyes' himself, in these documentation, he proposes to create the "Great Revolutionary Army" to overthrow the Government of Colombia. And there is also, let's say, a set of compiled documents where the secretariat approves the proposal of Hugo Chavez to work along with Farc, dated September 23, 2007.

You understand that the informative volume accumulated in these computers shall take weeks, where analysts, information processors, shall be making a detailed study of each one of these files and the interest we have that these files be known by an international OAS verifier, so that there is complete clarity which assures the transparency and accuracy, truthfulness of what is being said now.

Question: Practically, what is proven is that there is an unquestionable alliance between the Government of President Hugo Chavez with Farc; to create, moreover, an army to overthrow the Government of Colombia, an international complot against the Government of President Alvaro Uribe; shotgun deliveries, delivery of money, millions of Dollars... What is the official position of the Colombian Government after this revelation?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Let me assure you, in the first place, that the historical coup of the

Government, of the Colombian authorities, of the Military Forces, of the Public Force, of the National Police, which was able to cut down alias "Raul Reyes", has a double meaning:

The meaning of having pursued for many years a person with 62 present capture orders, without possibility of success in this capture; that is, that a key piece has been removed from the executive terrorist management of Farc.

But, on the other hand, there is an additional blow which unmasks the relations, the links of Farc with a series of Governments or with a series of persons, some of them public, some of them very sinister who really are plotting against Colombians. And here, what has been proven is that Colombia is a victim of terrorism and that to really avoid any situation which continues to torment the Colombian people is that these actions have started trying to neutralize Farc and all the illegal armed groups.

Question: Several: Payment of 300 Million is related to the release of the kidnapped? This amount was agreed on in the moment that, perhaps, Iván Márquez and President Hugo Chávez met at the Miraflores Palace?

And to clarify to our TV audience: The acquisition of the 50 Kg. of uranium what does it really mean?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Well, as to the first question, as we mentioned yesterday, we want to speak with responsibility, prudentially, based in the documentary material which would allow for every one of our assertions to be totally proven.

The examination which we are doing to all this information and its context may give us some light as to indicate if those 300 million were linked to a commitment on the release of the kidnapped.

However, today, at this hour, the only thing that I can tell you is that there is a payment, arranged for by Farc before the Government of

President Hugo Chavez, of 300 million to aid the terrorist cause.

In the second place, when the negotiation of 50 Kg. of uranium is mentioned, what it means is that Farc is giving the essential steps in this terrorist world to register as a global international aggressor and we are not talking about a domestic guerrilla, but that it has transnational terrorist objectives. That is why the importance and that is why the asseverations of our Government, of our President, of the Minister of Defense in the sense that today, to neutralize the terrorist activities of Farc is not only of Colombian interest, but it must be a continental and regional interest, because having uranium which is the primary base to generate dirty weapons for destruction is really a great threat.

Question: In these photographs that you have been able to get from the computer of 'Raul Reyes', who specifically appears and what other information do you have on the meeting between the Minister of the Interior of Venezuela, Rodriguez Chacin and 'Raul Reyes? or 'Ivan Marquez? and, specifically, in what part of the border it happened? And the other is, what happens now with the relations between Venezuela and Ecuador? What is, for example, the National Police going to do from now on, based on all these information?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Thank you very much. This photographic album extracted from the hard drive of the computer allows, for example, to show a celebration in which the same alias "Raul Reyes" is serving whiskey to some people at a party at the end of the year in the camp.

It allows to show the visit of different personalities which went to the camp during the past few months.

But, at the same time, it shows a detailed photographic record of rockets and rocket launchers and mortar grenades of different calibers, which appear, very detailed in the camera and in the

photographic files of alias 'Raul Reyes'.

There is, even, the photographic description of an element, really a great mortar to launch propane gas cylinders; it seems, according to these photographs, that this equipment was in the process of being demonstrated.

Details of the camp which, as can be seen, it was not a makeshift camp; it is a camp with an infrastructure which indicates permanence really and not only a transit site.

There are photographs registering the construction of the camp. Different activities to the interior of the camp; basically, an individual preparing a M60 machine gun. And, at the same time, what could possibly be a combat sick bay to attend to wounded guerrillas and, in any case, what I can indicate is that this photographic material collected from this computer speaks of a history of secrecy of 'Raul Reyes' and the team guarding him.

Question: But, General, is there anyone specific in these photographs? Anyone well known like a spokesman from the Government of Venezuela or from the Ecuadorian Government?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the national Police: At this moment we are in the process of identifying the different personalities appearing in those photographs. Today, I could not indicate, with the material that we have processed, the identification of people totally recognizable.

Question: I would like to ask you precisely on the topic of the personalities. That is, at this moment we have been focused on the topic of international presence at the camp and of the links of 'Raul Reyes' with some personalities. However, here in Colombia it has always been indicated that there are political leaders in the country and they have indicated that political groups which have, let's say, some reference to links with the

guerrilla. On this matter, is there anything yet? Is there an indication that, really, in these computers of 'Raul Reyes' there is anything which may link any political leader of this country, congressman or personality linked to the Farc guerrilla?

And two, could you please tell me exactly if the uranium is here, if Farc were able to buy or purchase it; that is, if today, in the mountains of Colombia this uranium is around.

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Yes. We have some signs, indicative elements which are also publicly known of people who maintained, for many years, a close communication with 'Raul Reyes?' and who visited him at those camps.

We would expect to end the documentary forensic examination of these magnetic files from the computers to find out if there is such a registration.

At the moment, we are limiting with all prudence and responsibility to transmit what we have been finding out and, it is for this reason that what I can say is that we have to wait for this forensic and analytic study of the information to be completed.

On the other hand, as I indicated, in the case of the 50 Kg. of uranium, we are faced with an extremely serious case which has implied the mobilization and formation of a specialist team in the investigation of this type of substances because we are not very clear if it was introduced to the country or if it left the country, and in any case, there are many doubts to be resolved on the topic of uranium.

Question: The first question is, if according to the photographs extracted from this hard drive, perhaps it can be established that from these camps, which you can say that they are not transient camps but large, if these camps may be located in places which are near the borders to some countries near to Colombia, if it could be established that they are in those

places, and to learn from the documents that you are still finding if any other released people are mentioned, besides the son of professor Moncayo, or assistance from other Governments besides Venezuela and Ecuador.

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Yes, in relation to the sites of the camps, really the photographs are centered in the camp, let's say, which was the stage of these registration.

What I can indicate is that what the accumulated intelligence of the Armed Forces has found throughout the border areas, there has been presence and their camps have been attacked, as in this case, because we must remember that this operation emerges, precisely, of the localization in Colombian territory, of a satellite camp of the camp which was afterwards indicated as the main camp where 'Raul Reyes' was.

And regarding all information around the kidnapped and of the releases, I must inform you that evidently, in the documents there are relations, explicit contents, expressly referring to Ingrid Betancourt, which speak of the necessity to confront an international pressure and of all a strategy to mobilize the topic of releases.

This is what I can say, at present.

Question: Does the Colombian Government intends or is going to initiate an international demand against President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, I don't know if against President Correa of Ecuador for them to assume an international responsibility before the judicial courts for this, let's say, connivance with the guerrilla.

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Well, I am speaking as the responsible of the police. And as such, I have to say that this discovery, this processing of information is being

placed in the knowledge of the Colombian Executive, the Office of the President, through the ministry of Defense, of the General Command of the Military Forces and, also in the hands of the Colombian jurisdictional authorities.

Of what I am sure of, is that the information contained within which really shows a pathetic, truthful, undisputable, relationship linking the Colombian guerrilla Farc with different governments, at least with Ecuador and Venezuela, and with different personalities, some public and others not recognizable, which perfectly would carry us to a situation such as what you are mentioning.

Question: Two questions. First, could you please give us an in-depth information on other findings in the documents and on the three female guerrillas which were in Ecuadorian territory and one of them is a national from Mexico? Two, within these investigations is there any mention of other countries such as Nicaragua?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: I shall start with the latter. Evidently, there are mentions of Nicaragua and of President Ortega. For now, only mentions. And how I have been explaining, we shall act with all responsibility to present, in due time, an extended content of those mentions, if they exist.

And, as to the situation of the female guerrillas in Ecuador, we just limited ourselves to assimilate and gather the information published by the Ecuadorian authorities which are in charge of this situation.

Question: Besides Nicaragua, Venezuela and Ecuador, does this computer reveal that perhaps some other country was participating with Farc? Does the Colombian Government, the authorities, know if Iván Márquez lives in Venezuela? Is it evident or, at least, today there is confirmation of an alliance between the Government of Venezuela and Farc, since every time there has been releases, the Ministry of the Interior of Venezuela, Ramon Rodriguez Chacin, calls the Farc guerrilla

'comrades'? How is the Government of Colombia going to act to counteract, at least, that force and that camaraderie between the Government of Venezuela and the Farc guerrilla?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Evidently, as you indicate, the documents which we are presenting today which have been extracted definitely from the computer, O mean completely, asserts that today Ivan Marquez is the primary spokesman of Farc with the Venezuelan Government.

Correspondence, in this sense, is copious. Correspondence, in this sense, transmits to the secretariat the impressions, decisions, recommendations of the Venezuelan Government to the Farc's secretariat.

That is, Iván Márquez, evidently is today the first hand spokesman for Farc which fulfills the function of dialoguing mainly with Minister Rodriguez Chacin.

Question: It 'Raul Reyes? had not been killed, what terrorist events could have been occurring in the next few days? And, is it possible that the kidnapped be in Venezuelan or Ecuadorian territory?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: Well, the State's intelligence, particularly the Public Force intelligence, I am referring to military police intelligence, on the matter of possible attempts, prefers to act on certainty, appraised in its opportunity, in its truthfulness, in its credibility. And, therefore, it would be irresponsible in my part, to make future predictions and forecasts of what is really happening or not happening with an alias 'Raul Reyes' alive, or today, dead.

What it may mean is that the blow given against 'Raul Reyes' is a structural blow, I would say, demolishing, to the interior of the secretariat. What this documentary material found in his hands is proving is that he was responsible for the executive leadership of

the secretariat and, therefore, of Farc and that he had a double political and military role. And in the political environment, an external role and an internal role, as a spokesman.

But in the military sense, it must be also indicated, that the different blocks, commanders of blocks, reported to him, and that in the particular case there is fluid information of the leader 'Tovar', of Block 48, to 'Raúl Reyes'.

Question: Does 'Manuel Marulanda' appear in any of the photographs? And the second, how many computers have been analyzed to date?

General Óscar Naranjo, Director of the National Police: We have not found any photographic registration of 'Marulanda' in this first computer which is being appraised in its integrity and, basically, two other computers have not been processed as yet, on which we shall duly inform".