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SUMMARY: (S) RETIRED COLOMBIAN ARMY GENERAL RITO ALEJO ((DEL RIO)) SERVES AS A PERSONAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT ALVARO ((URIBE)) VELEZ ON MILITARY MATTERS. REPORT INCLUDES HOME PHONE NUMBER AND TWO CELL PHONE NUMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH GEN DEL RIO.

TEXT: (S) RETIRED COLOMBIAN ARMY GENERAL RITO ALEJO ((DEL RIO)) SERVES AS A PERSONAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT ALVARO ((URIBE)) VELEZ ON MILITARY MATTERS. GEN DEL RIO STARTED ADVISING PRESIDENT URIBE IN 2002. GEN DEL RIO WAS COMMANDER OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMY 17TH BRIGADE FROM 1997-1998 AND IS KNOWN AS THE "EL PACIFICADOR DEL URABA" BECAUSE HE MADE AN ALLIANCE WITH THE PARAMILITARIES TO FIGHT JOINTLY AGAINST THE FARC IN A SERIES OF OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS TO PUSH THE FARC OUT OF URABA.

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