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10. Report Re: DEBRIEFING OF MIGUEL PEREZ AND DISCUSSION OF PLEA AGREEMENT ON MARCH 24, 1995				

SYNOPSIS:

This report contains information provided by Cooperating Defendant Miguel PEREZ about his drug smuggling organization. PEREZ was debriefed by the above agents in the presence of his attorney William Tunkey on March 24, 1995.

DETAILS:

- Reference is made to all previous Reports of Investigation, G1-91-2002, regarding the illicit drug smuggling organization of Miguel and Elio PEREZ.
- On March 24, 1995, Miguel PEREZ was debriefed by the above agents regarding his cooperation and a guilty plea in exchange for substantial assistance and a possible sentence reduction at a later date. PEREZ was represented at the meeting by his attorney, William Tunkey. PEREZ stated at the meeting that he intends to plead guilty and accept the responsibility for his actions. However, he said that he has information regarding his drug business and associates that he would like to give the agents in exchange for a sentence reduction. PEREZ also said that he would hope that we would consider giving his wife, Dolores PEREZ, a lesser sentence so she could remain out of prison to raise their five children. PEREZ then provided the agents with the following information in relation to a facty-page proffer previously submitted by his attorney.
- PEREZ was asked about his business associates in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. PEREZ stated that a Latin male named Pepe AGUILAR AKA "MONGO" owns a business called CACHITA CO. in Santo Domingo. PEREZ stated that AGUILAR would come to Miami, and he (Miguel) would give AGUILAR several hundred thousand dollars in U.S. currency which was drug proceeds. AGUILAR and another Dominican, Ramon SOTA, had friends in the bank business in Miami who would assist in depositing the money and transferring it to Santo Domingo. AGUILAR would then send frozen fish products back to ESM SEAFOOD in Miami who would in turn sell the fish for what appeared to be a legitimate profit. Miguel stated that his brother, Elio PEREZ, would oversee this aspect of the business and maintain all

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the records. Miguel said that he always split the profit from the drug business with his family. Miguel also said that another individual named Valentine CARRERA, AKA "PEPSI COLA", was involved in the Santo Domingo business but now lives in Miami. Miguel did not state CARRERA's specific job in this operation.

4. PEREZ was then asked about any business associates he may have in Honduras. PEREZ stated that at one time, they had a fish business in La Ceiba, Honduras, with Florencio MARTINEZ. PEREZ said that through this association he met a Colombian named Marcos FIDEL who wanted to fly a load of cocaine from Colombia to Guatemala and then transport it to Belize where PEREZ would pick it up with his boat and transport it to the U.S. PEREZ said he gave FIDEL \$15,000 to set up the drug smuggling venture; however, nothing ever materialized. PEREZ then stated that he asked Juancho NOGUERA to retrieve his fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from FIDEL. PEREZ said the money was never returned. PEREZ said he believes the fish business in Honduras is now closed and MARTINEZ still owes E&M SEAFOOD approximately \$280,000.00. During this same time period (1992), PEREZ was attempting to run several other loads through Guatemala for Pablo ESCOBAR. PEREZ said that ESCOBAR gave him \$20,000.00 through an associate in Miami to provide transportation for cocaine from Belize to the U.S. PEREZ said this was during the time that ESCOBAR was imprisoned at Envigato, Colombia, where he spoke to him on the telephone on several occasions. PEREZ indicated that none of these loads materialized after approximately one month and his associate Pedro RODRIGUEZ returned to the U.S. from Guatemala.

5. PEREZ was then asked about his drug dealings in Belize. PEREZ said that he had picked up three loads of cocaine from Belize. The first two loads were 1,017 kilos each and the third and final load was 1,200 kilos. PEREZ stated that he utilized his vessel "QUALITY PLUS" which was captained by Rely HEREDIA on the first two loads and the third load was picked up by his vessel "SUNRIDER" which was captained by a friend of Tony ROSCOE'S named "RONNIE". PEREZ said that during the final load through Belize, the plane was seized on the air strip, but the cocaine was already off-loaded. PEREZ then stated that once the SUNRIDER made it back to the U.S., the cocaine was off-loaded and distributed. However, shortly after the off-load, the vessel was boarded and seized by the authorities. PEREZ also said that Tony ROSCOE had a contact in Belize named "WALLY" who provided clearance with the authorities and another man named "PIO" for the cocaine laden planes to land and off-load.

6. Miguel PEREZ then provided information to the agents that his vessel "QUALITY PLUS" had been seized on two occasions. The first time the vessel was loaded with 700 kilos of cocaine when it was stopped, searched and detained by the U.S. Coast Guard in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. PEREZ said that he, Tony ROSCOE, Alfredo LNU and Pedro RODRIGUEZ observed the Coast Guard searching the vessel from the Holiday Inn located on the west side of the Seventeenth Street Causeway. Tony ROSCOE told PEREZ he had an attorney that went to school with one of the top members of the Coast Guard in Ft. Lauderdale who could get the boat released. PEREZ gave ROSCOE \$10,000.00 to give to Attorney Dennis BRUCE to get the

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boat released. PEREZ stated that the boat was released the next day and still contained 700 kilos of cocaine in the concealed compartments. On the second occasion, the vessel was seized by the U.S. Coast Guard in Ft. Lauderdale for failure to report. The vessel was not loaded this time and Dennis BRUCE was paid \$25,000.00 to have the boat released which he did. According to PEREZ, Dennis BRUCE represented Larry Joe WILLIAMS, at the request of Tony ROSCOE, when he was arrested with ten kilos of cocaine which was obtained by ROSCOE from Miguel PEREZ. When ROSCOE was unable to pay for the ten kilos and PEREZ began pressuring ROSCOE for \$190,000.00, Dennis BRUCE called Miguel PEREZ and told him to let ROSCOE "work again," meaning sell more cocaine, so he could pay PEREZ back for the original ten kilos of cocaine. PEREZ also said that BRUCE was involved with Roberto GONZALEZ, the accountant at E&M SEAFOOD, in forming the phony companies to register the drug smuggling vessels. Roberto GONZALEZ also transported money for Miguel PEREZ to Mexico when the drug smuggling boat crews would need more money for expenses.

7. PEREZ was then asked about his cocaine distributors. He stated that he had three distributors: Tony ROSCOE, "WACO" (Ronald WADE), and Hugh and SCRAPPY DUNCAN. PEREZ said he would obtain multiple kilos of cocaine (10-100) from a Cuban named Mameel FREIDE, AKA MANOLITO, AKA CORLEON. FREIDE usually obtained the cocaine from a Colombian named Luis CHUPINA who had relatives that worked at the Miami International Airport where the cocaine would be smuggled in. PEREZ said he viewed the video in this case (Exhibit N-21) which clearly showed FREIDE going to the back of a vehicle and taking out a feed sack containing ten kilos of cocaine. PEREZ said Luis CHUPINA was also present during the drug transaction but was obscured from view by a tree. PEREZ stated that he would obtain the majority of cocaine he distributed from these two individuals. He would give the cocaine to Tony ROSCOE or Hugh DUNCAN who would transport it to Atlanta where it would be sold and the money returned to PEREZ. He also provided Ronald WADE, AKA WACO, AKA "BIG DADDY", with multiple kilograms of cocaine. WADE would transport the cocaine to Daytona Beach where it would be converted into crack and sold. Again, the money would be returned to Miguel PEREZ. PEREZ indicated that he would sometimes sell approximately 100 kilograms per month.

8. PEREZ was then questioned about his co-defendant Erayda PINTADO. PEREZ stated that PINTADO was taken on trips because she was very attractive and would take the attention off himself when going through airports. PEREZ also said that PINTADO was used to complete Customs forms, hotel forms, etc., because he is illiterate. PEREZ then said that he provided PINTADO \$1,000.00 (10 one hundred dollar bills) to purchase a false passport so she could travel out of the country. PEREZ was aware that PINTADO was on Federal probation and was not supposed to travel outside the U.S. PEREZ indicated to the agents that although he did not specifically state to PINTADO that he was smuggling a load of cocaine, she was aware of his business and was willing to help him when he needed something done. PEREZ also indicated that PINTADO's father had been arrested, and he was concerned that he was cooperating with the government.

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9. The conversation then turned again to PEREZ and his proposed plea agreement. PEREZ stated that if he cuts a deal with the government, he would be able to include several co-defendants such as Jose Ramon PEREZ (his brother), Pedro VASQUEZ, Luis VEGA, Manuel PULIDO, Jose ACOSTA, and possible two others. PEREZ reiterated that he wanted to include his wife so she would not have to do any hard time. The debriefing ended and PEREZ was told he would further be interviewed at a later date.

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