

De: **The National Security Archive** nsarchiv@gwu.edu
Objet: Chiquita Papers Document over \$800,000 in Payments to Colombian Guerrillas
Date: 12 mai 2017 02:56
À: benvillain@GMAIL.COM



30+ YEARS OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

Chiquita Papers Document over \$800,000 in Payments to Colombian Guerrillas

Internal Security Reports Detail Negotiations with Subversive Groups

Company Sought Quid Pro Quos with Insurgents; Funded Group That Went on “Joint Patrols” with Paramilitaries

National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book No. 592

Posted - Month DD, YYYY

[View the posting](#)

Washington, D.C., May 11 2017 - Ten years have passed since Chiquita Brands was sentenced in the United States for financing an international terrorist group. In 2007, the company confessed to paying the paramilitary United Self-defense Forces of Colombia (AUC) and also admitted that between 1989 and 1997 it funded the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the National Liberation Army (ELN), the country’s two largest rebel groups.

But unlike the AUC, Chiquita’s financial ties to guerrilla groups were not a concern of U.S. courts. The FARC and the ELN had not yet been declared foreign terrorist organizations by the U.S. when those payments were made; and while both groups were so designated in October 1997, the court found no evidence that the company had paid either of them beyond that date.

With Colombian authorities now ready to prosecute banana company executives for funding Colombian guerrilla groups, a new batch of Chiquita Papers obtained under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by the National Security Archive provides a detailed accounting of the payments that Chiquita Brands and three other banana companies made to Colombian insurgent groups between 1989 and 1997. The records for the first time reveal the minimum amounts of money Chiquita paid to the various Colombian guerrilla groups, and provide a unique, first-hand account of the harrowing and complicated security situation in Urabá from the practical and calculated perspective of one of the world’s biggest fruit companies.

Check out today's posting at the [National Security Archive](#)

Find us on [Facebook](#)

Read [Unredacted](#), the Archive blog



THE NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE is an independent non-governmental research institute and library located at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The Archive collects and publishes declassified documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). A tax-exempt public charity, the Archive receives no U.S. government funding; its budget is supported by publication royalties and donations from foundations and individuals.

PRIVACY NOTICE The National Security Archive does not and will never share the names or e-mail addresses of its subscribers with any other organization. Once a year, we will write you and ask for your financial support. We may also ask you for your ideas for Freedom of Information requests, documentation projects, or other issues that the Archive should take on. We would welcome your input, and any information you care to share with us about your special interests. But we do not sell or rent any information about subscribers to any other party.

DONATE NOW

Connect with us



National Security Archive, Suite 701
Gelman Library
The George Washington University
2130 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C., 20037
Phone: 202/994-7000
Fax: 202/994-7005
nsarchiv@gwu.edu

[Click here to unsubscribe](#)



empowered by  salsa