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The DC-3, straining heavily, grounded by unknown Paramount.

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unarmed American night crew
weapon on the leading crew, the other 50-cal. was pointed at the cockpit and the
J-200s were missing. The plane Vector Three at the end of the plane and the one
over there behind him. His
skids down in the leading position. Soldiers in two jeep shots with
southeast of Panama City. His cargo doors were wide open and chocked tight.
soldiers sat on the side of the jungle cleared at Paramo 50 miles.

STORY BY NEAL MATTHEWS
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Pacheco points of Pampa: In 1993, Pacheco planted an Allison spell, "Webergo" on his map shortly after a change in the spell's diagram. He said the change improved his crop and his yields.
Drugs

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rebels army needed bases," Plumelee explains. "The gun supplies — from the CIA and later the private people who turned the war into a business — had to strike deals with the drug people in order to share the profits. You can't stay alone and safe down there without being on good terms with the Cartel — the Colombian Air Force. I've turned right up with a load of guns, and on the other side of the field, they're loading up drugs at the same time.

The map note refers to Barry Seal and Luis Ochoa, the Colombian drug magnate, funnelling cocaine into Santa Elena. The CIA and DC-68 solutions refer to the reason the field was approved and the airstrip lengthened at the direction of Second and North. "Barry Seal had flown in the Fat Lady with weapons one time and got her stuck," Plumelee says. "That decided us to lengthen the airstrip.

Interestingly, during John Fitzpatrick's current trial, in which he is charged with conspiracy to destroy documents, obstruct investigations, and lie to Congress, the prosecutor introduced a memo from Oliver North that seems to corroborate Plumelee's story about the Stung airfield. North wrote to an aide that "one of the planes of the cocaine resupply operation got blown up in the south at an airport in Costa Rica."

Another reason Santa Elena was unplowed was that the other major staging area for the contre band from a northern front, the ranch owned by American citizen John Hull, 150 miles north of Santa Elena, wasn't big enough for the huge CIA operation. Hull, even though Hull worked closely with the CIA in helping to arm the rebels, the use of an American soldier in Costa Rica for an arms-

shipment point was politically unacceptable to the Costa Rican government.

North by Northwest, Toys for Eden

Until May 1984, contra leader Eden Pastora was the major beneficiary of weapons shipments to Hull's ranch and Santa Elena. Costa Rica actually has three areas called Santa Elena: Plumelee says Oliver North and his courier, Robert Owen, assigned the code name "Point West" to the Santa Elena staging area on the northwest coast of Costa Rica. So Plumelee's notation refers to Oliver North, the location of Santa Elena, and the main reason for its existence.

On May 30, 1984, at a jungle hideout in Nicaragua, a bomb exploded during a press conference called by Pastora. He was decrying the CIA's pressure on him to merge with the main faction of the contras in Honduras. American and several Costa Rican journalists were killed, but Pastora survived. The bombing, which was never solved, became the basis of a lawsuit filed by the National Institute of Public Affairs on behalf of Washington, D.C. The suit claimed that the bombing was part of a "criminal conspiracy to violate family law and property rights.

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