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OVERALL AVAILABILITY OF THIS PRODUCT IN THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM U. S. CUSTOMS MEXICAN BORDER STATIONS INDICATES AN ADDITIONAL 157,000 BIPHETAMINA CAPSULES WERE SEIZED FROM APRIL 1, 1971 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1971. THE TOTAL PURCHASES AND SEIZURES FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD IS APPROXIMATELY 334,000 WITH AN ADDITIONAL 400,000 DOSEAGE UNITS BEING DIVERTED PER MONTH.

IN MOST OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASES THE SOURCE OF THESE BIPHETAMINA CAPSULES HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE PHARMACIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES - MEXICAN BORDER. THE CAPSULES ARE ENTERING THE UNITED STATES THROUGH EL PASO, DEL RIO, EAGLE PASS, BROWNSVILLE, MCALLEN AND LAREDO, TEXAS AND DOUGLAS, ARIZONA. THE BIPHETAMINA PURCHASED AND SEIZED TO DATE HAVE FOR THE MOST PART BEEN IN ORIGINAL FORTY-CAPSULE BOTTLES WITH THE LABEL SHOWING PRODUCTION IN MEXICO CITY. THE BULK RAW MATERIAL (d AND dl AMPHETAMINE RESIN COMPLEX) FOR BIPHETAMINA IS MANUFACTURED BY STRASBURGH-ROCHESTER, N. Y. FOR PROCESSING INTO THE FINISHED CAPSULE FORM

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