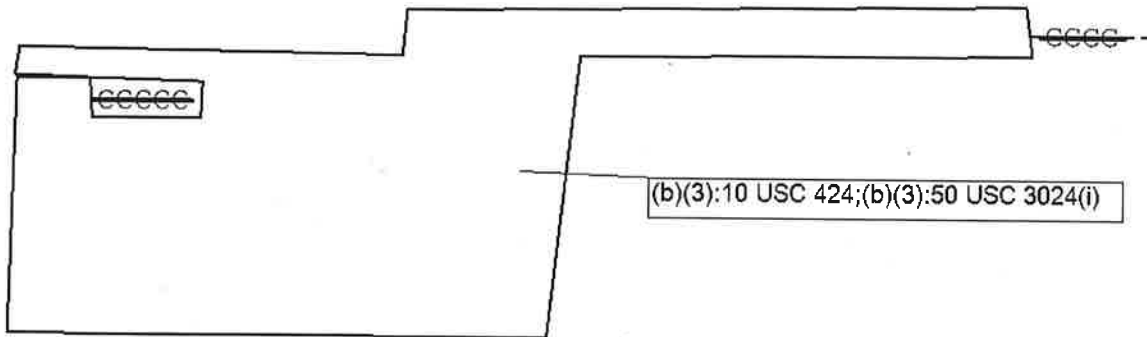


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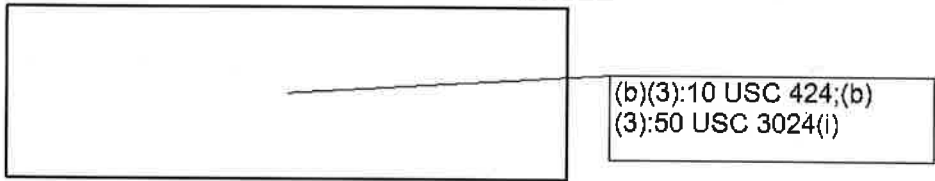
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 EL SALVADOR GUERRILLA ACTIVITY. (U)  
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1. (C/NOFORN) AFTER A WEEK'S LULL IN THE NORTHEAST, INSURGENT ACTIVITY PICKED UP ON THE 21ST, WHEN TWO HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY LANDED IN THE PLAZA OF THE TOWN OF CORINTO TO DELIVER WEAPONS, MEDICINE, AND FOOD TO GUERRILLAS THERE.
2. (C/NOFORN) GUERRILLAS HARANGUED THE TOWNSPEOPLE, CLAIMING THEY WERE GOING TO SEIZE THE TOWNS OF LISLIQUE AND POLOROS IN NORTHERN

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LA UNION DEPARTMENT. THE THREATENED ACTION BEGAN ON THE 24TH WITH ATTACKS AGAINST LISLIQUE AND ANAMOROS. LISLIQUE FELL ON THE 25TH, ANAMOROS ON THE 26TH, AND POLOROS AND NUEVA ESPARTA BY THE 28TH.

3. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ THE INITIAL ARMED FORCES RESPONSE CONSISTED OF A 240-MAN RELIEF COLUMN DISPATCHED AFTER THE ATTACK ON LISLIQUE. IT ENCOUNTERED RESISTANCE AT EL COPALIO HILL AND BECAME BOGGED DOWN. ON THE 27TH, ELEMENTS OF THE ATONAL BATTALION WERE DISPATCHED TO SANTA ROSA DE LIMA VIA LA UNION, WHERE THEY PICKED UP ANOTHER INFANTRY COMPANY AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT. WHILE THE ATONAL'S MISSION HAS NOT BEEN CLEARLY DEFINED, IT WOULD PRESUMABLY LINK UP WITH THE 240-MAN FORCE. ITS PRESENCE HAS STABILIZED THE AREA AND PRECLUDED FURTHER GUERRILLA ADVANCE. AN INSURGENT ATTACK ON SOCIEDAD ON THE 28TH WAS REPELLED BY TROOPS STATIONED THERE.

4. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ COMMENT THIS OFFENSIVE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GUERRILLA STRATEGY OF ATTACKING REMOTE VILLAGES WITH MINIMAL DEFENSES. TOTAL MILITARY DISPOSITIONS IN THE AREA MOUNTED TO 148, OF WHICH 27 WERE CIVIL DEFENSE PERSONNEL. INSURGENT FORCES MAY NUMBER 1,000. THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, CONCERNED OVER STEADY GUERRILLA ADVANCES IN NORTHERN MORAZAN, HAD ALREADY RELIEVED THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDER IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND

ESTABLISHED A THEATER OF OPERATIONS INCLUDING USULUTAN, SAN MIGUEL, MORAZAN, AND LA UNION DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE 3D BRIGADE COMMANDER AT SAN MIGUEL. BECAUSE OF THE INSURGENT ADVANCE INTO NEW TERRITORY AND THE GOVERNMENT'S FEAR OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "LIBERATED" ZONE, THE MILITARY IS SURE TO LAUNCH A COUNTEROFFENSIVE TO RETAKE THE TOWNS IN LA UNION DEPARTMENT. WITH THE IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO GUARDING KEY AGRICULTURAL AREAS DURING THE CURRENT HARVEST, IT MAY CHOOSE NOT TO ENTER NORTHERN MORAZAN UNTIL LATER.

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