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BODY

SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

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EL SALVADOR: COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS. (U)
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1. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ THE RECENT SLOW GOVERNMENT FORCE PACE IN RETAKING THE TOWNS OF PERQUIN AND SAN FERNANDO IN NORTHERN MORAZAN HAS BEEN PARTLY DUE TO THE NEED TO REORGANIZE THE CAMPAIGN. THE SALVADORAN MILITARY REPORTEDLY USED 21 AND 22 JUNE TO REORGANIZE AND RESUPPLY ELEMENTS OF OPERATION "RESCATE" IN NORTHERN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT. THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF (AFGS) HAD BEEN DISPLEASED WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE ENTIRE OPERATION HEADED BY THE 6TH INFANTRY BRIGADE. THE DEATH OF THE BRIGADE*S COMMANDER, COL BELTRAN, IN A HELICOPTER

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ACCIDENT ON THE 17TH WAS FOLLOWED BY APPOINTMENT OF A NEW COMMANDER, LTC RUIZ, AND A NEW STAFF. FORWARD UNITS WERE APPARENTLY TEMPORARILY HELD IN PLACE WHILE THE GROSS DEFICIENCIES IN ORGANIZATION AND SUPPLY WERE ADDRESSED. THE RESUPPLIED UNITS ARE NOW ORGANIZED IN TWO TASK FORCES WITH CLEAR MISSIONS. THE

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(b)

2. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ CHIEF OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF COL BUESO WAS IN EL SALVADOR ON THE 21ST FOR TALKS WITH THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP. APPARENTLY, THE HONDURANS AGREED TO DEPLOY TWO BATTALIONS ON THEIR SIDE OF THE BORDER ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF INSURGENT WITHDRAWAL FROM NORTHERN MORAZAN. THIS DEPLOYMENT WOULD THREATEN THE GUERRILLAS WITH ENTRAPMENT AND THE LOSS OF SUPPLY LINES.

3. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) THAT THE GUERRILLAS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MET ALL OBJECTIVES IN NORTHERN MORAZAN AND ARE TERMINATING THEIR OPERATION. HOWEVER, THERE ARE REPORTS OF EXTREMELY HIGH MUNITIONS CONSUMPTION RATES BY THE GUERRILLAS AND INDICATIONS OF SEVERE PERSONAL LOSSES CAUSED, TO A LARGE EXTENT, BY BOMBING RAIDS FROM THE NEW A-37 AIRCRAFT.

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WITH THE APPARENT HONDURAN THREAT, IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT THE INSURGENTS HAVE EXPENDED MUCH OF THEIR RESOURCES, HAVE SUFFERED SUBSTANTIAL PERSONNEL LOSSES, AND ARE ACTUALLY PREPARING TO

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EXFILTRATE PRIOR TO BEING OVERRUN OR TRAPPED.

4. (U) MEANWHILE, SUB-SECRETARY OF DEFENSE COL CASTILLO, ASSUMED KILLED IN THE 17 JUNE HELICOPTER CRASH, APPARENTLY SURVIVED THE CRASH AND WAS CAPTURED BY THE GUERRILLAS. THE INSURGENTS, WHO CLAIMED TO HOLD HIM PRISONER, HAVE RELEASED A TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OVER RADIO VENECEREMOS. SOME SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THE VOICE HEARD IS INDEED THAT OF CASTILLO.

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