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MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA PLANS TO REPLACE LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADALBERTO ((CRUZ)) AS COMMANDER OF THE COMMANDO INSTRUCTION CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA, MORAZAN DEPARTMENT. HIS REPLACEMENT MAY BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL AUGUSTO ((MARAVILLA)) REYES, WHO CURRENTLY IS SERVING AS COMMANDER OF THE AHUACHAPAN MILITARY DETACHMENT. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: LIEUTENANT COLONEL CRUZ' REPLACEMENT IS LONG OVERDUE. HE HAS SERVED WELL IN THE CRITICAL SAN FRANCISCO GOTERA TPOST

FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS. NORMAL TOURS OF DUTY IN THIS STRENUOUS POSITION ARE 15 MONTHS.)

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ALSO INTENDS TO REPLACE LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARLOS ALFREDO ((RIVAS)) NAJARRO, CURRENT COMMANDER OF THE SENSUNTEPEQUE MILITARY DETACHMENT IN CABANAS DEPARTMENT. LIEUTENANT COLONEL RIVAS HAS SERVED IN THIS POSITION ONLY SINCE DECEMBER 1983. CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL ADOLFO ONECIFERO ((BLANDON)) IS DISSATISFIED WITH RIVAS' LACK OF AGGRESSIVENESS IN TACTICAL OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENTS IN

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CABANAS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: EXACT TIMING OF THESE REPLACEMENTS HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED BY GENERAL VIDES.)

3. [REDACTED] BOTH CRUZ AND RIVAS ARE RIGHTIST MILITARY OFFICERS AND THIS FACTOR MAY HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN GENERAL VIDES' DECISION TO TRANSFER THEM IN AN EFFORT TO DISSIPATE THE STRENGTH OF THE MILITARY CLIQUE WHICH OPPOSES PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)).

4. GENERAL VIDES ALSO PLANS TO BRING BACK LIEUTENANT COLONEL BENJAMIN ((RAMOS)) MENDOZA AND SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ FROM ASSIGNMENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO GIVE THE SALVADORAN MILITARY GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN TERMS OF FIELD GRADE OFFICERS AVAILABLE FOR COMBAT ASSIGNMENTS. RAMOS IS THE LIKELY REPLACEMENT FOR RIVAS IN SENSUNTEPEQUE.

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