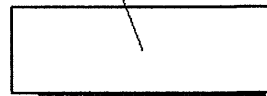


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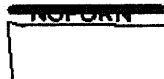
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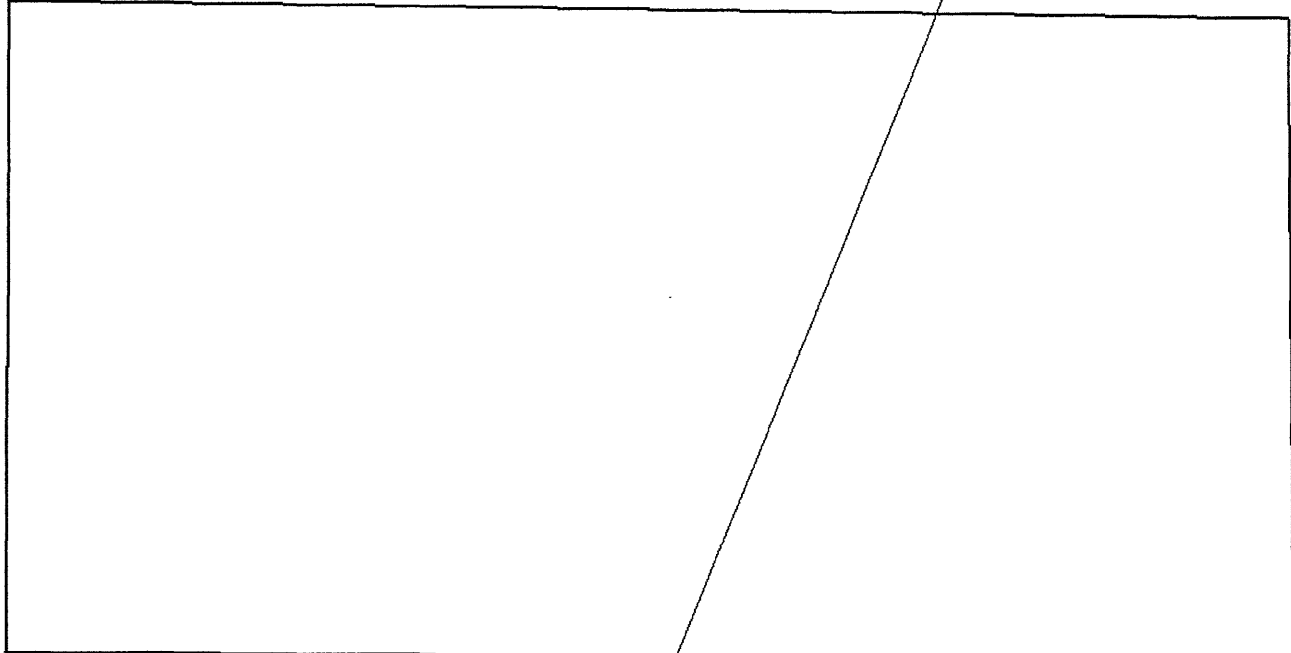


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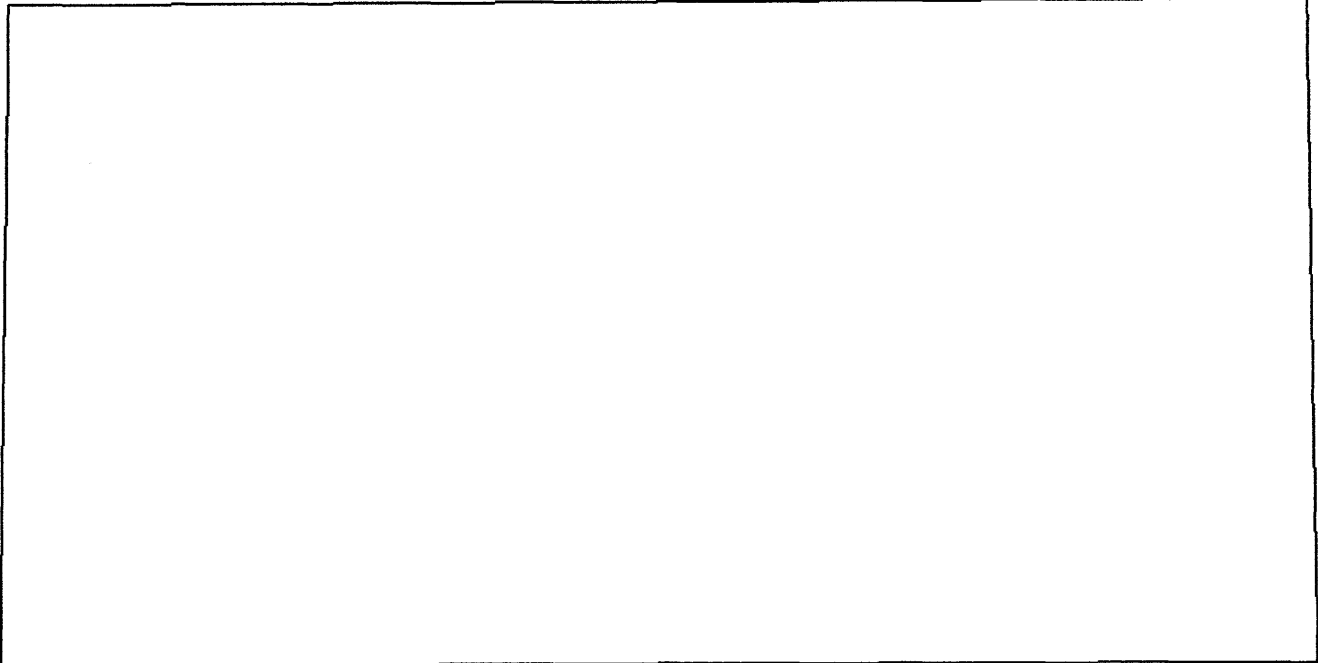
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EL SALVADOR: A major operation is currently underway in a key guerrilla area in 26 northern San Vicente Department. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ DIADIN 231-6B



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EL SALVADOR: Counterinsurgency Operations. (U)

~~(S//NOFORN)~~ Operation AZENON PALMA was launched by 7 government battalions -- 27 companies including the US-trained Atlacatl and Beloso battalions and the Venezuelan-trained Cazadores Battalion -- against guerrilla strongholds in the Cerros de San Pedro area in northern San Vicente Department on 18 August. The concept of the operation calls for 5 battalions to occupy blocking positions in the form of an inverted "U" with the Atlacatl and Beloso battalions maneuvering from south to north. The Atonal and Cazadores battalions will hold positions on the east, two composite battalions will hold blocking positions on the west, and a six-company composite battalion will block on the north along the Titihuapa River separating Cabanas and San Vicente departments.

~~(S//NOFORN)~~ The operation differs from previous hammer-and-anvil operations in several aspects. Although the area of operation is in San Vicente Department, the field commander is not the commander of that department, which is contrary to established practice.

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

[REDACTED] and believed to be more competent than the local commander. Furthermore, the four battalions blocking on the east and the west engaged in sweep-and-clear operations before occupying static positions in an attempt to conceal as long as possible the actual location of the blocking forces.

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