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SUBJ: EL SALVADOR: TACTICAL UPDATE. (U)
DOI: 17 JUN 85 (AS OF 1940 EDT)
TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE STEPPED UP
OPERATIONS IN
THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY WITH A MAJOR DRIVE IN MORAZAN
DEPARTMENT.
2. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING OPERATIONS BY THE BRACAMONTE
AND ATONAL IMMEDIATE-REACTION (IR) BATTALIONS ALONG THE SOUTHERN
COAST OF USULUTAN DEPARTMENT, THE 3D BRIGADE STARTED A MULTI-

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BATTALION SWEEP OF THE INSURGENT BASE AREA NORTH OF THE TOROLA RIVER ON 14 JUNE. THE ARCE IR BATTALION WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER NEAR PERQUIN (b)(3):10 USC 424 AS THREE 3D BRIGADE BATTALIONS ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITIONS AT TOROLA (b)(3):10 USC 424 MEANGUERA (b)(3):10 USC 424, AND JOATECA (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. (S//NF) ALTHOUGH THE (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(b); (b)(3):50 USC 3024(f); Sec. 1.4(c) FORMULATED A WORKABLE PLAN, POOR OPERATIONAL SECURITY HINDERED ITS EXECUTION. (b)(1); (b)(3):50 USC 3024(f); Sec. 1.4(b); Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1); (b)(3):50 USC 3024(f); Sec. 1.4(b); Sec. 1.4(c) BEFORE THE AIRMOBILE INSERTION INDICATED THE INSURGENTS EXPECTED THE GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE AND DECLARED A TRANSIT BAN IN EFFECT FOR MORAZAN. INSURGENT ELEMENTS ALSO PLACED OBSTACLES ON THE MAIN HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES, FORCING A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT PLAN ONLY MINUTES BEFORE THE AIR INSERTION WAS TO BEGIN. DURING SUBSEQUENT CONFUSION AT THE ALTERNATE LANDING SITE, AN ACCIDENT RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO A UH-1H HELICOPTER, REQUIRING A FORWARD MAINTENANCE EFFORT. ALTHOUGH SOME MINOR CONTACT WITH GUERRILLA FORCES HAS OCCURRED, MILITARY REPORTS INDICATE SOME INSURGENT UNITS LEFT THE OPERATIONAL AREA AFTER MINING IT EXTENSIVELY.

4. COMMENT: (S//NF) THE MORAZAN OPERATION REFLECTS THE MILITARY'S DESIRE TO DISRUPT A LONGSTANDING INSURGENT STRONGHOLD, WHICH WAS MINIMALLY AFFECTED BY THE RECENTLY COMPLETED OPERATION "SENTINEL" AND ONLY PERIODICALLY EXPERIENCES GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. THE MORAZAN OPERATION IS THE FIRST MAJOR MILITARY SWEEP IN THIS AREA IN SEVERAL MONTHS. ALTHOUGH THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE WAS COMPROMISED EARLY AND THE AIRMOBILE PHASE OF THE OPERATION BECAME SOMEWHAT DISORGANIZED, THE CURRENT EFFORT WILL FORCE THE GUERRILLAS TO ABANDON AT LEAST TEMPORARILY A KEY REGION WHERE THEY HAVE REMAINED UNMOLESTED FOR SOME TIME AND WILL PROBABLY DISRUPT NEAR-TERM INSURGENT PLANS AND LOGISTICS IN THE NORTHEAST.

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