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~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Operation Azenon Palma in San Vicente Department has been a significant departure from traditional hammer-and-anvil tactics and, based on casualty figures, has proven to be highly successful.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Contrary to the expected maneuver with blocking forces acting as an anvil and a sweeping force hammering the guerrillas, this operation features screening forces on the east and west boundaries of the operation area with one force moving from north to south and a second from south to north, both meeting in the center. Additionally, deception measures, airmobile insertions, and the use of air assets for aerial surveillance and reconnaissance as well as following up on developed targets have characterized the operation to date. Nevertheless, this more complicated concept will require close and careful coordination and control to avoid potential confusion and self-inflicted casualties.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Some elements of the Salvadoran military have previously demonstrated their willingness to try new or different tactics to catch the guerrillas off guard, but this is the first large-scale use of such a new or different approach. It not only reflects a willingness on the part of the Armed Force Chief of Staff to authorize the implementation of new ideas, but also the growing conviction that new approaches must be found to more effectively combat the guerrillas in the field. If this operation concludes successfully, not only will the commander's prestige continue to rise, but also the pressure will be on other commanders to apply the new tactics. (DECL OADR)

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