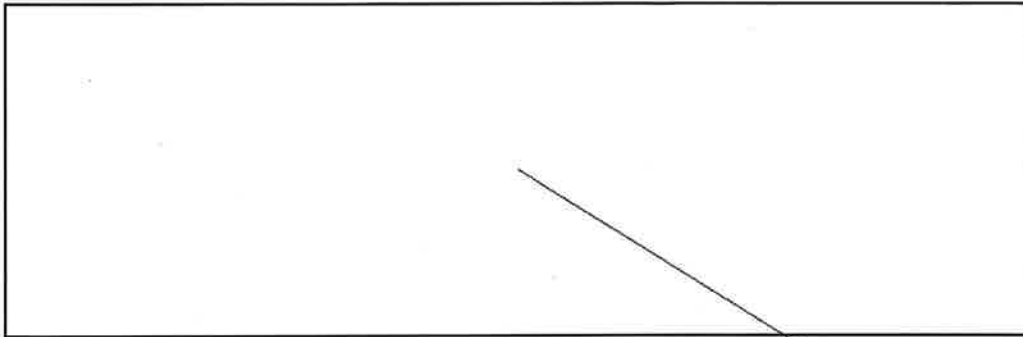


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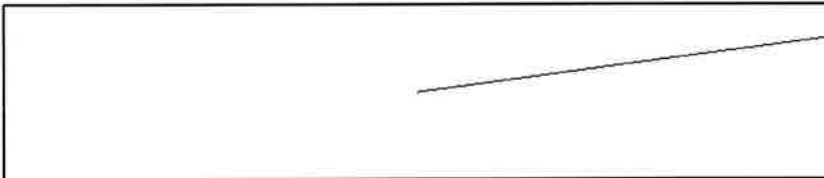
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1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE 14-COMPANY OPERATION IN NORTHERN LA UNION DEPARTMENT UNDER COL FLORES HAS REPORTEDLY REGAINED CONTROL OF GUERRILLA-SEIZED TOWNS.
2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOME OF THE TOWNS WERE REPORTEDLY ABANDONED BY THE INSURGENTS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF GOVERNMENT FORCES. THE MILITARY HAS DECIDED TO PURSUE THE GUERRILLAS AND FLORES' FORCES ARE MANEUVERING

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TO RETAKE CORINTO IN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT. CASUALTIES SO FAR REPORTED BY THE ARMED FORCES ARE 10 DEAD AND 36 WOUNDED IN CONTRAST TO 100 GUERRILLAS KILLED AND 150 WOUNDED.

3. (C//NOFORN)

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4. (C//NOFORN) COMMENT THE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM AGAINST THE FLEEING INSURGENTS IS INDICATIVE OF OFFICIAL SALVADORAN RESOLVE TO EXPAND EFFORTS AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS, AN OBJECTIVE WHICH WAS ALSO RECENTLY VOICED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE GEN GARCIA. THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE CONTINUING OPERATION AS WELL AS ANY HONDURAN SUPPORT ARE UNDETERMINED. HOWEVER, THE GUERRILLAS CAN BE EXPECTED TO MOUNT STIFFER RESISTANCE AS GOVERNMENT FORCES PENETRATE DEEPER INTO THEIR "HOME" TERRITORY IN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT. SIMILARILY, ONCE COMMITTED, THE MILITARY WILL QUITE LIKELY BELIEVE ITS PRESTIGE IS AT STAKE AND THAT IT MUST REGAIN THE TOWNS REGARDLESS OF COST.

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