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1. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ THE 21-COMPANY OPERATION BEGUN ON 26 JULY HAS LED TO SPORADIC CONTACT WITH GUERRILLA FORCES, MANY OF WHOM ARE BELIEVED TO BE TRYING TO EVADE ENCIRCLEMENT.

2. ~~(TS)~~ ^{(b)(3);10 USC 424} ~~(NOFORN)~~ THE ATLCATL AND RAMON BELLOSO QUICK-REACTION BATTALIONS HAVE MADE ADVANCES ALONG THEIR EAST-TO-WEST AXIS TOWARD THE LEMPA RIVER AS BLOCKING FORCES ARE IN PLACE NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST OF THE SWEEP. CASUALTIES SO FAR APPEAR LIGHT, WITH

SOME 6 KILLED AND 18 WOUNDED FOR FRIENDLY FORCES TO ABOUT 33 GUERRILLAS KILLED AS THE OPERATION ENTERED ITS THIRD DAY. THE BELLOSO BATTALION HAS REPORTED SUFFERING THREE PERSONNEL WOUNDED

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A RESULT OF ENCOUNTERS WITH PUNJI STICKS, WHICH ARE SAID TO PERMEATE THE AVENUES OF APPROACH INTO GUERRILLA STRONGHOLDS.

3. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SEEM PLEASED WITH THE DETAILED

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS DEVELOPED FOR THE SWEEP, THE INTEGRATED PLANNING PROCESS THAT THEY BELIEVE IS THE BEST TO DATE, AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF FULL HEADQUARTERS STAFFS FOR THE PROVISIONAL BRIGADE AND ITS FIVE SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS. COMMUNICATIONS WERE IMPROVED THROUGH USE OF SECURE TELEPHONES TO THE MAIN HEADQUARTERS AND ASSIGNMENT OF DEDICATED COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS TO OPERATIONAL UNITS. EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY DEFINED. IN ADDITION, TERRITORIAL SERVICES IRREGULARS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO MAJOR UNITS. THEY ARE CHARGED WITH PROVIDING GUIDES, ESTABLISHING CHECK POINTS, AND HELPING IN RESUPPLY AND EVACUATION. BETTER LOGISTIC SUPPORT

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THE FIELD SEEMS APPARENT. TWO UH-1H IROQUOIS HELICOPTERS ARE OPERATING OUT OF USULUTAN, AND FOUR A-37*S REMAIN ON STRIP ALERT AT

ILOPANGO AIRFIELD.

4. ~~(TS//NOFORN)~~ (b)(3);10 USC 424 THE GUERRILLAS ARE APPARENTLY DEFENDING THEIR POSITIONS AND WITHDRAWING SLOWLY TOWARD THE WEST. IF DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOW PREVIOUS PATTERNS, GOVERNMENT FORCES WILL PROBABLY DESTROY SOME GUERRILLA CAMPS BUT HAVE A HARD TIME TRAPPING

MOST OF THE INSURGENTS. EVEN IF MANY ESCAPE, THE PROFESSIONAL PLANNING, STAFFING, AND CARRYING OUT OF THE PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS WILL HAVE PROVIDED THE MILITARY WITH VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

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