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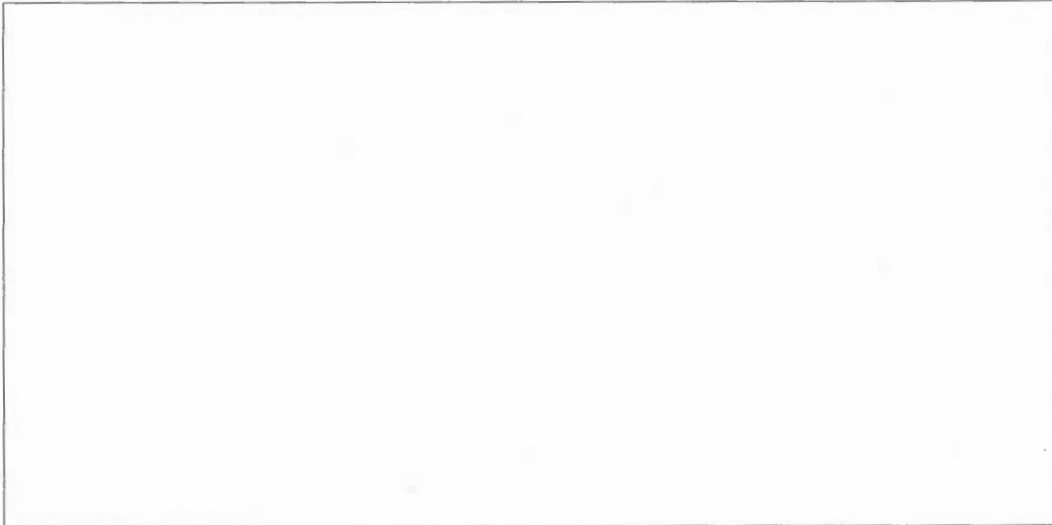
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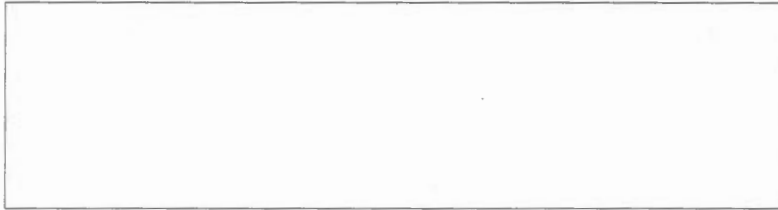
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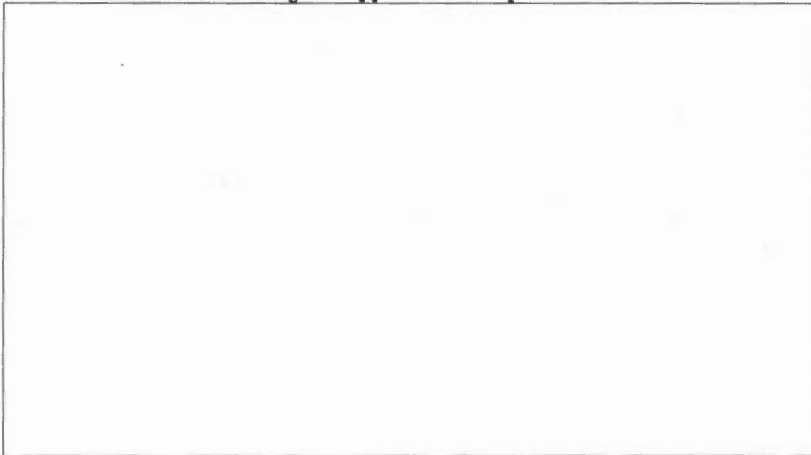
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EL SALVADOR: Insurgent Offensive Postponed

The guerrilla campaign originally scheduled for this month apparently has been delayed until early next year, largely because of coordination problems among the various insurgent factions. Another factor may have been the unprecedented success of a recent government offensive against a major insurgent concentration near the Honduran border. The action, which was based on improved intelligence, forced at least one guerrilla unit to flee the area; it appears to have reduced the immediate threat to the two key hydroelectric dams. To keep the insurgents off balance, the government has begun another large offensive against a guerrilla stronghold in the northeast. The military is seeking cooperation from Honduran forces to prevent the insurgents from escaping across the border.

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Despite the delay, the insurgents are likely to continue local attacks this month. The insurgents have been told that attempts to provide them with supplies would be made over the holidays.

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