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SUBJECT: CONFLICTING REPORT OF DEATH OF FARN LEADER

1. ACCORDING TO SEPT. 23 NEWSPAPER, THE ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN) HAS PUBLISHED A COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF ITS "TOP-RANKING LEADER, ERNESTO JOVEL." THE COMMUNIQUE GIVES NO DETAILS. SEPT. 22 RADIO REPORT QUOTES WAR BULLETIN #34 OF FARN STATING THAT JOVEL "PERISHED TRAGICALLY."

2. FBIS CHIVA CHIVA PN 3598 REPORTS THAT A SALVADORAN NEWSMAN DENIED ALLEGATIONS OF JOVEL'S DEATH, STATING THAT THE ERNESTO JOVEL WHO DIED "IN SOME TYPE OF RAID" WAS NOT THE FARN LEADER OF THE SAME NAME.

3. TWO RECENT FBIS REPORTS (FBIS CHIVA CHIVA PN 3237 AND 3525) QUOTING SAN JOSE RADIO NOTICIAS DEL CONTINENTE HAVE REFERRED TO JOVEL AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF FARN. EMBASSY HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT HIM.
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