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- A. USCINCSO 302105Z OCT 80
- B. JCS PUB 64 VOL II, PART II, CHAP 5
- C. PANAMA CANAL TREATIES OF 1977 AND RELATED AGREEMENTS
- D. SM 356-75 (UNIFIED COMMAND PLANS)
- E. FY 81 JSCP

1. (C) COMMANDER'S SUMMARY: USSOUTHCOM CAN SATISFACTORILY ACCOMPLISH ALL MISSIONS ASSIGNED IN JCS APPROVED PLANS. IN THE EVENT OF A SERIOUS OR SUSTAINED THREAT HOWEVER, RAPID AUGMENTATION BY SELECTED AIR DEFENSE, COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY, AND SURVEILLANCE UNITS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROPERLY EXECUTE OPLAN 6500, DEFENSE OF THE PANAMA CANAL. COMMAND'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT EVACUATION OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPLAN 6100 WERE SUCCESSFULLY EVALUATED DURING EXERCISE NIMBLE WARRIOR. MAJOR EMPHASIS CONTINUES TO BE PLACED ON MAINTAINING U.S. FORCES IN

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THE CANAL AREA AT MAXIMUM READINESS AND THE COMMAND IS PREPARED TO FULFILL ALL ASSIGNED MISSIONS WITH RESPECT TO A WIDE RANGE OF CONTINGENCIES AND THREAT SITUATIONS. PERSONNEL SHORTAGES IN THE NAVAL AND ARMY COMPONENTS AND PARTICULARLY IN THE ARMY NCO RANKS, HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSELY EFFECTING THE COMMAND'S ABILITY TO SATISFACTORILY ACCOMPLISH THE CANAL DEFENSE MISSION. THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THIS COMMAND'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY CONTINUALLY HIGHLIGHTS THE NECESSITY FOR ESTABLISHING/MAINTAINING GOOD MILITARY TO MILITARY RELATIONS. THE FY82 PROPOSAL TO ADD 16-20 SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANPOWER AUTHORIZATIONS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE REGIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY REPRESENTATION MISSIONS. WE VIEW THE FORMULATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE U.S. NATIONAL POLICY FOR LATIN AMERICA AS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. THIS POLICY SHOULD ADDRESS THE REGION AS A SINGLE STRATEGIC ENTITY WHILE RECOGNIZING AND ACCOMMODATING THE DIVERGENT, AND OFTEN CONFLICTING, INTERESTS OF THE NATIONS WHICH COMPRISE IT. TO THIS END, ONLY A FULLY COORDINATED, INTER-AGENCY EFFORT, CONDUCTED THROUGH A SINGLE REGIONAL UNIFIED COMMAND, CAN ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULTS. FINALLY, THE PANAMANIAN GUARDIA NACIONAL CONTINUES TO EXPRESS LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN CANAL DEFENSE AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR

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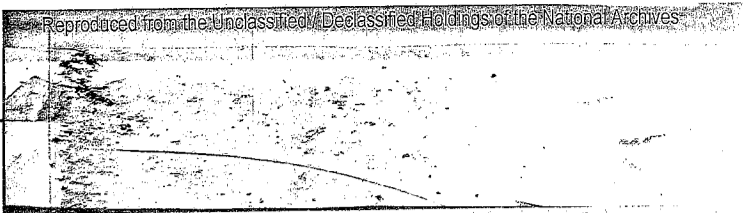
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DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMAND'S RECENTLY CONCLUDED CANAL DEFENSE EXERCISE BLACK HAWK IV.

2. {U} FACTORS WHICH IMPACT SIGNIFICANTLY ON READINESS TO EXECUTE JCS APPROVED PLANS AS OF 31 MARCH 81 ARE DISCUSSED BELOW:

A. {U} PERSONNEL:

{1} {C} HQ, USSOUTHCOM. FOUR OF ELEVEN NEW MANPOWER SPACES AUTHORIZED HQ, USSOUTHCOM HAVE BEEN FILLED AND BY NAME REPLACEMENTS FOR FIVE OTHER SPACES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED. REMAINING SPACES NOT FILLED OR REPLACEMENT IDENTIFIED ARE FOR THE U.S. COMBINED BOARD. THE EVER INCREASING POLITICAL-MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE USSOUTHCOM AOR HAS DICTATED THAT THE PSYOPS MONITORING/PLANNING FUNCTION BECOME A FULL TIME STAFF POSITION. AS A RESULT, A PSYOPS STAFF OFFICER POSITION IS BEING REQUESTED UNDER THE PROPOSED FY82 JOINT MANPOWER PROGRAM.

{2} {C} 193D INF BDE {PN} ASSIGNED STRENGTH, INCLUDING TENANT ACTIVITIES, AVERAGED 95.4% DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, PERSONNEL STRENGTH IN ROLL-UP READINESS REPORTING UNITS VARIED BETWEEN 82-93%. CURRENTLY, THE BRIGADE IS AT 91% OF ITS AUTHORIZED STRENGTH WITH ROLL-UP READINESS UNITS AT 82% STRENGTH. NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER STRENGTH STANDS AT 89%. THE OFFICER

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DISTRIBUTION PLAN (ODP) FOR CY81 IS SET AT 96% OF AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS (AUTH 478 - ODP 459). CURRENT OFFICER OPERATING STRENGTH IS 467 WITH A PROJECTED STRENGTH OF 460 BY FY82.

{3} {C} THE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF UNRESTRICTED LINE (URL) OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. NAVY HAS SEVERELY IMPACTED ON BOTH THE U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL AND THE U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION BALBOA. AS A RESULT OF THIS SITUATION, THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN MANNED AT 71% OF AUTHORIZED URL BILLETS. CURRENT NAVAL STATION ENLISTED MANNING IS 93.2% AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE FURTHER REDUCED IN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS WITH THE COMBAT CRAFT SECTION OF THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT BEING MOST EFFECTED. ANTICIPATED REDUCTIONS MAY NECESSITATE THE ELIMINATION OF SELECTED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS.

{4} {C} U.S. SOUTHERN AIR DIVISION, PANAMA. USAFSO CONTINUES TO REDUCE ITS PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED MANPOWER REDUCTION. THE 24TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON IS UNABLE TO MEET USSOUTHCOM TASKS UNDER USCINCSO OPLAN 6500/CONPLAN 6100-80 FOR OTHER THAN EXTREMELY SHORT PERIODS OF DURATION UNDER CURRENT MANNING.

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{1} {S} THE VOLATILE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA CONTINUES. THE FIRST "HARD" EVIDENCE OF EXTENSIVE EXTERNAL AID TO CENTRAL AMERICAN INSURGENTS HAS SURFACED. NICARAGUA, VIETNAM, ETHIOPIA, NORTH KOREA AND VARIOUS EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS INFILTRATED WEAPONS, CADRE AND OTHER SUPPORT THROUGH CUBA, PANAMA, COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS WITH VARYING DEGREES OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL ASSISTANCE. DESPITE SALVADORAN MILITARY SUCCESSES, INSURGENTS RETAIN THE CAPABILITY TO CREATE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHAOS. NICARAGUA CONTINUES TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON CUBA AND A GROWING WAR PSYCHOSIS FUELED BY FEARS OF INVASION BY ONE OR MORE OF ITS NEIGHBORS. HONDURAN ARMED FORCES ARE BECOMING MORE APPREHENSIVE OF THE POTENTIAL THREAT POSED BY REGIONAL INSURGENCY AND BY NICARAGUA. COSTA RICA REMAINS A LARGELY UNWILLING ACCOMPLICE OF INSURGENT GROUPS OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND IS SHOWING SIGNS OF INCREASING ECONOMIC INSTABILITY. GUATEMALA'S INTENSE AND INDISCRIMINATE RESPONSE TO ITS INTERNAL SITUATION SUSTAINED ITS ALIENATION FROM POTENTIAL SUPPORTERS, WHILE COLOMBIA EXPERIENCED A RESURGENCE OF THE M-19 GUERRILLAS.

{2} {S} U.S. INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THIS REGION REMAIN INADEQUATE. TO CORRECT SHORT COMINGS, THE FOLLOWING STEPS ARE CON-

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CONSIDERED NECESSARY:

{A} {S} SUBSTANTIALLY ELEVATE LATIN AMERICAN INTEL COLLECTION PRIORITIES COMMENSURATE WITH THE ENHANCED NATIONAL SECURITY/FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES IT NOW ENJOYS;

{B} {S} ESTABLISH A COMBINED INTEL OPERATIONS CENTER IN CENTRAL AMERICA TO ENCOURAGE AND GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE AND EXPLOITATION BY ALL CENTAM NATIONS;

{C} {S} ESTABLISH A CIA REGIONAL COORDINATOR AT USSOUTHCOM.

{D} {S} SUBSTANTIALLY EXPAND SERVICE/NATIONAL HUMINT ASSETS OPERATING IN BOTH CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA; I.E., ESTABLISH PERMANENT, DEDICATED USDAOs IN NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA; PROVIDE PERMANENT NAVAL AND AIR ATTACHES TO ES AND RETURN THE MILGPS TO BOTH CHILE AND BOLIVIA.

{E} {S} THE COMMAND IS IN THE PROCESS OF RESPONDING TO A JCS REQUEST FOR A PLAN TO AUGMENT EXISTING RESOURCES AND CORRECT CITED SHORTFALLS. AS A STOP GAP MEASURE A SPECIAL TASK FORCE HAS BEEN CREATED FROM HEADQUARTERS AND COMPONENT ASSETS TO SUPPORT CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS. ITS FUNCTION IS TO COLLECT OVERT GEOGRAPHIC DATA AND ANALYZE ALL AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE PERTINENT TO SPECIFIC COUNTER-TERRORISM AND EVACUATION PLANNING WITH THE GOAL OF PUBLISHING INTELLI-

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GENE SUPPORT PACKAGES FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING. TO DATE IT HAS PRODUCED STUDIES ON EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA AND BOLIVIA WITH HONDURAS AND GUATEMALA UNDERWAY. THE TASK FORCE IS COORDINATING ITS ACTIVITIES WITH THE JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (JSOC).

C. - {U} OPERATIONS:

{1} {S} THE LACK OF AN IN-PLACE AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY CONTINUES TO BE AN AREA OF CONCERN PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL REGIONAL THREAT POSED BY AN INCREASING SOVIET/CUBAN POTENTIAL TO PROJECT MILITARY AIR POWER. THE ON-GOING CUBAN-SPONSORED EXPANSION OF TWO AIRFIELDS ON NICARAGUA'S ATLANTIC COAST, COUPLED WITH CONTINUING CLOSE TIES BETWEEN HAVANA AND MANAGUA, COULD PRESAGE THE FUTURE STATIONING AND/OR TRANSFER OF CUBAN COMBAT AIRCRAFT TO NICARAGUA. SUCH EXPANSIONS COULD THREATEN THE CANAL AREA. FURTHER, COMBINED WITH CUBAN CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT ON GRENADA, THESE PROJECTS RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INCREASED SOVIET/CUBAN TACTICAL THREAT TO THE AREA -- A MILITARY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CHALLENGE UNDERSTOOD NOT ONLY BY US, BUT BY OUR ALLIES IN VENEZUELA AS WELL.

{2} {S} RECENTLY CONCLUDED PANAMA CANAL DEFENSE EXERCISE BLACK HAWK IV PROVIDED THIS COMMAND WITH A MEANINGFUL TEST OF THE AIR DEFENSE

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CONCEPT. OVERALL CONCEPT APPEARS SOUND; HOWEVER, RAPID CONUS-BASED AUGMENTATION IS NECESSARY FOR TOTAL AIR DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS.

{3} {S} EXERCISE NIMBLE WARRIOR PRESENTED THE COMMAND WITH A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE EVACUATION OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPLAN 6100. AUGMENTATION, COMMAND AND CONTROL AND AIRFLOW PROCEDURES WERE EVALUATED IN DETAIL. THE NIMBLE WARRIOR EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT COMMAND CONTINGENCY PLANNING TO SUPPORT EVACUATION OPERATIONS IS VIABLE.

{4} {S} ARNG ROTATIONAL A-7 AIRCREWS CONTINUE TO REPORT FOR ACTIVE DUTY WITH USSOUTHCOM UNQUALIFIED IN THE USE OF AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES. AS A RESULT, THE IN PLACE AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF USSOUTHCOM IS LIMITED TO THE REDEYE MISSILE.

{5} {S} BLACK HAWK IV, THE ANNUAL PANAMA CANAL DEFENSE EXERCISE, WAS CONDUCTED 18-25 FEB 81. THE EXERCISE SATISFACTORILY EVALUATED USSOUTHCOM'S ABILITY TO RECEIVE AND DEPLOY AUGMENTATION FORCES AND ENGAGE IN OPERATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD PROTECTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL. THE FOCUS OF THIS YEAR'S EXERCISE WAS AIR DEFENSE. COMBINED OPERATIONS WITH THE PANAMA GUARDIA NACIONAL {GN} WERE NOT CONDUCTED NOR EVALUATED AS A RESULT OF THE GN DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE.

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{B} {S} WHILE THE GN DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE BLACK HAWK IV, THEY DID TAKE PART IN SELECTED SMALL UNIT TRAINING. IN DEC 80, THE GN PARTICIPATED WITH THE 193D INF BDE IN A FIVE DAY COMMAND POST WAR-GAME EXERCISE. ADDITIONALLY, DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, THE GN HAD TWO 50 MAN PLATOONS ATTEND THE JUNGLE WARFARE SCHOOL AT FT SHERMAN. THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN CENTRAL AMERICA, PANAMA'S APPARENT DESIRE TO MAINTAIN LIMITED ALIGNMENT, AND LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE LACK OF GN PARTICIPATION.

{7} {S} DURING MAY-OCT 80, THE GN PERIODICALLY OBSTRUCTED THE MOVEMENT OF U.S. FORCES' CONVOYS. DELAYS VARIED IN TIME FROM AS LITTLE AS 15 MINUTES TO AS MUCH AS 20 HOURS. THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVED THE DELAY AND SUBSEQUENT OVERNIGHT IMPOUNDMENT OF THREE U.S. ARMY AMMUNITION TRUCKS. ADDITIONALLY, TWO RAIL MOVEMENTS WERE IMPEDED IN LATE SEP AND EARLY OCT. IN OCT 80, THE CB REACHED A WORKING AGREEMENT WITH THE GN ON CONVOY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES. SINCE THAT TIME, NO SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS HAVE OCCURRED. IN NOV 80, IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AN OFFICIAL RESOLUTION TO THE ISSUE, THE U.S. PROPOSED TO THE GN THE CONCEPT OF COMBINED STANDING OPERATING PROCED-

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URES (CSOP) WITH ANNEXES DEVOTED TO RAIL AND VEHICULAR MOVEMENT. THIS CSOP ADDRESSES RAIL AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT AS OPERATIONAL VICE TREATY MATTERS. THE GN IS CURRENTLY EVALUATING THIS PROPOSAL. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSED CSOP, THE U.S. IN JAN 83 ALSO BEGAN ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO THE GN CB ON RAIL MOVEMENTS. NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THAT TIME.

(B) (S) THE CANAL DEFENSE PLAN (USCINCSO OPLAN 6501-81) HAS BEEN REVISED AND FORWARDED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. TPFDD REFINEMENT FOR NON-MOBILIZATION CONTINGENCIES IS COMPLETE. FOR CANAL DEFENSE CONTINGENCIES INVOLVING FULL MOBILIZATION, GIVEN CURRENT PLANNING FACTORS, AUGMENTATION FORCES CANNOT BE DEPLOYED IN A TIMELY MANNER. USSOUTHCOM HAS REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MAKE THE 53D INFANTRY BRIGADE (FLARNG) AVAILABLE FOR DEPLOYMENT ON M+14 VICE M+28 AND THAT JCS/J4 DEDICATE THREE MSC SHIPS FOR USSOUTHCOM AUGMENTATION AND RESUPPLY BEGINNING M+8.

(S) (S) PAST REDUCTIONS IN USSOUTHCOM HEADQUARTERS STRENGTH HAVE ELIMINATED THE HEADQUARTERS CAPABILITY FOR THE PLANNING, EXERCISE AND EVALUATION OF THE COMMAND IN SUCH AREAS AS ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW), PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND CIVIL AFFAIRS. LESS IMMEDIATE

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REQUIREMENTS HAVE PLACED THESE FUNCTIONS INTO THE BACKGROUND FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, THE PSYOP SHORTFALL IS NOW CRITICAL, AND IS ADDRESSED IN THE FY82 JOINT MANPOWER PROGRAM. THE EW DEFICIENCY IS SIMILARLY CRUCIAL. SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS WILL PROBABLY TAKE THE FORM OF TDY AUGMENTATION. ULTIMATELY, THE HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF CAPABILITIES IN PSYOPS, EW, AND CIVIL AFFAIRS MUST BE REESTABLISHED.

{10} {S} METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITES PROVIDE THE ONLY SOURCE OF SPECIFIC WEATHER INFORMATION FOR LARGE AREAS WITHIN THE USSOUTHCOM AREA OF INTEREST. THE RECENT OPERATIONAL LOSS OF THE DEFENSE METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM (DMSP) SPACECRAFT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE METEOROLOGICAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO THIS COMMAND. PRESENTLY ONLY ONE WEATHER SATELLITE, A NON-DOD SYSTEM, IS OPERATIONAL AND ITS CONTINUED OPERATION, UNTIL A REPLACEMENT SATELLITE CAN BE PLACED IN ORBIT, IS NOT ASSURED. IN VIEW OF REGIONAL SITUATION AND USSOUTHCOM'S PLANNED CONTINGENCIES, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FULL, TIMELY, AND COMMAND RESPONSIVE WEATHER SATELLITE COVERAGE BE RESTORED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

{11} {S} DURING THE PERIOD 5 FEB - 21 MAR 1981, USSOUTHCOM SUPPORTED

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ATTACHE OBSERVER COMMISSION PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ALONG THE PERU/ECUADOR BORDER. SUPPORT FORCE INITIALLY CONSISTED OF 2 U.S. ARMY UH-1 HELICOPTERS ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE GROUND SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL. ON 17 FEB 81, 1 U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER WAS DECLARED MISSING WHILE ENROUTE TO PERFORMING AN OBSERVER MISSION. AIRCRAFT AND CREW HAVE NOT BEEN LOCATED AND REMAIN MISSING TO THIS DATE. ALTHOUGH MARRED BY THIS MISHAP, COMMISSION SUPPORT CONTINUED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF 2 USAF TWIN ENGINED UH-1N HELICOPTERS. OVER-ALL MISSION EFFORT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE RESTORATION OF A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT ALONG THE FRONTIER BORDER OF PERU AND ECUADOR.

{12} {S} MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS: THE FOLLOWING MTT'S WERE PROVIDED BY USSOUTHCOM COMPONENT COMMANDS UNDER THE DIRECTION AND IN COORDINATION WITH USSOUTHCOM LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE.

{A} {U} EL SALVADOR:

{1} {S} OPS & PLANNING MTT - ONE OFFICER FROM 3/7 SF BN (FOUR FROM CONUS) 20 OCT - 19 DEC 80 AND 7 JAN - 2 JUN 81.

{2} {S} ZONAL LEVEL OPS & PLANNING MTT - ONE OFFICER AND TWO EN-LISTED FROM 3/7 SF BN 8 MAR FOR 179 DAYS.

{3} {S} ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND & CONTROL MTT - TWO OFFICERS AND

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TWO ENLISTED FROM 3/7 SF BN 8 MAR FOR 179 DAYS.

{4} {S} SMALL UNIT TRAINING MTT - THREE OFFICERS, 12 ENLISTED FROM 3/7 SF BN 8 MAR FOR 179 DAYS.

{5} {S} NAVY MTT - TWO ENLISTED OF FIVE MAN TEAM FROM SCIATT 1 MAR FOR 60 DAYS.

{B} {U} HONDURAS:

{1} {S} UH-1H MAINT MTT - ONE ENLISTED FROM 210TH AVN BN 3-21 NOV 80.

{2} {S} FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT MTT - TWO OFFICERS FROM USARSA 7-27 MAR 81.

{C} {S} PERU: BATTLE SIMULATION MTT - TWO OFFICERS FROM USARSA 30 NOV - 6 DEC 80.

{D} {S} COLOMBIA: WEAPONS MECHANICS MTT - FOUR ENLISTED FROM IAAFA 3-24 MAR 81.

D. {U} LOGISTICS: IN ACCORDANCE WITH JCS MEMO SM 646-80 OF 17 NOV 80, THE FOLLOWING SUSTAINABILITY REPORT IS PROVIDED. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SIMILAR TO THAT PROVIDED IN USCINCSO 141817Z JAN 81 {S}.

{1} {S} ARMY COMPONENTS.

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{4} {U} REMARKS:

{A} {S} U.S. NAVY COMPONENT PROVIDES FUEL FOR ALL SERVICE COMPONENTS IN PANAMA CANAL AREA. U.S. NAVAL STATION, PANAMA, IS LOCAL DFSC REPRESENTATIVE.

{B} {U} U.S. ARMY COMPONENT FORCE PROVIDES MOST CLASS V GROUND TO ALL SERVICE COMPONENTS IN PANAMA CANAL AREA.

{C} {U} U.S. ARMY COMPONENT FORCE PROVIDES AIR FORCE COMPONENT FORCE WITH CLASS I.

{D} {S} AIR FORCE COMPONENT MAINTAINS SUFFICIENT CLASS V, AIR TO SUPPORT FOUR HELICOPTER GUN SHIPS AND FOUR A-7 FIGHTER BOMBERS

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{E} {S} THE PWR'S AUTHORIZED USSOUTHCOM IS 50 DOS FOR CLASS I, V {GROUND} AND VIII; 25 DOS FOR CLASS III AND 15 DOS FOR CLASS V {AIR}. THESE LEVELS ARE HELD IN PANAMA CANAL AREA FOR CURRENT INPLACE FORCES.

E. {U} COMMUNICATIONS:

{1} {S} SECURE VOICE ASSETS ARE INSUFFICIENT TO SECURE THE USSOUTHCOM HF COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT CONTINGENCY PLANS.

{2} {S} CURRENT DEPLOYABLE LONG HAUL VOICE COMMUNICATIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT CONTINGENCY PLANS. USSOUTHCOM REQUIREMENTS DICTATE THAT BOTH SINGLE AND MULTICHANNEL CAPABILITY BE AVAILABLE.

{3} {S} LACK OF A COMMAND TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER PRECLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING RECORD COMMUNICATIONS IN SUPPORT OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.

{4} {S} USSOUTHCOM HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST TANGIBLE BENEFITS UNDER THE CINC C2 INITIATIVES FUNDING PROGRAM {FY-81} WITH THE RECEIPT OF NINE KY-65 {PARKHILL} SECURE VOICE DEVICES. FUNDING {TOTAL \$147,000, APPROVED FY81} IS AVAILABLE FOR THE USAF TO PROCURE THIRTEEN ADDIT-

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IONAL KY-65'S. ADDITIONALLY, FOUR SUNAIR HF TRANSCEIVERS HAVE BEEN PROCURED/SHIPPED AND FUNDS (\$138,000, APPROVED FY81) ARE AVAILABLE TO PROCURE EIGHTEEN MORE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

{5} {S} IN MARCH 1981, SECURE HF VOICE COMMUNICATIONS WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN USMILGP EL SALVADOR AND HQ USSOUTHCOM. SECURE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH USMILGP NICARAGUA IN MAY 1981 AND AN ADDITIONAL 8 SECURE TERMINALS WILL BE INSTALLED IN REGIONAL MILGPs, AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BY 15 SEP 81.

{6} {C} CINC INITIATIVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425K ARE PROJECTED FOR FY82 TO COMPLETE THE HF SECURE VOICE PROGRAM OF THE USSOUTHCOM REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (MISSION RADIO SYSTEM).

{7} {C} NON-AVAILABILITY OF THE TERMINAL TELEGRAPH (AN/TSC-58) CONTINUES TO REDUCE THE COMMAND AND CONTROL CAPABILITY OF THE 193D INF BDE. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THIS CAPABILITY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

{8} {C} U.S. ARMY AIRBORNE SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT FOR AIR-GROUND-AIR COMMUNICATIONS REMAINS AT 20% FILL. ARMY GROUND UNITS SECURE VOICE CAPABILITY IS SATISFACTORY AT APPROXIMATELY 80% FILL.

F. {U} FACILITIES STATUS.

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 CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT COMMENCED. PROJECT WHICH IS PART OF PANAMA
 CANAL TREATY PHASE II CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE
 COMPLETED BY JULY 1982.

{2} {U} PIERS AT RODMAN NAVAL BASE. NO CHANGE FROM LAST REPORT.
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SUBJECT: Commander's Semi-Annual SITREP, 1 October 80 - 31 March 1981

1. PURPOSE: To obtain approval of the Commander's Semi-Annual SITREP letter at TAB A.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. This report is required semi-annually by USSOUTHCOM Reg 525-1 (TAB B) for consolidation with SITREPs provided by other services and subsequent submission to JCS.

b. A copy of the Brigade's last SITREP is at TAB C.

c. Comments received from AG, G2, G3 (Tng & Ops), DC-E, G4, and FD are inclosed at TABS D-J.

3. DISCUSSION:

a. Personnel. (TAB D). The Brigade strength percentages are discussed as well as strength fluctuations in up-coming months.

b. Intelligence. (TAB E). As of March 1981, relations continue to be amicable between the Government of Panama (GOP) and the US. Major occurrences of the past six months which impacted upon US-PN relations and the next six months are presented.

c. Training. (TAB F). Training for the first and second quarter FY81 are summarized.

d. Operations. (TAB G). Brigade TOC operations for CPW and Black Hawk IV, contingency operations, disaster relief, mobile training teams, and high altitude training are presented.

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e. Communications. (TAB H). Summary update of last SITREP is highlighted.

f. Logistics. (TAB I).

(1) Pre-positioned war reserve material requirements stock status, and operational projects are presented.

(2) There are no logistical problem areas which can be expected to deter or hinder mission accomplishment of the Brigade.

g. Force Development. (TAB J). In this area, the following subject is discussed: ALO reductions, reserve componet, TOW/Dragon authorization, and FORSCOM Manpower Survey.

4. Recommendation. The letter at TAB A be signed.

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HEADQUARTERS, 193d INFANTRY BRIGADE (PANAMA)
FORT CLAYTON, PANAMA

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Commander in Chief
United States Southern Command
ATTN: SCJ3
Quarry Heights, Panama

1. (U) Personnel:

a. (U) Total military strength (including tenant activities) averaged 95.4% during the period 1 October 1980 - 31 March 1981. During the same period, the personnel strength in the 193d Inf Bde roll-up readiness reporting units varied between 82-93%.

b. (C) Currently, the Brigade is at 91% of its authorized strength (readiness roll-up units at 82%).

c. (U) The current strength posture is low due to the results of the NCO draw down. This Command is currently at 89% NCO strength, a reduction of 22% since this time last year. Coupled with an excessive amount of personnel requisitions that were not validated by MILPERCEN, the Command's strength fell below the FORSCOM goal of 95% NCO strength and 98% for overall enlisted strength. Close coordination has been made with MILPERCEN to improve the situation but enlisted strength will not improve significantly until 4th Quarter of FY81.

d. (U) ODP support for CY81 will be at 96% of authorization for commissioned and warrant officers (Auth 478 - ODP-459). Current officer operating strength is 467 with a projected strength of 460 by the beginning of FY82.

2. (C/NOFORN) Intelligence (U):

a. (U) Past Six Months:

(1) (U) As of March 1981, relations between the Government of Panama (GOP) and the US continue to be amicable. The most visible and overworked anti-US "tempest in a teapot" during the last six months was the Guardia Nacional's (GN) refusal to participate in the two week Joint Service Exercise BLACK HAWK IV (11-25 February). Subsequently, untrue allegations were made in the Panamanian news media that the exercise had neither been coordinated with nor authorized by the GOP or GN. These actions are regarded as typical chauvinistic ploys by the Torrijos-dominated government to take attention away from the GOP's own problems on the one hand, and on the other hand, to strike out at the US for alleged intervention in Panama's affairs; for example, US Secretary

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of State's exchange with President Royo and General Torrijos regarding El Salvador (ES) and alleged "Treaties' violations," (e.g., disputes involving pay standards for US employed Panamanian workers).

(2) (U) In a 1 March meeting at his Farallon beach home, with visiting students and faculty of the Inter-American Defense College, Gen Torrijos appeared in a mellow mood, taking a moderate attitude toward events in ES and advocating a peaceful solution without attacking (as his press had continuously) US activities and policies with respect to ES. Surprisingly, in view of the fact that the US Army School of the Americas (USARSA) had been under constant attack in the Panamanian news media, not only as an evil foreign influence, but specifically for training military personnel of ES, Torrijos stated the "nation's decision not to close it because we would go down in history as the ones who close down schools."

b. (C/NOFORN) Outlook for Next Six Months: Relations between the GOP and the new US administration are expected to remain cordial, if wary, while the two governments take measure of each other. Events in ES are expected to continue to influence the relationship, as are Treaty-related matters. However, as the next large Treaties-mandated series of changes (e.g., the disappearance of Panama Canal Commission Police and complete assumption of police functions by the Panamanian GN and Panamanian courts) do not take place until the Spring of 82, it is expected that the two parties will endeavor to devote their energies to preparing for the unavoidable headaches of 82, rather than dissipate energy on intervening trivia.

3. (U) Operations:

a. (U) Tactical Operations Center (TOC) Activations:

(1) (U) The TOC was activated 15-19 December for Command Post Wargame in preparation for the BLACK HAWK IV Exercise.

(2) (U) The TOC was activated 16-25 February for the BLACK HAWK IV Exercise.

b. (U) Contingency Operations and Disaster Relief: The Cuban/Haitian Refugee Support Provisional Company deployed to Puerto Rico on 4 October with 38 SM. The company was terminated on 29 November. Although the company never received any refugees, the mission was rated as a complete success. All CONUS related activities to the Cuban refugee support ended by 24 December. In Colombia, two CH-47s, two UH-1Hs, and 20 SM participated in the mapping agency support from 14 August - 25 November. From 8-21 December, two CH-47s and 15 SM rendered assistance in a civic action project in Colombia. The Brigade supported Secretary of State with EOD mission to Costa Rica with two SM on 22 and 23 December. Costa Rica was provided with disaster relief assistance for medium intensity flood from 15 through 20 December with one UH-1H and four SM. From

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6 February through 20 March, the Brigade supported the Peru/Ecuador Observer Commission to verify both the implementation of the cease fire and to examine "en loco" the best way to create conditions favorable to peace and friendship between the two countries. The Brigade furnished two UH-1H helicopters and 30 SM. The following hours were logged in support of this mission: UH-1Hs - 101.4 hours; U-21 - 40.1 hours; C-12 - 62.1 hours. On 17 March, a USAF O-2A aircraft was reported missing. Rescue Control Center initiated search efforts. On 20 March, the aircraft was located at coordinates 09°46'2"N; 79°46'8"W. After locating the crashed aircraft, it took several days to recover the body of the pilot. The pilot was declared dead on 26 March 1981. Hours supported on search and rescue mission - 196.8.

c. (U) Mobile Training Teams: The following MITs were provided during the period 1 October 1980 - 31 March 1981:

(C) El Salvador:

21 Oct - 19 Dec -- Plans and Operations. SM served in a Military Intelligence role working from Ministry of Defense through the various levels in Military Hierarchy.

7 - 9 Jan 81 -- Crater Analysis. The Brigade furnished two SM from B/22d FA.

7 Jan - 16 Mar -- Plans and Operations Staff Assistance. This is a continuation of the P&O MIT. The Brigade is currently selecting a replacement to fill this position.

25 Jan -- Aviation Maintenance. The Brigade has one SM training personnel in helicopter maintenance.

9 Mar -- The Brigade deployed a ten SM advance party to work out details for eventual deployment of the OPAT, SUTs, and Administrative MITs. On 22 March, the Brigade deployed the balance of the personnel for these MITs, a total of 21 personnel.

ADMIN MIT - 4 SM -- Command and control element and Milgroup interface.

OPAT - 3 SM -- Planning & Operations Asst Team for SUT Teams.

SUT TEAMS -- The Number 1 SUT Team was to establish a basic training center, train one company and cadre, then assist cadre in training additional companies.

SUTs 2 and 3 will train six 150 man companies that will be employed as a quick reaction battalion.

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d. (U) High Altitude Training: There are currently 17 SM, three UH-1Hs, and one OH-58 in Costa Rica.

4. (U) Training:

a. (U) Training in 193d Inf Bde for 1st and 2d Quarters of FY81 centered on the training and evaluation of assigned Panama Canal defense and contingency missions. Individual and unit performance training emphasizes first, those areas directly affecting those missions and second, those common soldier and unit tasks which may be employed anywhere on the globe.

b. (U) The 1st Quarter (1 Oct - 31 Dec 80) began with the FORSCOM Training Assistance and Assessment Team (TAAT) visit (6-10 Oct). Deficiencies noted were NBC defense, Electronic Warfare (EW), and Small Arms Air Defense (SAAD) training. These weaknesses, reflecting relative criticality in Panama, have been addressed in subsequent Command Post Wargames (CPW) and Field Training Exercises (FTX). Delivery of remote control miniature aerial targets (January) allowed extensive SAAD play during the January 193d Inf Bde TFE.

(1) (U) CMF11/EIB training was conducted from November 1980 through January 1981. One thousand two hundred and eighty-six soldiers in MOSs 11B, 11C, and 11H were tested in CMF11. Six hundred and seventeen competed for the EIB, and two hundred and eighty-one received a 45.5% qualification rate.

(2) (U) CPW Cutting Edge IV (15-19 Dec) exercised staffs, SOPs, and plans allowed a shake-out of procedures used later in JTX. Areas noted as weak by FORSCOM TAAT were played and evaluation provided to players.

c. (U) 2d Quarter (1 Jan-31 Mar) was marked by an increasing training tempo culminating in JTX BLACK HAWK IV (17-25 Feb). Preliminary training was based on the January TFE which prepared individuals and units for the JTX. Training plans were based on missions and evaluations carried out in the 193d Inf Bde January TFE, TAAT, and other evaluations. The JTX itself was received as a training and evaluation event. The lessons learned have been incorporated into unit training and will be reevaluated by the Brigade during the 1-11 April TFE.

d. (U) The Guardia Nacional was represented during the December CPW by one company controller and player cell. Interest in future CPW was expressed but not for FTX.

e. (U) BLACK HAWK IV was observed by General Myers, Army Chief of Staff, and an indepth briefing was given to him on BLACK HAWK IV by the Brigade. Also, a briefing was given to him by Commander, 3d Battalion, 5th Infantry on training for the battalion.

f. (U) Reserve Component Activities:

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(1) (U) 12 - 16 Mar: MIT in support of 92d SIB PRARNG at Camp Santiago, PR (6 Off, 17 EM).

(2) (U) 26 Mar: ACSAT teams for the 53d SIB FLARNG organized by OIC, MAJ Hilton (10 Off, 45 EM).

5. (U) Communications:

(U) Communications-Electronics factors which affect the operational readiness of the Brigade:

(1) (U) This summary updates SITREP input from the last report. Since the last report, there has been significant progress by SCCE in managing two of the areas discussed, i.e., secure long haul communications for contingencies and secure communications to 3/7th Special Forces Group (Abn) at Fort Gulick. The ongoing coordination for delivery of Parkhill, KY-65s and the SECORD will improve the situations with long haul communications and communications with 3/7th SFG(A), respectively.

(2) (U) No get well date can be projected in the areas of COMSEC equipment shortages and the shortage of the tactical communications center. The COMSEC Logistics Support Agency has put a hold on the requisitioning of the COMSEC items.

6. (U) Logistics:

a. (S) PWRS: Stock status is as follows:

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Class I (Subsistence)	50 Days	50 Days
Class III (POL)	25 Days	25 Days
Class IV (AMMO)	50 Days	50 Days
Class VIII (Medical)	50 Days	* 50 Days

* The overall stockage level of Class VIII PWRS is 50 days. However, deficiencies exist in a line by line inventory of computed requirements. These shortages are in lines whose historical consumption rates exceed their shelf life and should not be stocked.

b. (S) Operational Projects for this Command are as follows:

AFZ-X-03-76-Z (PZZ) - Supports OPLAN 6501-80.

AFZ-X-01-76-A (PDQ) - Supports OPLAN 6501-80 and CONPLAN 6101-80.

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c. (U) There are no logistical problem areas which can be expected to deter accomplishment of assigned mission of the 193d Inf Bde (Pan).

7. (U) Force Development:

(U) During the period 1 Oct 80 - 31 Mar 81, FD actions affecting unit readiness follow:

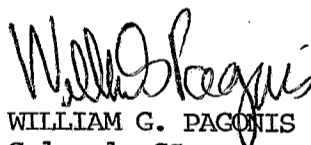
(1) (U) ALO Reduction: The Brigade's three infantry battalions and four separate companies were organized at lower ALO ratings effective 16 Dec 80. The Brigade roll-up is now organized at Level 2, ALO 2.

(2) (U) Reserve Component: The Brigade's Reserve Component Branch has been elevated to a separate staff agency. This action will both provide increased flexibility for the presently assigned Statutory Tour Officer and, by increasing the office's visibility, emphasize the importance we place in our readiness role as partners with our sister CAPSTONE brigades.

(3) (U) TOW/Dragon Authorization: TOW/Dragon weapons systems were authorized for the Brigade's maneuver battalions as of 16 Dec 80. Individual units will be able to requisition the system upon receipt of their updated authorization documents. The Brigade will enjoy an even mix of 90mm recoilless rifles and Dragons, one each per rifle platoon, with TOWs in the combat support company. The Dragon system should be ready for fielding in April 1981. The TOW has been delayed indefinitely.

(4) (U) FORSCOM Manpower Survey: The on-site phase of the FORSCOM Manpower Survey began on 16 March and will continue until late April when its recommendations will be made known to the Brigade. The Survey could have impact on Brigade readiness to the extent that our MTOE units are dependent on installation support.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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