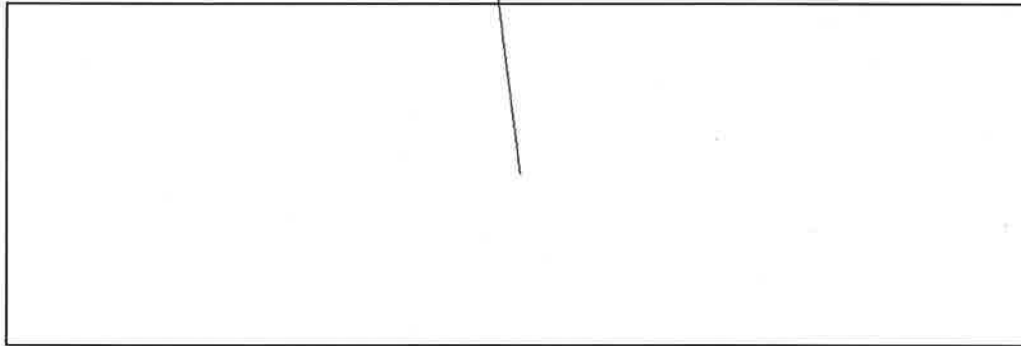


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TEXT 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON  
GUERRILLA STRONGHOLDS IN THE EASTERN DEPARTMENTS AND THE GUAZAPA  
VOLCANO AREA IN CENTRAL EL SALVADOR.  
2. ~~(C/NF)~~ OPERATION MAQUILISHUAT FORCES REMAIN ACTIVE IN CENTRAL  
SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT. THE BELLOSO IMMEDIATE REACTION (IR) AND  
PIPIL "CAZADOR" BATTALIONS ARE OPERATING BETWEEN THE FORMER GUER-  
RILLA STRONGHOLD AT CHICHONTEPEC VOLCANO AND THE TOWN OF TECOLUCA.

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IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS SINCE OPERATION MAQUILISHUAT BEGAN ON 10 JUNE, THE BELLOSO IR BATTALION ENGAGED GUERRILLAS SOUTHEAST OF THE VOLCANO ON 23 AUGUST, REPORTEDLY SUFFERING 1 KILLED AND 13 WOUNDED; GUERRILLA CASUALTIES WERE LISTED AS 50 KILLED. MEANWHILE, THE ATONAL IR BATTALION CONTINUES OPERATIONS NEAR SAN AGUSTIN IN WESTERN USULUTAN DEPARTMENT.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ IN SOUTHEASTERN USULUTAN, OPERATION VICTORY, PLANNED BY THE SAN MIGUEL AND USULUTAN DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDERS AND CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 17 AND 21 AUGUST, REPORTEDLY FORCED THE GUERRILLAS TO ABANDON THEIR PRIMARY SOUTH-TO-NORTH SUPPLY ROUTE ORIGINATING IN THE JUCUARAN AREA. COL FLORES, WHO HEADED THIS DRIVE, IS SAID TO BELIEVE 400 TO 500 INSURGENTS HAVE BEEN OPERATING FROM THREE BASE CAMPS NEAR JUCUARAN. AS A RESULT, HE REPORTEDLY PLANS TO LAUNCH ANOTHER JOINT OPERATION IN THE AREA SOON. MEANWHILE, IN CENTRAL EL SALVADOR, PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THE 1ST BRIGADE HAS LAUNCHED AN OPERATION NEAR GUAZAPA VOLCANO.

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