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TO: PRIORITY LATIN AMERICA BRIEF.

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CINCEUR FOR POLAD; USCINCSO QHTS PANAMA FOR POLAD; AIR UNIVERSITY
FOR STATE REP AND CIA REP; NAVY WAR COLLEGE FOR STATE DEPT REP;
TREASURY DEPT ATTN MRS BECK DADS; COMUSARMY FT MEADE FOR SPECIAL
RESEARCH DET; COMDT COASTGUARD FOR POLAD; HQ TAC FOR TACOPS/INOI;
HQS DSA FOR CIS; BERGSTROM AFB TEX FOR 67 TRW/IN; NPIC FOR PB
CABLES; CINCUSAFE FOR INOCN XPNN; HQ MAC SCOTT AFB IL FOR INZ; CDR
ITAC FOR GIPD; 24 COMP WING HOWARD AFB IN IN; 8AF BARKSDALE AFB
LA/INZE; 26AD LUKE AFB ARIZ/INZE; 92BMW FAIRCHILD AFB WA/IN, 12 TIS
BERGSTROM AFB FOR INI, INS ATTN COINT, 9TH AFB SHAW SC//IN//,
CENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL//J2//, US REDCOM//J2.
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ITEM

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//THE RECENT ARMY OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE GUERRILLA LOGISTIC
NETWORK HAS DISRUPTED REBEL RESUPPLY EFFORTS, BUT IT ALSO REVEALED
CONTINUING OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT PRECLUDE AN EARLY DEFEAT OF THE
INSURGENTS. // (S NF)

//THE [Redacted] SAYS THE TWO-WEEK OFFENSIVE, WHICH
ENDED ON FRIDAY, WAS HAMPERED AT TIMES BY POOR SECURITY AND BY
BREAKDOWNS IN COMMAND AND CONTROL. FURTHERMORE, RESOURCES FOR THE
NATIONWIDE OPERATION OCCASIONALLY WERE STRETCHED TOO THIN, EXPOSING
SOME UNITS TO EASY AMBUSH. OVERALL, THE OPERATION NETTED SMALL
QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION AT THE COST OF SOME 40
CASUALTIES. // (S NF)

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GOVERNMENT UNIT AMBUSHED IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT; NINE MEN WERE HIT AND 22 TAKEN PRISONER. THE COMMANDING OFFICER, COLONEL OCHOA, LATER APPARENTLY IGNORED ORDERS NOT TO PURSUE THE GUERRILLA FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK. // (C/NF)

COMMENT: //THE ARMY STILL LACKS SUFFICIENT FORCES AND LEADERSHIP TO END THE WAR SOON, BUT IT CLEARLY RETAINS THE UPPER HAND IN ITS BATTLE WITH THE INSURGENTS. THE JUST-COMPLETED OPERATION PROBABLY WILL COMPLICATE GUERRILLA SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES. // (S/NF)

//THE AMBUSH OF OCHOA'S TROOPS WAS THE THIRD IN RECENT MONTHS. THE GUERRILLAS PROBABLY HOPE TO PROVOKE OCHOA--WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS AGGRESSIVENESS--INTO RETALIATING WITH A REPRESSIVE CAMPAIGN THAT WOULD ANTAGONIZE THE LOCAL POPULATION AND DAMAGE THE IMPROVING REPUTATION OF THE ARMED FORCES. // (S/NF)

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