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DIADIN 209-4B (AS OF: 2052 EDT 28 JUL 82)

**BODY**

SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

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EL SALVADOR: OPERATION DUENAS II BEGINS. (U)

1. (~~C/NOFORN~~) OPERATION DUENAS II IN THE TRES CALLES AREA OF USULUTAN DEPARTMENT BEGAN ON 26 JULY. TWENTY-ONE INFANTRY COMPANIES AND TWO 105-MM ARTILLERY BATTERIES ARE INVOLVED IN THE BLOCKING-AND-SWEEP OPERATION, SCHEDULED TO LAST 8 DAYS.

(b)(1); (b)(3);50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(b); Sec. 1.4(c)

2. (~~C/NOFORN~~) THE OPERATION IS [REDACTED] WELL PLANNED AND WELL STAFFED. THE US-TRAINED RAMON BELLOSO AND ATLCATL BATTALIONS ARE TO CONDUCT EAST-TO-WEST SWEEPS TOWARD THE LEMPA RIVER, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CAPTURING GUERRILLA FORCES AND DESTROYING BASE CAMPS IN THE TRES CALLES AREA. TO PREVENT WITHDRAWAL AND ESCAPE OF THE INSURGENTS, THREE PROVISIONAL BATTALIONS WILL ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS NORTH, WEST, AND SOUTH OF THE OPERATIONS AREA.

3. (~~C/NOFORN~~) DETAILED PLANNING BEGAN ON THE 19TH, WITH EMPHASIS

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ON PREVENTING A RECURRENCE OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THE LAST OPERATION IN MORAZAN. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON FULL BATTALION STAFFING FOR ALL PROVISIONAL UNITS, INCLUDING A DEDICATED COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, STRICT COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, PROPER HANDLING OF PRISONERS OF WAR, AND CAREFUL TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS.

4. (~~S~~ <sup>(b)(3);10 USC 424</sup> ~~NOFORN~~) UNLESS SIGNIFICANT GUERRILLA RESISTANCE IS MET, PHASE I OF OPERATION DUENAS II SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 8 DAYS OR LESS. THE CLOSE ATTENTION TO INTEGRATED STAFFING AND PLANNING, THE EMPHASIS ON INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, AND THE STRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AUGUR WELL FOR THE OPERATION. HOWEVER, THE GUERRILLAS HAVE OBSERVED THE DEPLOYMENT OF MILITARY ELEMENTS TO THE SWEEP AREA AND COULD AGAIN SUCCESSFULLY AVOID CAPTURE. IF THEY DECIDE TO REINFORCE AND STAND THEIR GROUND, SOME HEAVY FIGHTING CAN BE EXPECTED.

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