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[REDACTED] T. [REDACTED] LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE WITH HEADQUARTERS IN EL PARAISO, DEPARTMENT OF CHALATENANGO, RECEIVED ORDERS FROM THE HIGH COMMAND TO KEEP HIS FORCES GARRISONED UNTIL AFTER THE 15 OCTOBER MEETING IN LA PALMA BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) AND LEADERS OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN). COLONEL OCHOA WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD NOT PLACE ANY OF HIS FORCES IN LOGICAL TACTICAL POSITIONS TO BE ABLE TO REACT TO INSURGENT ATTACKS IN THE LA PALMA AREA. HE WAS FURTHER TOLD THAT THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE QUICK REACTION UNIT WOULD BE ON STANDBY AT ILOPANGO AIR BASE EAST OF SAN SALVADOR IF THERE IS A NEED FOR THE PRESENCE OF A MILITARY UNIT IN THE AREA OF LA PALMA. 2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO PLACE UNITS OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE IN TACTICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES IN CASE THE INSURGENTS TRY TO COPY THE ACTION OF "COMANDANTE ZERO" OF THE SANDINISTS WHEN HE CAPTURED THE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL CONGRESS DURI/ ENG TALKS IN JULY 1979.)

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