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DIST: 12 OCTOBER 1985

COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: CRITICISM OF SALVADORAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP BY FOURTH  
MILITARY ZONE COMMANDER OCHOA

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TEXT: 1. [Redacted] COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ,  
COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH MILITARY ZONE, HELD A MEETING WITH FOURTH  
BRIGADE OFFICERS AT HIS HEADQUARTERS IN EL PARAISO. OCHOA HAD  
ALL OF HIS OFFICERS SIGN A DOCUMENT SUPPORTING OCHOA'S  
LEADERSHIP. OCHOA CITED THE RECENT ATTACK AGAINST THE ARMED  
FORCES NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (CEMFA) IN LA UNION AS AN  
EXAMPLE OF THE WEAKENED POSITION IN WHICH THE ARMED FORCES HAVE  
BEEN PLACED. OCHOA ATTRIBUTED THIS WEAKNESS TO NEGOTIATIONS  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INSURGENTS OVER THE RELEASE OF  
IMPRISONED GUERRILLAS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF  
PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((QUARTE)). OCHOA SINGLED OUT MINISTER  
OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES))  
CASANOVA AS THE INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
MILITARY'S PRESENT SITUATION.

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2. OCHOA TOLD HIS OFFICERS THAT THE FIFTH BRIGADE IS  
SUPPORTING THE FOURTH BRIGADE ON THESE ISSUES.

3. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE MEETING INVOLVED ONLY FOURTH

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BRIGADE OFFICERS AND DID NOT INCLUDE ANY OFFICERS FROM MILITARY  
DETACHMENT ONE (DM1) WHICH IS ALSO PART OF THE FOURTH MILITARY

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ZONE. CMI COMMANDER COLONEL BENJAMIN ((RAJOS)) IS AWARE OF  
OCHOA'S [REDACTED] BRIGADE MEETING AND INTENDS TO INFORM  
PRESIDENT QUARTE OF WHAT TRANSPICED THERE. [REDACTED]  
THE BRIGADE WAS OPERATING AS NORMAL WITH ONE BATTALION PREPARING  
TO DEPART ON LEAVE THAT SAME DAY.

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