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13 DECEMBER 198NEWLY DELIVERED FIELD ARTILLERY  
RAMA PORT FACILITIES. NICARAGUA (SWN/NOFORN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: NICARAGUA HAS RECEIVED AN ARMS  
TRANSSHIPMENT AT RAMA PORT FACILITIES CONSISTING OF AT  
LEAST 11 FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES. (S/NOFORN)

2. REMARKS: [REDACTED] REVEALED  
AT LEAST 11 NEWLY DELIVERED FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) PIECES  
AT RAMA PORT FACILITIES. DUE TO IMAGE QUALITY THE FIELD  
ARTILLERY PIECES COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED BY TYPE,  
HOWEVER, THEY APPEAR TO BE EITHER THE SOVIET 85MM D-44  
FIELD GUN OR THE 152MM D-20 GUN HOWITZER. THE FA WERE  
PROBABLY DELIVERED TO RAMA BY THE NICARAGUAN  
ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF (RO/RO) MERSHIP ARACELY WHICH WAS AT THE  
TRANSSHIPMENT RAMP WITH ITS CARGO DOOR OPEN. TEN FA  
PIECES WERE IN TOW BEHIND CARGO TRUCKS AT THE EQUIPMENT  
HOLDING AREA OF THE PORT. THE CARGO TRUCKS MAY ALSO HAVE  
BEEN NEWLY DELIVERED. THE FA AND TRUCKS WERE NOT PRESENT  
ON SATELLITE COVERAGE OF THE PREVIOUS DAY. (SWN/NOFORN)

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THE NEWLY DELIVERED ARMS AND EQUIPMENT AT RAMA WERE  
PROBABLY TRANSFERRED ONTO THE ARACELY FROM A BULGARIAN  
GEROI PANFILOVTSY-CLASS MERCHANT SHIP ANCHORED NEAR EL  
BLUFF PORT FACILITY [REDACTED] FROM 3 TO AT LEAST [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE ARACELY WAS MOORED ALONGSIDE THE BULGARIAN  
MERSHIP NEAR EL BLUFF ON [REDACTED] AND HAD ARRIVED AT  
RAMA BY [REDACTED] SHALLOW DRAFT COASTAL FREIGHTERS,  
SUCH AS THE ARACELY, ARE USED TO TRANSFER CARGO 50 NM  
INLAND TO RAMA PORT VIA THE RIO ESCONDIDO, SINCE EL BLUFF  
LACKS IMPROVED ROAD OR RAIL SERVICE. FROM RAMA, THE  
CARGO IS TRANSPORTED ON AN ALL-WEATHER HIGHWAY  
(ROUTE 7). PREVIOUS ARMS TRANSFERS TO NICARAGUA USING EL  
BLUFF PORT HAVE FOLLOWED THIS SAME TRANSSHIPMENT PATTERN  
TO THE MANAGUA AREA APPROXIMATELY 120 NM WEST.  
(SWN/NOFORN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 12-08-40N 084-15-32W (S)

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