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EXPANSION TO FIELD HOSPITAL
CHINANDEGA MEDICAL FACILITY, NICARAGUA (SWN/NOFORN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIELD HOSPITAL AT THE CHINANDEGA MEDICAL FACILITY, REPORTEDLY STAFFED BY SOVIET PERSONNEL, WAS BEING EXPANDED. (SWN/NOFORN)
2. REMARKS: ON IMAGERY OF [REDACTED] PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION WAS UNDERWAY TO EXPAND THE EXISTING SOVIET-STAFFED FIELD HOSPITAL AT THE CHINANDEGA MEDICAL FACILITY, 2 NM EAST OF THE TOWN OF CHINANDEGA. THIS EXPANSION WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] AND INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MEDICAL FACILITY SIMILAR TO, AND IN THE OPEN AREA IMMEDIATELY EAST OF, THE EXISTING SOVIET-STYLE FIELD HOSPITAL. FEATURES IN THE NEW EXPANSION AREA INCLUDED ONE UST-56 AND TWO USB-56 MEDICAL-ASSOCIATED TENTS AND CONCRETE BASES FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN UST-56 AND SEVEN USP-56 TENTS. SEVERAL OF THESE BASES WERE CONFIGURED IN A Y-PATTERN, CHARACTERISTIC OF A SOVIET SURGICAL FIELD-UNIT. OTHER NEW FEATURES INCLUDED POSSIBLE SHOWER STALLS; A LARGE, RECTANGULAR PARKING LOT AND CONNECTING ACCESS ROAD; AND LIGHT POLES RECENTLY INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE EXPANSION AREA. (SWN/NOFORN)

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THE ORIGINAL SOVIET-STYLE FIELD HOSPITAL, WHICH WAS BUILT IN JUNE 1982, OSTENSIBLY TO AID CIVILIAN STORM VICTIMS, REMAINED ACTIVE. THE HOSPITAL CONSISTED OF 19 UST-56 AND 15 USB-56 TENTS (SOME OF WHICH WERE CONFIGURED IN THE SURGICAL UNIT Y-PATTERN), SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND DEFENSIVE TRENCHING. A LARGE MULTI-WING BUILDING IN THE CENTER OF THE FIELD HOSPITAL MAY BE A CONVENTIONAL MEDICAL FACILITY WHICH ORIGINALLY SERVED CHINANDEGA. (SWN/NOFORN)

CHINANDEGA IS IN NORTHWEST NICARAGUA, 60 NM NORTHWEST OF MANAGUA. (U) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 12-37-00N 087-06-25W (S) 25X1
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