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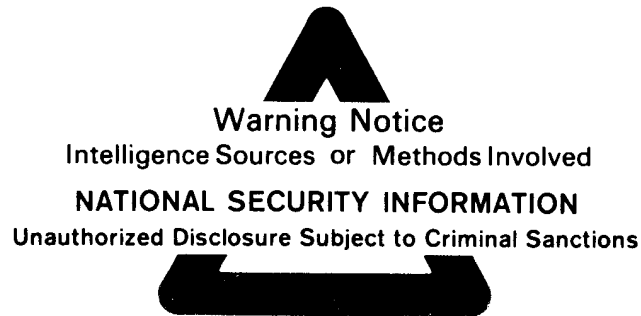
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BULGARIAN ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT TO NICARAGUA
BURGAS, BULGARIA (SWN/NOFORN)

[REDACTED]

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: ARMS SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED COMING FROM BURGAS ARMY BARRACKS 013 TO NICARAGUA. THIS NEW IDENTIFICATION PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ARMS DELIVERED TO NICARAGUA FROM BULGARIA. (SWN/NOFORN)

2. REMARKS: BURGAS 013, WHICH HOUSES AN AIR DEFENSE UNIT AND A PIPELINE UNIT, IS 3 NM FROM BURGAS PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED] AND PROVIDES A SECURE STORAGE AREA FOR EQUIPMENT AWAITING SHIPMENT. [REDACTED] EIGHTEEN 152MM GUN HOWITZERS D-20, SIXTEEN 122MM HOWITZERS D-30, 14 PT-76 LIGHT TANKS, 12 BRDM-2 SCOUT CARS, AND 27 TRUCKS WERE IN AN AREA OF THE INSTALLATION NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITS HOUSED THERE. THIS SAME EQUIPMENT REMAINED IN PLACE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ONLY THE PT-76 WERE STILL PRESENT, AND THE HEAVY TRACKAGE OBSERVED INDICATED THAT THE OTHER EQUIPMENT HAD RECENTLY DEPARTED (GRAPHIC 1). (SWN)

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MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THIS EQUIPMENT WAS PROBABLY DELIVERED TO NICARAGUA. A BULGARIAN MERCHANT SHIP WAS IMAGED FOUR TIMES OFFSHORE FROM EL BLUFF PORT FACILITY [REDACTED] NICARAGUA

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[REDACTED] TWO PROBABLE D-20 AND AT LEAST 22 TRUCKS HAD BEEN DELIVERED AT EL BLUFF PORT FACILITY (GRAPHIC 2). [REDACTED] AT

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LEAST 16 NEWLY DELIVERED PROBABLE D-20 WERE AT RAMA PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED] THE INLAND TRANSSHIPMENT PORT FOR EQUIPMENT COMING THROUGH EL BLUFF. IN ADDITION, 12 BRDM-2 WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED AT EL TAMARINDO HACIENDA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE D-30 SEEN IN BURGAS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED IN NICARAGUA. HOWEVER, SINCE THE OTHER EQUIPMENT FROM BURGAS

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ARRIVED IN NICARAGUA DURING DECEMBER 1983, THE D-30 WERE PROBABLY PART OF THE SAME DELIVERY. FURTHERMORE, THE PT-76 IN BURGAS [REDACTED] WERE PROBABLY DELIVERED TO NICARAGUA IN EARLY 1984. A BULGARIAN MERCHANT SHIP MAKING A DELIVERY WAS SEEN AT EL BLUFF [REDACTED] ANALYSIS OF A SERIES OF IMAGES COLLECTED OF EL BLUFF, RAMA AND EL TEMPISQUE MILITARY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT AS MANY AS 25 PT-76 AND 15 BRDM-2 WERE PROBABLY DELIVERED IN THE MARCH TRANSSHIPMENT. (SWN/NOFORN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE SEQUENCE OF BULGARIAN EQUIPMENT SIGHTINGS AND LATER ARRIVAL OF COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT IN NICARAGUA INDICATES THAT BURGAS 013 WAS USED AS A HOLDING FACILITY FOR ARMS SHIPMENTS. THE D-20 HAS ONLY RECENTLY ENTERED BULGARIAN SERVICE AND THE PT-76 AND D-30 HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED ON IMAGERY IN BULGARIAN UNITS. THE DIA TROOP LIST HOLDS SIX UNLOCATED PT-76 IN THE BULGARIAN INVENTORY. THESE FACTORS SUGGEST THAT THE EQUIPMENT SEEN AT BURGAS 013 MAY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM ANOTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRY (PROBABLY THE USSR) WITH TRANSSHIPMENT THROUGH BULGARIA TO NICARAGUA. (SWN/NOFORN) (BULGARIA, LEONARD VEID/333864 AND NICARAGUA, [REDACTED])

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 42-31-22N 027-25-32E (S)

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4. COLLATERAL REFERENCE: DIA, DDB-1100-374-83, WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCE STRUCTURE TROOP LIST SOUTHWEST TVD, VOLUME III, JUNE 1983 (S/NOFORN, THE EXTRACTED INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED S/NOFORN, [REDACTED])

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