

LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT

Objective:

Stabilize Situation Without Introduction of US Armed Forces

Premise:

Host Country's Struggle; They Must Fight It; We Will Provide That Which They Cannot Provide for Themselves, *Primarily* Intelligence

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LIC INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT

Goal: Develop Operational Intelligence Capability to Drive Friendly Operations and Support Stabilization Efforts

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MACRO TO MICRO

“To Fight the Guerrilla, One must Know Him”

— A Day in the Life of a Guerrilla

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LIC INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY

- Buy Time for Host Country**
 - Time used for training and equipping**
 - Work toward self sufficiency**
- Security Assistance/Intelligence Connection**
 - Both must be driven by policy guidance**
 - National policy represents commitment**
- Effort must involve National, Theater, and Country Team Participation**
 - DoD, CIA, and State cooperation is mandatory**

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CENTRAL AMERICA

Case Study for Intelligence in Low-Intensity Conflict

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CENTRAL AMERICA

- Two-Target Problem**
 - El Salvador Insurgency**
 - Militarization of Nicaragua**
- Emphasis on El Salvador**
 - Blunt Arrow**
 - CAJIT**
 - Election Support**
 - “Smoking Gun” Surge**

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EVOLUTION OF INTELLIGENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

— Prompted by Two-Fold Threat

– Insurgency in El Salvador

– USSOUTHCOM would Guide Overall Effort

– Concept For a Theater Intelligence System Submitted
to JCS October 1982

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THEATER INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

- Geared to Operational Intelligence Support**
 - Responsive to US Policy Objectives**
 - Assists Regional Allies**
 - Shift from Passive to Active Role**

- System Involves**
 - Intelligence Collection**
 - Tactical Analysis and Dissemination**
 - Secure Communications**
 - Intelligence Sharing**
 - Regional Training**

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INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION

- Drives Theater Intelligence System**
- Instrument Through Which USCINCSO Acts on Behalf of US National Interests**
 - Provides Intelligence for National Decisionmaking/
Tactical Consumption**
 - Expresses US Resolve**
 - Source for Intelligence Sharing and Regional
Cooperation**

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THEATER COLLECTION PROGRAM

- Plan of Ongoing Collection Objectives and Strategies Required to Meet National Security Needs in LATAM**
 - Identifies Gaps/Weaknesses and Resources Needed**
- Game Plan for**
 - Assisting Regional Friends; Insuring Stability**
 - Depicting Nicaraguan Militarization**
 - Monitoring Cuban/Soviet Bloc Involvement**
 - Supporting Counterdrug Operations**
- Basis for Resource Planning and Programming**

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NATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE THEATER COMMANDER

- RESOURCE ACQUISITION**
- SUBSTANTIVE INTELLIGENCE**
- INTELLIGENCE POLICY FOCUS**

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RESOURCE ACQUISITION

— COLLECTION GAPS DRIVE QUICK FIXES

- 7-Eleven Recce
- Marines, Tents, and SIGINT Requirements
- Patchwork Communications

— LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS

- DRB Recce Strategy
- Remoted SIGINT
- National/Theater Connectivity

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SUBSTANTIVE INTELLIGENCE

- INABILITY TO SUPPORT**
- CAJIT AND THE WHIZ KIDS**
- REBUILDING OF A COMMAND**
- TRANSITION OF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT**
 - Tactical Analytical Team
 - RICS and Changing Roles

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INTELLIGENCE POLICY FOCUS

— NEED FOR DIRECTION

- Implement Intelligence Policy
- Drive Resource Decisions
- Ensure Coordination

— CARIBBEAN BASIN INTELLIGENCE STEERING GROUP

- Charged by DCI and CJCS
- Washington Forum for UNCINCSO

— AN EXAMPLE FOR WORLDWIDE LIC APPLICATION

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LESSONS LEARNED

- Aggressive Intelligence**
 - Deters Guerrilla; Eventually Put Him on Defensive**
 - Bought Time for ESAF; Crucial for Self Sufficiency**
- Force Presence Factor**
 - Visible Expression of US Resolve**
 - Put Nicaragua on the Defensive; Affected Export of Insurgencies**
- Value of Intelligence Sharing**
 - Help Allies Help Themselves**
 - Their Fight; We Provide What They Cannot**
 - Eventual Partnership**

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