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Attachment to Z-15886/83 NPIC/PEG (12/83)

AIR WARNING RADAR COLORADA POSSIBLE RADAR SITE, NICARAGUA

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- 1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE PRESENCE OF AIR WARNING (AW) RADAR EQUIPMENT IS CONFIRMED AT THIS POSSIBLE RADAR SITE. (SWN)
- 2. REMARKS: ONE BAR LOCK ACQUISITION RADAR AND TWO HEIGHT-FINDER RADAR (POSSIBLY SIDE NET) ARE OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED HERE. DEFENDING THE SITE IS AN OCCUPIED THREE-POSITION LIGHT ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SITE. THE PRESENCE OF THIS AW RADAR SITE IN THE MOUNTAINS AT APPROXIMATELY 900 METERS (2900 FEET) ELEVATION SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE AIR DEFENSES OF MANAGUA AND THE CENTRAL PACIFIC COASTAL AREAS OF NICARAGUA. (SWN)

A COLLATERAL REPORT INDICATED THAT THE RADAR SITE WAS PRESENT AND OCCUPIED (USSOUTHCOM,

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REVEALED TWO PROBABLE PYRAMIDAL TENTS AND THREE POSSIBLE VAN TRAILERS/VEHICLES; HOWEVER, HEAVY HAZE LIMITED

INTERPRETABILITY. (SWN/NF)

COLORADA IS APPROXIMATELY 14 NM SOUTH OF MANAGUA AND 7.5 NM NORTHWEST OF DIRIAMBA. (SWN)

COORDINATES 11-57-50N 086-18-25W

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