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MEMORANDUM FOR GRILL FLAME Project Manager

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME Operational Feedback (U)

1. (U) References:

- a. Session DCC-07, Target 8107.
- b. Session DCC-08, Target 8107.

2. (S/ORCON) Background. In February 1981 a US helicopter crashed in the vicinity of the Ecuador - Peru border area. In March 1981 search operations for the crew were suspended. The GRILL FLAME Team at Fort Meade, Maryland conducted three RV sessions on 12 March 1981 and two RV sessions on 27 March 1981 in an attempt to locate or refine the general location of the crash site. Per guidance from LTC Watt, memory sketches from references above were provided by the undersigned to LTC Salinas, Office of the J2, SOUTHCOM.

3. (S/ORCON) On 22 May 1981 the undersigned spoke with LTC Salinas. Earlier that week he spoke to several of the helicopter pilots who participated in the search. They were shown the sketches. The pilots identified several correlations between the actual terrain and the sketches: specifically, two flat top hills and several river valleys.

4. (S/ORCON) LTC Salinas stated that, based on the sketches, SOUTHCOM planned to continue search operations. What they need is more specific geographic information to cue the rescue teams to a specific site. The valleys are jungle so little can be seen from the air. I suggested to LTC Salinas to construct specific geographic questions that would refine the area to be searched and pass these questions to me ASAP. I told him we would lose contact with our "source" in thirty days.

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GRILL FLAME (U)

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