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THE GUERRILLA FACTIONS SEEMED TO HAVE A CENTRAL ORGANIZATION, BROKEN UP INTO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WHICH SHARED INFORMATION, BUT INDIVIDUAL BATTALIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT AMBUSHES. SOME GUERRILLAS OPERATED OUT OF OR RECEIVED DIRECTION THROUGH CONTACTS IN THE SALVADORAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN SAN SALVADOR. IT WAS COMMONLY BELIEVED AND SOME GUERRILLAS OPENLY ADMITTED THAT THE GUERRILLAS WERE BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION, THOUGH THEY DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS. MANY OF THE GUERRILLAS DID NOT APPEAR FULLY COMMITTED TO THEIR CAUSE AND POSSIBLY COULD BE SWAYED.

SOME MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS WERE SYMPATHETIC TO OR ACTIVELY SUPPORTED GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES. SOME MEMBERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS INDICATED THAT THE NUNS WHO WERE KILLED HAD BEEN INTERCEPTED SUPPORTING SUPPLIES TO THE GUERRILLAS.

4. THE GUERRILLAS WERE ARMED WITH FN (FAL) ASSAULT RIFLES, BROWNING M1919 .308 CALIBER SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES, AK 47 SOVIET RIFLES, SOVIET AND CHINESE GRENADES AND GRENADE LAUNCHERS, U.S. M-16 RIFLES OBTAINED THROUGH CUBA AND NICARAGUA, BROWNING 9MM PISTOLS, U.S. 20MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, U.S. 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AND SHOULDER-MOUNTED ROCKET LAUNCHERS, U.S. 30.06 BOLT-ACTION RIFLES, U.S. 30-30 CALIBER LEVER-ACTION RIFLES, AS WELL AS VARIOUS CALIBER SHOTGUNS AND PISTOLS. AMMUNITION FOR

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THE U.S. WEAPONS WAS PURCHASED ON THE BLACK MARKET FROM SUPPLIERS PROVIDED BY THE U.S. TO THE EL SALVADOR GOVERNMENT.

5. THE GUERRILLAS HAD ONLY LIMITED VOICE COMMUNICATION DEAR SUCH AS HAM OR SHORT WAVE VHF RADIO, WALKIE TALKIES, AND WALKIE TALKIES, SOME OF SONY AND MOTOROLA MAKE. THEY USED SIMPLE CODES, COMMUNICATION ALSO WAS BY COURIER.

6. THE GUERRILLAS CARRIED OUT THE PATROLS IN ALMOST ALL TOWNS AND IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE PATROLS AT NIGHT CARRIED OUT SPORADIC AMBUSHES AGAINST THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC. AMBUSHES WERE INDISCRIMINATE, KILLING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

7. THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM FOR THE GUERRILLAS WAS TRANSPORTATION, BOTH FOR ARMAMENT AND FOR MAKING QUICK DEPARTS BEFORE THE OPPOSITION BROUGHT IN REINFORCEMENTS. MOST GUERRILLAS WERE TRANSPORTED OVERLAND THROUGH NICARAGUA, THOUGH SOME CAME BY SHIP. ARMS AND AMMUNITION WERE SMUGGLED THROUGH THE FRONT WAYS OF CARGO TRUCKS.

8. THE FMLN HAD SOME DOCTORS, BUT THEY WERE NOT USUALLY READILY AVAILABLE. MINOR INJURIES COULD BE TREATED WITH FIRST AID ON THE SPOT, BUT SERIOUS MEDICAL TREATMENT USUALLY REQUIRED TRANSPORTATION.

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