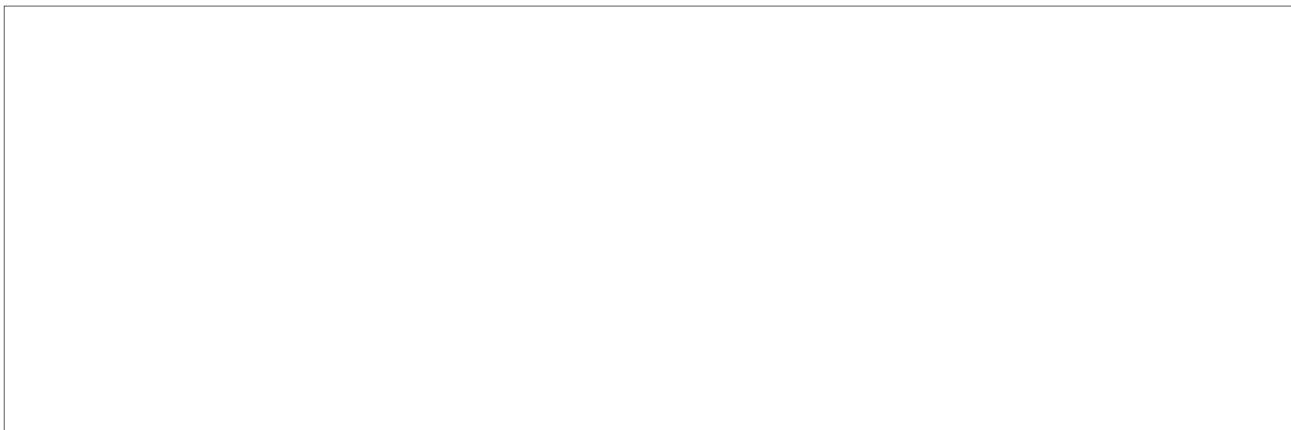


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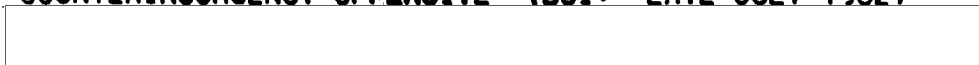
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COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

SUBJECT: ORIENTATION BY THE COMMANDER OF THE QUEZALTENANGO MILITARY
ZONE OF OPERATIONS AGAINST THE INSURGENCY IN HIS AREA TO
OFFICIALS MEETING IN GUATEMALA CITY TO DISCUSS THE
COUNTERINSURGENCY OFFENSIVE (DOI: LATE JULY 1982)

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1. ON 27 JULY 1982 COMMANDERS OF ALL OPERATIONAL TASK FORCES,
MILITARY ZONES AND MAJOR BASES WERE NOTIFIED BY THE ARMY CHIEF OF
STAFF GENERAL HECTOR MARIO ((LOPEZ)) FUENTES TO BE PRESENT AT 0800
THE FOLLOWING MORNING FOR A TWO DAY MEETING. AT THIS MEETING,
TEMPORARY COMMANDER OF THE QUEZALTENANGO MILITARY ZONE, COLONEL
LUIS ENRIQUE ((MENDOZA)), WHO TOOK OVER COMMAND OF THE ZONE ON 25
JULY 1982 AFTER THE ZONE COMMANDER HAD BEEN RELIEVED OF HIS COMMAND,
GAVE A BRIEF, BUT GRIM PRESENTATION OF OPERATIONS IN HIS AREA OF
RESPONSIBILITY.

2. THE QUEZALTENANGO MILITARY ZONE, CODE NAMED "JICARO,"
INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENTS OF QUEZALTENANGO, SOLOLA, SUCHITEPEQUEZ,
RETALHULEU, TOTONICAPAN AND SAN MARCOS. DURING THE MONTH OF JULY
MENDOZA SAID THAT HIS UNITS LAUNCHED AN OPERATION NAMED "LANCEROS"
(LANCERS) THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF QUEZALTENANGO AND IN THAT

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PART OF SOLOLA WEST OF LAKE ATITLAN BETWEEN THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY (CA-1) AND THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY (CA-2). MENDOZA SAID THAT HIS OPERATION PRODUCED NO POSITIVE RESULTS, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS OF THE GUERRILLA ARMY OF THE POOR (EGP) AMONG THE LOCAL PEOPLE. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SAN MARCOS, THE AREA AROUND THE TOWN OF EL TUMBADOR (1452N-9156W), OPERATION "VANGUARDIA" ALSO PRODUCED NO POSITIVE RESULTS. IN THE TOWN OF LOS ENCUENTROS (1451N-9109W) 15 SUBVERSIVES WHO HAD JUST ASSAULTED A COCA COLA TRUCK WERE CAPTURED BY THE ARMY. THE ENEMY WAS LOCATED NEAR THE TOWN OF PUEBLO NUEVO, SERCHIL, SAN MARCOS (UNLOCATED). IN THE ENSUING BATTLE A GOVERNMENT HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN. THE AREA AROUND SERCHIL IS THE MOST ACTIVE, HAD THE LARGET CONCENTRAION OF GUERRILLAS, AND IS WHERE MOST OF THE MILITARY EFFORT IS NOW CONCENTRATED. THE AREA IS NOW COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY ARMY TROOPS AND IT IS HOPED THAT A MAJOR BLOW SHORTLY WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE GUERRILLAS CAUGHT WITHIN THE ARMY'S CIRCLE. THIS IS EXTREMELY ROUGH TERRAIN, AND IS LACED WITH BOOBY TRAPS SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND IN VIETNAM. MANY SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY THEM, AND ONE OFFICER HAS BEEN KILLED. THIS GENERAL AREA IS WHERE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PEOPLE IN ARMS (ORPA) LEADER RODRIGO ((ASTURIAS)) AMADO, AKA "COMMANDER GASPAR" HAS HIS HEADQUARTERS.

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