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A. THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF EXPECTS GUERRILLA UNITS TO RETREAT INTO THE MEXICAN STATE OF CHIAPAS. ONCE PLAN "VICTORIA 82" GETS INTO FULL SWING IN THE NORTHEASTERN DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTRY, THERE IS ADDITIONAL SPECULATION THAT THESE UNITS MAY SUBSEQUENTLY ATTEMPT TO REENTER GUATEMALA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PETEN NEAR THE RIO DE LA PASION. THERE THEY COULD LINK UP WITH FAR GUERRILLA FORCES FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND BASE CAMPS TO REST/REGROUP BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL AREAS OF OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHEASTERN AND CENTRAL PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREPARE FOR SUCH AN OCCURRENCE, STAFF PLANNERS IN THE 6-3 SECTION DECIDED TO BUILD UP THE FORCES ASSIGNED TO THE POPULON MILITARY BRIGADE, EL PETEN. THESE ADDITIONAL FORCES (5 COMPANIES) AND DIRECT SUPPORT FROM THE SANTA ELENA AIR BASE EL PETEN, WERE ENVISIONED AS A SUPPLEMENTAL READY-REACT FORCE WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED ALONG WITH THE PERMANENT FORCES ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO LAUNCH SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS. 6-3 STAFF PERSONNEL ALSO EXPECT THAT THE ADDITIONAL UNITS COULD BE USED TO PATROL SUSPECTED ENTRY POINTS AND PERHAPS AMBUSH GUERRILLA UNITS AS THEY TRY TO REENTER THE COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL AREA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE POPULON MILITARY BRIGADE COMMANDER IS SUPPOSEDLY INTENT UPON ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE BASE CAMP IN THE WESTERN SECTOR (NFI) OF THE DEPARTMENT.

B. IN A RELATED OPERATIONAL DECISION, FIVE M-41 TANKS, WHICH ARE ASSIGNED TO THE NARISCAL ZAVALA BRIGADE, ARE GOING TO BE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THE COMMANDER, 156TH INFANTRY MILITARY ZONE (MIZ). THE TANKS ARE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FIRE SUPPORT TO THE ELEMENTS, TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC MISSION HAS BEEN DESCRIBED FOR THE TANK UNIT OR HOW THE TANKS WILL BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE NARISCAL ZAVALA BASE TO THE MIZ.

C. FINALLY, PRESIDENT B. JOSE EFRAIN RIOS MONTOYA ADDRESSED ALL SENIOR UNIT COMMANDERS SHORTLY AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE STATE OF SIEGE (1ST WEEK OF JULY). HE GAVE HIS COMMANDERS A "PEP TALK," TELLING THEM THAT PLAN "VICTORIA" WAS READY TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE IT SUCCEED. HE EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT THE PLAN WAS MADE VERY GENERAL TO PERMIT EACH COMMANDER AS MUCH FREEDOM OF ACTION AS POSSIBLE IN HIS ASSIGNED AREA. B. RIOS SAID THAT HE WAS LEAVING THE DETAILS UP TO THEM, AND HE EXPECTED THE RESULTS. CIVILIANS AND THEIR PROPERTIES WERE TO BE RESPECTED. HE HOPED TO HAVE EACH COMMANDER TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE TO INSTRUCT INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE KILLED; HOWEVER, IF SUCH UNFORTUNATE ACTS DID TAKE PLACE HE DID NOT WANT TO READ ABOUT THEM IN THE NEWSPAPERS. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WOULD VERY WELL BE A TURNING POINT FOR THE COUNTRY, POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND ESPECIALLY MILITARILY. EACH COMMANDER MUST NOW ASSUME HIS SHARE OF THE BURDEN TO ENSURE SUCCESS AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

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