

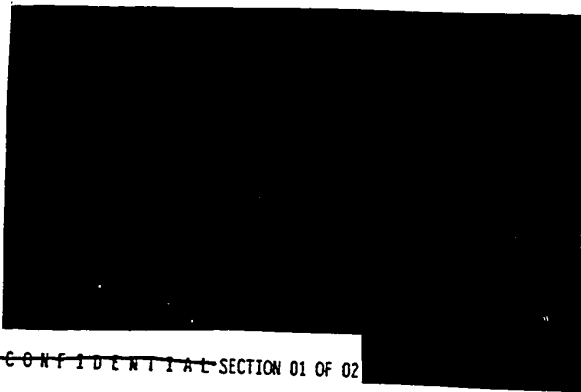
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COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THIS UNIT.

9A. (C/NIFORM) DETAILS: (ENTIRE TEXT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~/
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(1) [REDACTED] THE GOG ARMY HAD ESTABLISHED A STRATEGIC REACTION FORCE BASED OUT OF THE MARISCAL ZAVALA BDE, WITH THE MISSION OF QUICKLY DEPLOYING TO LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO SEEK AND DESTROY GUERRILLA ELEMENTS. THE REACTION FORCE IS TOTALLY MADE UP OF KAIBIL (RANGER) INSTRUCTORS. ORIGINALLY THE UNIT CONSISTED OF 21 TROOPS; HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF THE 15 OCT 82 HELICOPTER WISHAP

[REDACTED] ITS COMMANDER, [REDACTED] WAS WOUNDED, THUS LEAVING THE UNIT WITH 20 TROOPS (1-LT, 2-2LT'S, 17-MCO'S). THE UNIT WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED AT THE QUEZALTENANGO MILITARY BRIGADE AFTER THE KAIBIL SCHOOL WAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND WAS UNDER THE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE QUEZALTENANGO MILITARY BRIGADE COMMANDER.
(2) [REDACTED] DURING A RECENT (NFI) ENGAGEMENT WITH GUERRILLA ELEMENTS BELONGING TO THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF THE PEOPLE IN ARMS (ORPA), THE REACTION FORCE KILLED 24 GUERRILLAS AND CAPTURED ARMS, EQUIPMENT, AND ENEMY DOCUMENTS. [REDACTED] THE SUCCESS OF THE LATTER AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS WAS DUE IN LARGE PART TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CAPTURED GUERRILLAS. THE LEADER OF ORPA, [REDACTED] HAD 10 SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS, [REDACTED] EACH OF THESE COMMANDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN EXPENSIVE ROLEX WATCHES AND MINI PENTAX CAMERAS AS SPECIAL GIFTS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

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SUBJ: IR [REDACTED] GUATEMALA/GOG ARMY ESTABLISHES A STRATEGIC REACTION FORCE (U)

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- 1. (U) CTRY: GUATEMALA (GT)
- 2. (U) IR NO: [REDACTED]
- 3. (U) TITLE: GOG ARMY ESTABLISHES A STRATEGIC REACTION FORCE (U)
- 4. (U) DATE OF INFO: 821115
- 5. (U) ORIG: SEE FM LINE
- 6. (U) REQ REFS: [REDACTED]
- 7. (U) SOURCE: [REDACTED]

(3) BASED ON INFORMATION GATHERED FROM CAPTURED GUERRILLAS AND FRIENDLY LOCALS, [REDACTED] CIVILIAN HELICOPTERS ORIGINATING IN MEXICO WERE RE-SUPPLYING ORPA GUEBT

8. (C/NIFORM) SUMMARY: THE GOG HAS ESTABLISHED A STRATEGIC REACTION FORCE MADE UP OF 20 FORMER KAIBIL (RANGER) INSTRUCTORS. [REDACTED] THE UNIT'S HUGE SUCCESSES IN PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE ENEMY HAVE PROMPTED THE GUATEMALAN ARMY GENERAL STAFF (AGS) TO ASSUME DIRECT

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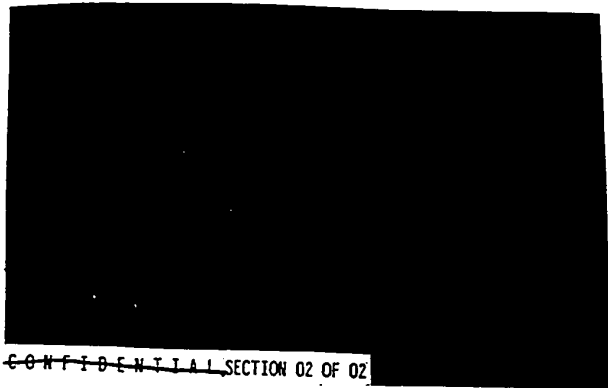
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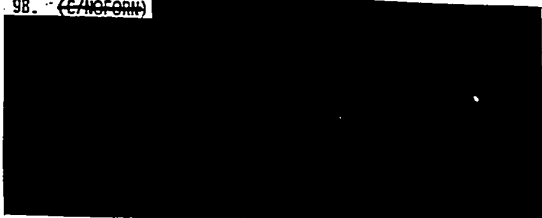
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BRILLAS IN THE QUEZALTENANGO AO. [REDACTED]
HAD PERSONALLY SEEN AN UNKNOWN HELICOPTER FLYING AT NIGHT
AND BELIEVED IT TO BE A GUERRILLA RE-SUPPLY SHIP. HE HAS
ALSO SEEN CLEARED HELICOPTER LANDING AREAS ON SEVERAL
MOUNTAIN TOPS.
98. (C/NIFORM)



- 10. (U) PROJ NO: NA
- 11. (U) COLL MGMT CODES: AB
- 12. (U) SPEC INST: DIRC-NO
- 13. (U) PREP BY: [REDACTED]
- 14. (U) APP BY: [REDACTED]
- 15. (U) REQ EVAL: NO; REL TO: NONE

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