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1. (U) References:

- a. (U) Military Intelligence Battalion (Security), 902d MI Group, Fort Meade, Maryland, OPOD 4-85, Project CANVAS SHIELD, dated 6 June 1985.
- b. (U) DAMO-ODSO, Request for support #85-032 (U), dated 7 June 1985.
- c. (U) INSCOM SUPPORT ELEMENT, Damage Assessment - GRAZING LAWN (U), dated 24 May 1985.
- d. (U) GRAZING LAWN (U) OPLAN 1-85, dated April 1985.

2. (U) [redacted] from 2 through 11 July 1985, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] from the INSCOM Support Element, traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to evaluate the OPSEC posture of operation GRAZING LAWN (U). SA [redacted] conducted an internal OPSEC evaluation of the GRAZING LAWN (U) operations site, living quarters and (aircraft parking) location with assistance from on-site GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel. SA [redacted] conducted an external OPSEC RED TEAM evaluation of the GRAZING LAWN (U) operation. SA [redacted] did not make contact with GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel at anytime during the operation. This internal and external OPSEC evaluation was nicknamed CANVAS SHIELD.

3. (U) [redacted] (S) Upon arrival in Tegucigalpa on 2 July 1985, SA [redacted] contacted a GRAZING LAWN (U) on-site representative to coordinate transportation

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to the operations site. At approximately 1800 hours, 2 July 85, SA [redacted] was taken to the GRAZING LAWN (U) (operations site) and given an initial briefing of the operation. SA [redacted] remained in close and continuous contact with GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel until returning to the United States on 11 July 1985. SA [redacted] arrived in Tegucigalpa on 3 July 1985, and as pre-planned contacted SA [redacted] at the Tegucigalpa Holiday Inn on the evening of 3 July 1985, to finalize details concerning the external RED TEAM evaluation.

4. (S/NOP) On 3 July 1985, SA [redacted] made a coordination visit at the US Embassy in Tegucigalpa with [redacted]

[redacted] After being briefed on project CANVAS SHIELD (U), [redacted]

[redacted] met with SA [redacted] that same afternoon. [redacted]

[redacted] SA [redacted] SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Emergency contact procedures were established.

5. (U) On-site physical security for operation GRAZING LAWN (U) was provided by three (Special Forces Qualified) personnel. These individuals were senior NCOs with extensive experience in their respective fields. One individual was organic to CAYMAN JAW (U) and the other two from the (1st Special Forces Group) Fort Lewis, Washington. These individuals provided 24 hour security at the (operational site) and accompanied GRAZING LAWN (U) mission personnel each time they went to and departed from the airfield.

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7. (U) Travel routes to and from the Tegucigalpa airfield are varied as much as possible on every trip. The only part of the trip that cannot be changed is from the Operations Site to the base of the mountain it is located on. Although this section of the route is approximately 4 miles in length, it would not be a good place to set up an ambush as the road is dotted with Honduran military installations and many private residences along the route employ armed guards. The Special Forces personnel providing security to GRAZING LAWN (U) do not see this route as a major problem because attackers would also be faced with the problem of one route to make their escape.

8. (S) GRAZING LAWN (U)

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9. (S) The GRAZING LAWN (U)

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GRAZING LAWN (U) headquarters.

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[REDACTED] GRAZING LAWN (U) [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED] GRAZING LAWN (U) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

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10. (S [REDACTED]) All vehicles used by GRAZING LAWN (U) are designed for rough terrain usage.

[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] GRAZING LAWN (U) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED] On 8 July 1985, the undersigned and SA [REDACTED] ROYAL CAPE (U) on-site CI representative for GRAZING LAWN (U), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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a. (S [REDACTED]) QUESTION: Was QUIET FALCON (U) derived information provided to Honduran authorities?)

ANSWER:

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b. (S [REDACTED]) QUESTION:

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ANSWER:

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c. (S/NOFORN) QUESTION: Did the news media know about QUIET FALCON (U)?

ANSWER:

[REDACTED]

d. (S/NOFORN) QUESTION:

ANSWER:

[REDACTED]

e. (S/NOFORN) QUESTION: Did the fact that QUIET FALCON's (U)

ANSWER:

[REDACTED]

f. (S/NOFORN) QUESTION: How extensively was QUIET FALCON (U) used by GRID CIRCUIT (U).

ANSWER:

[REDACTED]

g. (S/NOFORN) QUESTION:

ANSWER:

[REDACTED]

h. (S/NOFORN) QUESTION:

ANSWER:

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Concerning the on-going GRAZING LAWN (U) operation [REDACTED]

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i. (S/NOFORN) [REDACTED]

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j. (S/NOFORN) As with QUIET FALCON (U), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

k. (S/NOFORN) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

11 (U) (S/NOFORN) From 4 through 11 July 1985, SA [REDACTED] conducted an external RED TEAM evaluation against GRAZING LAWN (U) in and around the Tegucigalpa area. SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] acted alone in this RED TEAM effort and had only limited contact with SA [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] was able to provide SA [REDACTED] with the location of the operations residence and the type of vehicles used by GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel. SA [REDACTED] was able to locate where the GRAZING LAWN (U) aircraft was kept at the Tegucigalpa airfield since all US official and DOD contract aircraft are parked on the military side of the airfield.

The following are the areas covered by SA [REDACTED] and the results of those actions:

a. (U) (S/NOFORN) There are four daily newspapers published in Honduras. These are the La Tribuna, La Prensa, El Heraldo and El Tiempo. A copy of each Honduran newspaper was purchased daily and read by SA [REDACTED] to determine if the GRAZING LAWN (U) Operation was known to the news media. SA [REDACTED] found no reference to the GRAZING LAWN (U) Operation in any of the newspapers.

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(U) b. (S//NOFORN) National Honduran television and radio programs were periodically reviewed for any mention of VARC. No reference to VARC was mentioned in the programs SA [REDACTED] reviewed.

c. (S//NOFORN) SA [REDACTED] visited the following local business establishments in and around the Tegucigalpa area as part of the RED TEAM effort:

1. Maya Hotel bar and Casino
2. Maya Hotel Bella Vista Lounge
3. Beverly's Bar and Disco
4. Kloster's Restaurant
5. Gaucho's Restaurant
6. Dante's Discoteque

SA [REDACTED] did not have photographs of the GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel, but he attempted to identify VARC members by looking for people that were obviously caucasian and in civilian dress. For lack of a better term, the word "gringo" will be used throughout this report to refer to foreigners in Honduras. This segment of the external RED TEAM effort was hindered because there was a very high possibility of Terrorist THREAT against Americans in Honduras during the entire time the RED TEAM was being conducted. GRAZING LAWN (U) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The threat was reported to be at peak level from 3 to 6 July 1985. Due to this THREAT alert, GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel did not travel from their residences unless absolutely necessary. SA [REDACTED] was unable to observe any GRAZING LAWN (U) members during their off-duty hours at any time during the RED TEAM effort.

d. (S//NOFORN) SA [REDACTED] conversed with the parking lot attendant at the Tegucigalpa Holiday Inn Hotel as GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel had stayed there during the initial part of the operation. The attendant was able to recall the GRAZING LAWN (U) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Other than remembering the vehicles, the parking lot attendant had no idea of who the "gringos" were, what they were doing in Honduras or their present whereabouts.

(U) e. (S//NOFORN) SA [REDACTED] had dinner in the dining room of the same Holiday Inn, and conversed with one of the waiters. The waiter could not recall any specific group of "gringos" as many foreigners used the dining room and unless they frequented the facility, he would not remember one particular group.

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f. (U) (S/NOFORN) On two occasions SA [redacted] visited the general area of the GRAZING LAWN (U) operations site and second living quarters residence. At a local convenience type store, SA [redacted] asked several people if any Americans resided in the immediate area. They responded that Americans did indeed reside in many of the homes in the area and that all were engineers. On another occasion SA [redacted] inquired if any airplane pilots resided in the area and the only response was that there was one or two Honduran Air Force personnel residing in the area.

g. (U) (S/NOFORN) SA [redacted] made several visits to the military side of the Tegucigalpa airfield. The GRAZING LAWN aircraft (U) is parked on a ramp that is used by the Honduran Air Force and US Embassy aircraft. SA [redacted] was able to enter the Honduran Air Force side of the airfield by showing his US Army Identification Card to the Honduran military gate guard. It is not unusual for American military members to enter the military side of the airfield because there is a small contingency of US Army and US Air Force personnel permanently assigned to the base. SA [redacted] visited the building that serves as a US MAC flight booking office. While at the MAC building, SA [redacted] asked one of the Americans working there who the red Toyota Land Cruiser parked outside belonged to. SA [redacted] noticed the MAC representative hesitated before responding, as if he was trying to think up an answer that would seem believable. The MAC representative finally replied that the Toyota belonged to "Some guys that are flying" but claimed he did not know who they were. The red Toyota is a GRAZING LAWN (U) vehicle and is parked in front of the MAC building whenever a mission is on-going.

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h. (U) (S/NOFORN) SA [redacted] talked with two Honduran airport guards and inquired as to who owned the small airplane (pointing in the direction of the GRAZING LAWN (U) aircraft). The guards thought it belonged to someone at the MAC office and due to shift rotation, they were not aware of any set takeoff or landing times.

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i. (U) (S/NOFORN) SA [redacted] conducted [redacted] against GRAZING LAWN personnel. [redacted] was only conducted during those times when GRAZING LAWN (U) [redacted] SA [redacted] GRAZING LAWN (U) vehicles on several occasions. As SA [redacted] was alone, he was forced to break off contact [redacted] GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel. SA [redacted] noted that [redacted] GRAZING LAWN (U) personnel [redacted]

[redacted] As mission times varied from day to day, SA [redacted] was unable to follow the GRAZING LAWN (U) vehicles on a regular basis. SA [redacted]

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12. (S//~~FOUO~~) The following findings and recommendations were made by SA [redacted] as a result of his external RED TEAM evaluation.

FINDING: (S//~~FOUO~~) One GRAZING LAWN (U) [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] SA [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: [redacted]

[redacted] SA [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

FINDING: (S//~~FOUO~~) GRAZING LAWN (U) [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: (S//~~FOUO~~) GRAZING LAWN (U) [redacted]

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[redacted]

13. (S//~~FOUO~~) The following findings and recommendations from the internal OPSEC evaluation of CANVAS SHIELD are provided:

FINDING: (S//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: (S//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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FINDING: (S//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION: (S [REDACTED])

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FINDING: (S [REDACTED]) The GRAZING LAWN (U)

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION: (S [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

FINDING: (S [REDACTED]) The RED TEAM effort against GRAZING LAWN (U) CANVAS

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RECOMMENDATION: (S [REDACTED]) Future external RED TEAM operations be coordinated in advance with the [REDACTED]

14. (S [REDACTED]) The OPSEC posture for the entire on-site GRAZING LAWN (U) operation was very good. All personnel followed good OPSEC procedures

[REDACTED]

Prior to leaving Honduras, SA [REDACTED] provided an exit briefing to the [REDACTED] and later to the GRAZING LAWN (U) on-site commander on the results of the OPSEC evaluation and the external RED TEAM evaluation.

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