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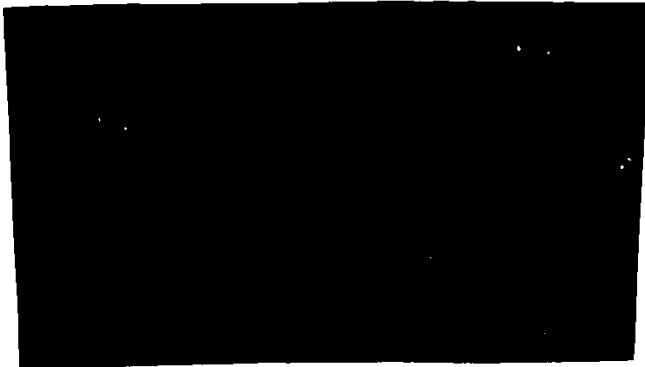
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SUBJ: IIR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE STIRS THINGS
- UP FOR THE ESAF AND THE GOES (43) (U)

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SUMMARY: [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO A LOCAL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT, SIGNIFICANT MILITARY REASSIGNMENTS ARE IN THE OFFING, E.G., THE ESAF EMC CHIEF OF OPERATIONS (C-III) IS TO REPLACE THE CHIEF, EMC. IT IS SPECULATED THAT THE ACCOUNT IS INTENDED TO ERODE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE "SINFONICA TANDA," THE ESAF HIGH COMMAND, AND THE GOES. (ENCLOSURE).

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OF THE ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE YEAR GROUP:

NOTE: MEMBERS OF THE SINFONICA ARE ALL COLONELS,
LESS LTC LEONEL ALBERTO ALFARO, AND ARE IDENTIFIED
ACCORDING TO THEIR STANDING IN THE YEAR GROUP)

RENE EMILIO PONCE	C-III, EMC
GILBERTO RUBIO	CDR, 4TH INF BDE
INOCENTE ORLANDO MONTANO	CDR, DM-ENGINEERS
FRANCISCO ELENA FUENTES	C-V, EMC
JOAQUIN ARNOLDO CERNA FLORES	CDR, CITFA
MAURICIO ERNESTO VARGAS	CDR, DM-4
CARLOS GUZMAN AGUILAR	CDR, DM-2
RICARDO CASANOVA SANDOVAL	SUB-DIRECTOR, NATIONAL
-	POLICE
JOSE EMILIO CHAVEZ CACERES	CDR, DM-7
NAPOLEON HERNANDEZ MARIN	CIVIC ACTION, EMC
-	NOTE: UNTIL RECENTLY, COLONEL MARIN WAS THE
-	C-I, EMC. CITE IIR [REDACTED] FOR DETAILS).
JOSE HUMBERTO GOMEZ	CDR, BELLOSO BIRI
ARISTIDES ALFONSO MARQUEZ	DIPLOMATIC DUTY
-	(MILITARY ATTACHE, TAIWAN)
JOSE RIGOBERTO BLANCO	XO, 5TH INF BDE
OSCAR ARMANDO CARRANZA	CDR, DM-5
NATIVIDAD JESUS CACERES	CDR, DM-1
JUAN RODRIGUEZ MENDOZA	XO, 2ND INF BDE
ROBERTO MAURICIO STABEN	CDR, ARCE BIRI
CIRO LOPEZ ROQUE	CDR, DM-3
JUAN ORLANDO ZEPEDA	C-II, EMC
JUAN CARRILLO SCHLENKER	CDR, ATACATL BIRI
GUILLERMO BENAVIDES MORENO	STUDENT, INTER-AMERICAN
-	DEFENSE COLLEGE
HUMBERTO PINEDA VILLALTA	CDR, NATIONAL NAVY
BENJAMIN ELADIO CANJURA	XO, 4TH INF BDE
LUIS ALFONSO AMAYA GARCIA	CDR, ATONAL BIRI
HECTOR HERIBERTO HERNANDEZ	CDR, BRACAMONTE BIRI
ISMAR FRANCISCO ROQUE	CHIEF, FINANCE DEPT
-	MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
DIONISIO ISMAEL MACHUCA	SUB-DIRECTOR, MILITARY
-	ACADEMY
LEONEL ALBERTO ALFARO	SURGEON, MILITARY
-	HOSPITAL

- [REDACTED] JOAQUIN EDUARDO ((ZACAPA)) ASTACIO
WAS A MEMBER OF THE SINFONICA TANDA; HOWEVER, HE
WAS DROPPED FROM THE ACTIVE DUTY ROLLS [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] NOTE: COLONEL JOSE GUILLERMO ((FUENTES))
WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TANDA AND SERVED AS THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ARTILLERY BRIGADE UNTIL HIS
DEATH ON 870516 WHILE ATTEMPTING TO INTERCEDE IN
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7. [REDACTED] THE TANDA CURRENTLY HOLDS MANY KEY MILITARY POSITIONS WITHIN THE ESAF AND THE EMC, AND, IN THE EVENT THESE RUMORED REASSIGNMENTS OCCUR, MORE OF THESE OFFICERS WILL ASCEND TO BRIGADE AND MILITARY DETACHMENT COMMAND, THEREBY EXPANDING THEIR INFLUENCE. HOWEVER, THE GROUP AS A WHOLE HAS REMAINED APOLITICAL THROUGH SEVERAL TURBULENT PERIODS IN THE PAST TWO TO THREE YEARS, PREFERRING TO CONCENTRATE ON THE WAR AND LEAVE POLITICS TO THE CIVILIANS. FOR THE MOST PART, THE MAJORITY OF THESE SINFONICA OFFICERS PREFER TO REMAIN OUT OF THE POLITICAL LIMELIGHT.

8. [REDACTED] THE CONCERN OVER THE "EL MUNDO" ARTICLE, [REDACTED] IS THAT THE ESAF HIGH COMMAND AND THE GOES, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) AND HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES,

WILL LOSE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE SINFONICA, CREATING A RIFT BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE GOES AND EVEN WITHIN THE MILITARY. SPECULATION REGARDING THE AUTHORS OF THIS ARTICLE HAS ALREADY STIRRED DISTRUST WITHIN THE MILITARY.

THE CULPRITS ARE EITHER THE FDR-FMLN OR A GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO GRADUATED IN 1963 FROM THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND WHO HAVE BEEN BYPASSED FOR KEY POSITIONS IN THE ESAF.

9. WITH GENERAL BLANDON HE EXPRESSED MORE CONCERN FOR THE REACTION OF TANDAS WHICH FOLLOW THE SINFONICA THAN WITH MISPERCEPTIONS ON THE PART OF THE HIGH COMMAND AND THE GOES. THESE OFFICERS MAY PERCEIVE THE SINFONICA AS ASSUMING ALL THE IMPORTANT COMMAND AND STAFF POSITIONS, THEREBY BLOCKING SUBSEQUENT TANDAS FROM MOVING UP. THE NEXT FEW GENERAL ORDERS WILL ASSIGN OFFICERS FROM TANDAS BEHIND THE SINFONICA TO COMMAND POSITIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALIONS AND AS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN THE INFANTRY BRIGADES AND MILITARY DETACHMENTS. THIS MOVE WILL ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE PRESSURE AND SHOULD SQUELCH CONCERNS AND RUMORS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY THE ARTICLE IN "EL MUNDO."

THE MOD SHOULD PUBLICLY ADDRESS AND CLARIFY THE NEWS ARTICLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH THE MILITARY AND THE PUBLIC.

COMMENTS: 1. THE STATEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WHICH INDICATES THAT THE SINFONICA IS DISSATISFIED WITH CURRENT STRATEGY ON THE PART OF THE EMC IS SUSPECT IN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS OF THE TACTICAL CHANGES WHICH HAVE EVOLVED WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS OF THE WAR. THE C-II AND C-III, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BIRI COMMANDERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE TANDA, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHANGE IN TACTICS FROM LARGE SCALE MANEUVERS TO SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS. THEREFORE, THEIR DISSATISFACTION WOULD OF NECESSITY BE TOWARD THEMSELVES, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE.

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4. [REDACTED] THE STORY JUST HIT THE NEWSTAND, AND IT HAS NOT CIRCULATED AMONG MUCH OF THE ESAF; HOWEVER, SOMEONE, POSSIBLY THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO VIDES CASANOVA, IS GOING TO HAVE TO DEFUSE THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM BEFORE THE UNCERTAINTY AND DISTRUST IT IS CAPABLE OF CREATING OCCURS. MORE ON THE ISSUE OF SINFONICA MEMBERS ASCENDING TO KEY POSITIONS IS LIKELY TO COME TO PRINT AS THE TIME TO REPLACE KEY COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS DRAWS NEAR. HOW MUCH OF THIS WILL BE PLAYED IN THE PRESS BY THE FDR-FMLN AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS AND HOW THE ESAF HIGH COMMAND RESPONDS WILL DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF THIS TYPE OF DISINFORMATION.

5. [REDACTED] THE TIME FOR THE SINFONICA TANDA TO COME TO THE FOREFRONT AT THE BRIGADE AND DETACHMENT LEVEL HAS ARRIVED. STIFLING THEIR PROGRESS BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY AND DISTRUST ARISING FROM SUCH DISCREDITED NEWS ACCOUNTS WILL CREATE PROBLEMS OF MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WITHIN THE ESAF AND GOES.

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ENCL: (U) TWO ENCLOSURES (TO FOLLOW):

1. TELEX, "PREVEEN CAMBIOS EN EL EJERCITO" (U), ONE COPY, 870525, ONE PAGE (U), IN SPANISH.

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7. THE TANDA CURRENTLY HOLDS MANY KEY MILITARY POSITIONS WITHIN THE ESAF AND THE EMC, AND, MORE OF THESE OFFICERS WILL ASCEND TO BRIGADE AND MILITARY DETACHMENT COMMAND, THEREBY EXPANDING THEIR INFLUENCE. HOWEVER, THE GROUP AS A WHOLE HAS REMAINED APOLITICAL THROUGH SEVERAL TURBULENT PERIODS IN THE PAST TWO TO THREE YEARS, PREFERRING TO CONCENTRATE ON THE WAR AND LEAVE POLITICS TO THE CIVILIANS. FOR THE MOST PART, THE MAJORITY OF THESE SINFONICA OFFICERS PREFER TO REMAIN OUT OF THE POLITICAL LIMELIGHT.

8. THE CONCERN OVER THE "EL MUNDO" ARTICLE, IS THAT THE ESAF HIGH COMMAND AND THE GOES, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) AND HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES,

WILL LOSE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE SINFONICA,
CREATING A RIFT BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE
GOES AND EVEN WITHIN THE MILITARY.

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HE EXPRESSED MORE CONCERN FOR THE
REACTION OF TANDAS WHICH FOLLOW THE SINFONICA
THAN WITH MISPERCEPTIONS ON THE PART OF THE HIGH
COMMAND AND THE GOES. INDICATED THAT
THESE OFFICERS MAY PERCEIVE THE SINFONICA AS
ASSUMING ALL THE IMPORTANT COMMAND AND STAFF
POSITIONS, THEREBY BLOCKING SUBSEQUENT TANDAS
FROM MOVING UP. , THE
NEXT FEW GENERAL ORDERS WILL ASSIGN OFFICERS FROM
TANDAS BEHIND THE SINFONICA TO COMMAND POSITIONS
IN THE IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALIONS AND AS EXECUTIVE
OFFICERS IN THE INFANTRY BRIGADES AND MILITARY
DETACHMENTS. THIS MOVE WILL ALLEVIATE SOME OF
THE PRESSURE AND SHOULD SQUELCH CONCERNS AND RUMORS
WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY THE ARTICLE
IN "EL MUNDO."

THE MOD SHOULD PUBLICLY ADDRESS AND CLARIFY
THE NEWS ARTICLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH THE MILITARY
AND THE PUBLIC.

COMMENTS: 1. THE STATEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER
ARTICLE WHICH INDICATES THAT THE SINFONICA IS
DISSATISFIED WITH CURRENT STRATEGY ON THE PART OF
THE EMC IS SUSPECT IN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN THE
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS OF THE TACTICAL CHANGES WHICH
HAVE EVOLVED WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS OF THE
WAR. THE C-II AND C-III, IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE BIRI COMMANDERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF
THE TANDA, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHANGE IN TACTICS
FROM LARGE SCALE MANEUVERS TO SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS.
THEREFORE, THEIR DISSATISFACTION WOULD OF NECESSITY
BE TOWARD THEMSELVES, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE.

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2. [REDACTED] THE CONCERN IS THAT THIS PARTICULAR THEME,
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SINFONICA DISSATISFACTION WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR
AND RUMORS ITS MEMBERS TAKING OVER THE HIGH COMMAND,
WILL BE ADDRESSED IN MORE ACCOUNTS BY "EL MUNDO"
AND POSSIBLY OTHER NEWSPAPERS, THEREBY FURTHER
EXACERBATING THE SITUATION AND CREATING A CLIMATE OF
DISTRUST WITHIN THE ESAF AND AND BETWEEN THE ESAF AND
THE GOES.

4. [REDACTED] THE STORY JUST HIT THE NEWSTAND, AND IT HAS NOT CIRCULATED AMONG MUCH OF THE ESAF; HOWEVER, SOMEONE, POSSIBLY THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO VIDES CASANOVA, IS GOING TO HAVE TO DEFUSE THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM BEFORE THE UNCERTAINTY AND DISTRUST IT IS CAPABLE OF CREATING OCCURS. MORE ON THE ISSUE OF SINFONICA MEMBERS ASCENDING TO KEY POSITIONS IS LIKELY TO COME TO PRINT AS THE TIME TO REPLACE KEY COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS DRAWS NEAR. HOW MUCH OF THIS WILL BE PLAYED IN THE PRESS BY THE FDR-FMLN AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS AND HOW THE ESAF HIGH COMMAND RESPONDS WILL DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF THIS TYPE OF DISINFORMATION.

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- 2. ARTICLE IN "EL MUNDO," "OFICIALES DE
- 'SINFONICA' PODRIAN SOBRESALIR EN
- CAMBIOS MILITARES" (U), ONE COPY, 870526,
- ONE PAGE (U), IN SPANISH.

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