CIA document from 24 September 1963 discussing significant developments in Latin American countries on the counterinsurgency critical list. The memo highlights developments in Colombia and Venezuela, noting a joint army-air force operation, guerrilla leader's death, and continued bandit raids. There's also mention of incidents involving US-owned enterprises and a ten-pound bomb found in Maracaibo. The document is marked as approved for release with the notation "SECRET."
B. Other Countries

2. Honduras-Nicaragua

On 22 September Colonel Oswaldo Lopez, Chief of the Honduran Armed Forces, told the US army attaché that the majority of the Honduran troops in the Patacua River area would be withdrawn and sent to their normal posts by 26 September.

If the withdrawal proceeds as planned, there will be no further need for the three US Army helicopters presently assigned to Honduras for logistical support of counterinsurgency operations. The helicopters, which are now based at Catacamas, will be removed from Honduras on 27 September.

The troops had been sent to the Honduran-Nicaraguan border area to destroy pro-Castro guerrilla camps allegedly located along the Patacua River. No contact has been made between the Honduran military and the guerrillas, although the Honduran Air Force bombed two locations suspected of being insurgent camps. The jungle cover is so dense in the area that the US army attaché, flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet, could see ground only at the water's edge. Colonel Lopez said that two small detachments of 15-20 men each would remain on the river for surveillance purposes. He believes that about 100 guerrillas were in the area at one time, but that they have all exfiltrated into Nicaragua. (MAP)
3. Peru

Communist agitators are continuing to incite the Andean Indians to resettle on privately owned land in Peru's central valley. The move is designed to embarrass the new government, which is attempting to speed up the passage of an agrarian reform bill. Government efforts to dissuade the Indians from being taken in by Communist blandishments have thus far been largely unsuccessful.