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COUNTRY	NICARAGUA EL SALVADOR	REPORT NO.	[REDACTED]	EO 12958 3.4(b)(1)-25Yr (C)
SUBJECT	POSSIBLE INVASION OF NICARAGUA FROM EL SALVADOR	DATE DISTR.	21 JULY 1962	
DATE OF INFO.	[REDACTED]	PRECEDENCE	PRIORITY	
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[REDACTED]	REFERENCES	IN 38650H-BUNDY	
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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA (GON) HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT AN ARMED GROUP IS READY TO ENTER NICARAGUA FROM EL SALVADOR IN THE GULF OF FONSECA AREA. THIS GROUP IS COMPOSED OF EXILED MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY ([REDACTED] COMMENT. THIS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE A GROUP LED BY INDALECIO PASTORA WHO IN FEBRUARY '62 WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SMUGGLED ARMS INTO THIS SAME AREA).

2. ON 18 JULY THE NICARAGUAN AIR FORCE (FAN) WAS PUT ON 24 HOUR ALERT AND ON 20 JULY 3 P-51 FIGHTERS WERE SENT TO THE CHINANDEGA/LEON AREA TO INTERCEPT THE ARMED GROUP WHEN IT ENTERS NICARAGUA. ALSO ON 20 JULY 2 P-51 FIGHTERS WERE SENT TO PATROL THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST

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AND GULF OF FONSECA AREA TO INTERCEPT 2 BOATS WHICH WILL LAND ARMS FOR THE INVADING GROUP. [REDACTED] COMMENT. THERE IS VERY DEFINITE DANGER TO ANY UNITED STATES FISHING BOAT WHICH MAY BE IN THIS AREA BECAUSE THE FAN PILOTS ARE EAGER TO FIND THE TARGETS AND WILL NOT BE OVERLY CAUTIOUS. THE FAN IN ADDITION HAS 25 FIGHTER PLANES FULLY ARMED AND READY FOR ANY EVENTUALLITY). TO STRENGTHEN ITS RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY THE FAN HAS SENT A BUYER TO COSTA RICA TO TRY TO BUY CESSNA AND PIPER LIGHT AIRCRAFT (SOURCE COMMENT. ENRIQUE CALDERON E. AND JOSE M. TERCERO, COLONELS IN THE FAN AND GUARDIA NACIONAL (GN) RESPECTIVELY ASKED THIS BUYER TO LOOK AT HOUSES AND PROPERTY FOR THEM WHILE HE WAS IN COSTA RICA. THEY ARE ACTING VERY JITTERY).

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3. 200 TROOPS OF THE GN HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE LEON/CHINANDEGA AREA TO FIND AND DESTROY THE INVADING GROUP WHICH WILL PROBABLY ENTER NICARAGUA NEAR SOMOTILLO [REDACTED] COMMENT. THE GON IS PROBABLY OVER REACTING TO THIS INVASION POSSIBILITY BECAUSE OF SEVERAL INTERNAL EVENTS WHICH COULD MAKE THE SITUATION EXPLOSIVE. THESE EVENTS ARE: (A) THREAT OF A PROMOTED STRIKE BY THE FARMERS AND LAWYERS OF THE CHINANDEGA/LEON AREA IN PROTEST AGAINST NEW TAX LAW, (B) SHOOTING OF A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION BY A MEMBER OF THE GN IN LEON, (C) POSSIBILITY OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATION ON 23 JULY TO COMMEMORATE STUDENT MARTYR DAY).

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