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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 115-74.4

81. //MEXICO: THE MEXICAN ARMY HAS ARRESTED SOME MEMBERS OF LUCIO CABANAS' GROUP BUT HAS FAILED AFTER AN INTENSIVE MONTH-LONG SEARCH TO FIND THE ELUSIVE GUERRILLA LEADER OR SENATOR RUBEN FIGUEROA, WHOM HE KIDNAPED ON MAY 30. THE ARMY HAS LEARNED FROM THE CAPTURED GUERRILLAS THAT FIGUEROA WAS ALIVE AS OF MID-JULY AND THAT CABANAS REMAINS IN HIDING IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO. SOME 2,000 TROOPS ARE INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH. THE ARMY'S POOR SHOWING IS BEING CRITICIZED IN THE PRESS AND MAY LEAD TO CHANGES IN THE HIGH COMMAND.

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