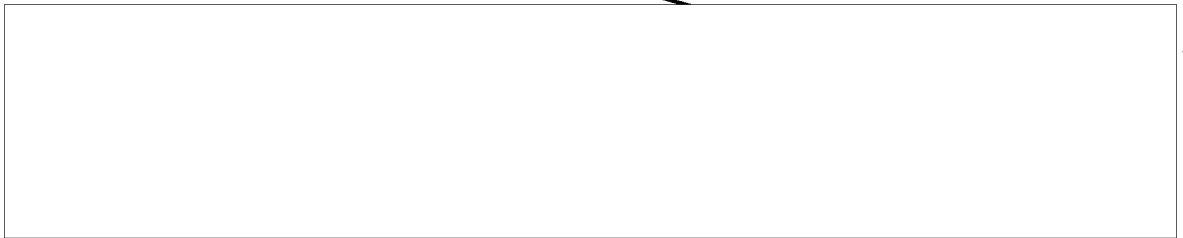


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SUBJ: [REDACTED] ARMY ASSUMES COMMAND AND
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SUMMARY: (C/NOFORN) DURING A 23 SEP 83 MEETING WITH
DIRECTOR OF VE ARMY OPERATIONS, BG EDGAR EUSTOQUIO
((HERNANDEZ)) ORTEGA, THE GENERAL INDICATED THAT
THE ARMY HAS ASSUMED COMMAND AND CONTROL OF ALL SEARCH
AND DESTROY IN THE CUTUFI (0709N/07158W) AREA NEAR THE
VE-CO BORDER. THE AREA WAS THE SCENE OF AN ALLEGED
<> COMBINED <><>COLOMBIAN<><> <><>ELN/VENEZUELAN<><> BANDERA ROJA ATTACK
ON A VE NATIONAL GUARD BORDER OUTPOST ON 17 SEP 83.

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[REDACTED] FOR ADDITIONAL INFO. MENTION OF THE
POSSIBILITY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA
(JCR) SURFACED DURING THE MEETING.

- TEXT: 1. (C/NOFORN) ACCORDING THE GEN HERNANDEZ,
THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST BRIGADE OF THE FIRST
INFANTRY DIVISION HAS OPERATIONAL CONTROL OVER CAZADORES,
DISIP COUNTER-TERRORIST STRIKE FORCES AND GUARDIA
NACIONAL UNITS WHICH WERE ORGANIZED INTO A TASK FORCE
SUPPORTED BY ARMY HELICOPTERS. FROM THE TACHIRA
AREA (0750N/07205W FROM GAZETTEER) ARMY GENERAL ITALO
((DEL VALLE)) ALLIEGRO IS OVERALL COMMANDER OF THE
<> OPERATION WHICH IS COORDINATED WITH <><>COLOMBIAN<><> ARMY
FORCES ALSO ENGAGED IN SEARCH OPERATIONS ON THE VE
SIDE OF THE BORDER.
2. (C/NOFORN) GEN HERNANDEZ CONFIRMED THAT FAL
SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, SMALL ARMS MUNITIONS AND
GRENADES WERE SEIZED BY THE GUERRILLAS. HE ALSO SAID
VE AND CO ARMY INTELLIGENCE BELIEVES THE LEADERSHIP
OF THE BANDERA ROJA AND THE ELN HAVE HAD COORDINATING
MEETINGS AND CARRIED-OUT THE 17SEP83 ATTACK IN A
JOINT-ACTION.
3. (C/NOFORN) GEN HERNANDEZ SURFACED THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE JCR (JUNTA DE COORDINACION REVOLUCIONARIA)
REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
IN THE PLANNING.
4. (C/NOFORN) GEN HERNANDEZ MENTIONED THAT THE ATTACKS
POSED NO THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY OF VE SINCE IT
OCCURRED IN A REMOTE BORDER REGION OF THE COUNTRY.
HE ALSO STATED THAT SINCE VE ENJOYS A FREE PRESS THE
ARMED FORCES CAN EXPECT CRITICISM FROM REPORTERS AND
COLUMNISTS WHO HAVE AN AXE TO GRIND WITH THE MILITARY.
HE ALSO SAID THAT PRESS SPECULATION AND SENSATIONALISM
EXAGGERATES THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE INCIDENT AND GIVES
THE RADICAL LEFT PROPAGANDA RECOGNITION FOR THEIR

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ACTIVITIES.

COMMENT: (C/NOFORN) THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE OPERATION WAS PLANNED AND COORDINATED IN ADVANCE IS ONE OF CONTINUING INTEREST, PARTICULARLY WITH THE MENTION THAT THE JCR WOULD BE INVOLVED. SINCE TO DATE NO PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, MOST OF THE INFORMATION CONCERNING EXTREMIST ACTIVITY IS SPECULATIVE.

PROJ: (U) N/A

COLL: (U) NONE

INSTR: (U) US-NO

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EVAL: (U) NO; REL TO: NONE

ENCL: (U) N/A

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