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SERIAL: [redacted]
<> COUNTRY: (U) <><>VENEZUELA<><> (VE), <><>COLOMBIA<><> (CO)
SUBJ: [redacted] VE OUTPOST ATTACKED BY
GUERRILLAS { SUPPLEMENT/(U)
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY

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REQS: (U) K-OSI-00046, M-4BX-21845, U-UCR-42673,
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HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS AND OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT. HAS REPORTED ACCURATELY IN THE PAST.

SUMMARY: (C/NOFORN) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE 17-18 SEP 83 GUERRILLA ATTACK NEAR THE VE-CO BORDER IDENTIFIES 40 TO 80 GUERRILLAS WHO LEFT IN THE AREA PROTEST GRAFFITI AND LEAFLETS NAMING THE ELN (EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL--NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY) AND THE BANDERA ROJA (RED FLAG) AS PERPETRATORS OF THE ATTACK.

TEXT: 1. (C/NOFORN) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 17-18 SEP 83 GUERRILLA ATTACK IN

<> SOUTHWEST <><>VENEZUELA<><> [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS DISCUSSED WITH SOURCE ON 21 SEP 83. SOURCE REVEALED THAT THE INVESTIGATION TEAM IS STILL ON THE SITE AND THAT THE REPORT IS BEING COMPILED PERSONALLY BY THE VE ARMED FORCES OF COOPERATION (FAC)

[REDACTED] THE FAC COMMANDER, MG BERTHE, RETURNED TO CARACAS LATE 20 SEP 83 AND HAS MADE FEW COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ATTACK OR THE INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GUERRILLA FORCE OF 40 TO 80, ATTACKED THE ISOLATED POST, WHICH IS A SINGLE GUARDHOUSE, AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL, ON 17 SEP 83. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, A FAC LIEUTENANT, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE APPARENT AIM OF THE GUERRILLA BAND, [REDACTED]

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INDICATED THAT THE INSURGENTS MADE OFF WITH 20, FAL RIFLES, SEVERAL PISTOLS, AND BOXES OF GRENADES AND AMMUNITION.

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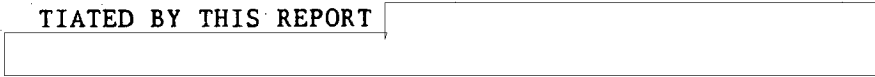
2. (C/NOFORN) THE GUERRILLAS ALSO REPORTEDLY MARKED "ELN" ON SEVERAL WALLS OF THE SMALL GUARDHOUSE, AND REPORTEDLY LEFT LEAFLETS IDENTIFYING THE CULPRITS AS "BANDERA ROJA." SOURCE ADMITS THAT THE PRESS HAS GREATLY EXAGGERATED NUMBERS OF GUERRILLAS AND QUANTITY OF WEAPONS SEIZED. [REDACTED] THAT SEVERAL SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP, BUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CAPTURE OF KNOWN ASSAILANTS. RO REQUESTED A COPY OF FINAL INVESTIGATION, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE AVAILABLE WITHIN ONE WEEK.

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COMMENT: (C/NOFORN) THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INCIDENT IS INDICATED BY THE HIGH LEVEL INVESTIGATION AND ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE REMOTE BORDER REGION BY KEY GENERALS IN THE FAC. THE AREA WHERE THE INCURSION OCCURRED IS EXTREMELY ISOLATED, LACKING ROADS AND

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NEARLY ALL COMMUNICATIONS. HARD EVIDENCE WITH POSITIVE
PROOF LINKING THE ELN AND THE BANDERA ROJA HAS YET TO
BE BROUGHT OUT OF THE AREA, HOWEVER. THE PRELIMINARY
<> REPORT BY THE <><>COLOMBIAN<><> ARMY ATTACHE IN VE IS SUBSTAN-
TIATED BY THIS REPORT



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