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SUBJECT: GUERRILLA GROUP ATTACKS VENEZUELAN BORDER POST  
1. THE GOV HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A COLOMBIAN GUERRILLA BAND  
ATTACKED A VENEZUELAN BORDER POST THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER  
17. ONE MEMBER OF THE ELEVEN-MAN NATIONAL GUARD UNIT  
MANNING THE POST REPORTEDLY WAS KILLED, EIGHT OTHERS  
WOUNDED. THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS THAT THE  
GUERRILLA GROUP IS PART OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY  
(ELN) OPERATING IN COLOMBIA. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS,  
IT IDENTIFIED ITSELF AS GUERRILLA FRONT, CELL "DOMINGO  
LAIN SAEZ," FOUNDED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1980 IN ARAUCO,  
COLOMBIA. ALSO ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE INSURGENTS  
PAINTED SIGNS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY AND THE  
BANDERA ROJA AND LEFT PAMPHLETS ATTACKING BETANCUR,  
HERRERA AND THE US. THE FRONTIER POST, NAMED CUTUFI, IS  
LOCATED IN THE UPPER APURE REGION, TWO MILES FROM THE  
ARAUCA RIVER, WHICH FORMS THE BORDER WITH COLOMBIA. THE  
GOV STATED THAT IT WAS SEEKING COLOMBIAN COOPERATION,

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UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF GUASDUALITO, FOR THE SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION OF THE GUERRILLA UNIT.

2. THE MISSION IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL DETAILS FROM THE AUTHORITIES. MOON

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