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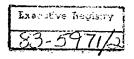
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## THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



2.2 DEC 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Central America--Portents of Potential Increased Terrorist Violence, Including Against U.S. Targets (S)

- (S) In your December 13, 1983 memorandum, you directed our attention to the terrorist threat against U.S. personnel in the Caribbean during the next month. This is a matter of some concern to Defense. DIA has sent warning notices to the appropriate commanders in the region. Two examples are attached.
- (S) Attachment 3 contains some comments and examples of recent DIA counter-terrorism production that may be helpful to the DCI in summarizing recent material that would be germane to the DCI's forthcoming threat assessment. As additional intelligence develops, it will be shared with the DCI, the entire intelligence community, and the appropriate commands in Central America.

Attachments

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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CENTRAL AMERICA (S/NF/WN) These are indications that U.S. military personnel in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras are being targeted for terrorist attacks. The time frame from mid to late December is especially critical.

BACKGROUND: In Guatemala, the U.S. Defense Attache has been targeted for assassination, and other reliable reports indicate terrorist intentions to attack the U.S. embassy and Ambassador. In El Salvador, some reports indicate renewed operations against U.S. military advisors may soon be in the offing. In Honduras, reports have been received indicating stepped up surveillance of U.S. military personnel in the San Pedro Sula area. All of the terrorist groups involved receive Cuban support and, in the case of the operation in Guatemala against the U.S. Defense Attache, the "hit" team is specifically reported to have been Cuban-trained. Reporting so far provides no specific dates for any planned operations but does suggest that the 15-30 December time frame is important.

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EXTRACT: DIA WEEKLY WATCH SUMMARY, DTG 081631Z DEC 83.