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ARMOR DELIVERY
NICARAGUA

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1. (S/) SIGNIFICANCE: AT LEAST 23 PROBABLE ARMORED VEHICLES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DELIVERED TO NICARAGUA. 25X1

2. (S/) REMARKS: 25X1
 REVEALED THAT AT LEAST 16 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE ARMORED VEHICLES HAD BEEN OFFLOADED AT RAMA PORT FACILITIES (GRAPHIC 1). THIS DELIVERY OCCURRED SINCE THE LAST 25X1
 IMAGERY SEVEN ADDITIONAL 25X1
 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE ARMORED VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED HEADING WEST ON HEAVY-LIFT TRAILERS, STRUNG OUT ALONG A 20 NM SECTION OF HIGHWAY 7, BETWEEN VILLA SANDINO AND JUIGALPA (GRAPHIC 2).

(S/) THE DESTINATION OF AT LEAST PART OF THE ARMOR MAY BE EL TEMPISQUE MILITARY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS 25X1
 IN THE MANAGUA AREA. THIS FACILITY IS THE 25X1
 PERMANENT GARRISON OF NICARAGUA'S T-54/55 TANK BATTALION.

(SWN) A CAPSULE OF EVENTS PRIOR TO THE ARMOR DELIVERY AT RAMA BEGAN WHEN THE NICARAO, A SMALL 25X1
 NICARAGUAN ROLL ON/ROLL OFF (RO/RO) MERSHIP, A GEROI PANFILOVTSY-CLASS MERSHIP WITH A CARGO OF TANKS, AND THE ARACELY, ANOTHER SMALL NICARAGUAN RO/RO MERSHIP, WERE SEEN AT EL BLUFF PORT FACILITIES APPROXIMATELY 25X1
 50 NM EAST OF RAMA. BY THE NICARAO WAS AT THE 25X1
 LOADING RAMP AT RAMA PORT WITH 16 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE ARMORED VEHICLES PARKED IN THE PORT AREA.

(S/) THE INLAND PORT OF RAMA AND THE EAST COAST PORT OF EL BLUFF ARE CONNECTED BY THE RIO ESCONDIDO RIVER. NO SERVICEABLE ROAD IS AVAILABLE BETWEEN THE PORTS. RAMA PORT IS CONNECTED TO THE WEST COAST AND THE MANAGUA AREA BY THE ALL WEATHER, TWO LANE HIGHWAY 7. 25X1

3. (S/) COORDINATES 12-08-40N 084-15-32W 25X1

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