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COUNTRY: HONDURAS

SUBJ: PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN INTELLIGENCE BATTALION OF THE  
HONDURAN ARMED FORCES

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TEXT: 1. AS OF MID-JULY 1983, GENERAL GUSTAVO ((ALVAREZ))  
MARTINEZ, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES, INTENDS  
TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. THIS NEW  
BATTALION WILL HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE  
AND WILL HANDLE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE COLLECTION  
AS WELL AS THE PROCESSING OF INTELLIGENCE. ITS VARIOUS  
COMPONENT WILL GATHER INTELLIGENCE, LEVY REQUIREMENTS, AND  
PREPARE ANALYSES AND TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE STUDIES.  
THE BATTALION WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMPANY-LEVEL COMPONENTS:  
INTELLIGENCE, COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE, SPECIAL OPERATIONS,  
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT, AND PHYSICAL SECURITY. THE NEW UNIT WILL  
HAVE A SMALL CADRE OF PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE ON TWENTY-FOUR DUTY  
AT THE GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS. A SECURE TELEX  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WILL BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE BATTALION AND THE GENERAL STAFF.

2. THE INTELLIGENCE BATTALION WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECT  
CONTROL OF LT. COL. JUAN ((LOPEZ)) GRIJALVA, J-2 OF THE ARMED  
FORCES GENERAL STAFF. ALTHOUGH THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE  
THE BATTALION AT FULL PERSONNEL STRENGTH, CURRENT LIMITED  
MILITARY RESOURCES AND MANPOWER WILL REQUIRE THE UNIT TO BE  
STAFFED WITH SIGNIFICANTLY LESS PERSONNEL AT THE OUTSET. THE  
HONDURAN MILITARY ANTICIPATE BUILDING THE UNIT UP TO FULL  
BATTALION STRENGTH OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

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