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FOR: SUCCESS RYBAT

RE: LING 2137 -

general cable asking about arms to unions, dist. by arms + ammo, shifts in military strength, troop movements.

1. RE PARA 1, NO SPECIFIC PROOF UNIONS RECEIVING ARMS & AMO NOW BUT POSSESS ARMS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED. INVESTIGATING QUANTITIES. ARMS DISTRIBUTION REPORTED IN HCSA 887; 851; 814. STATION SOURCES ALERTED REPORT ALL INFO ARMS MOVEMENT.

2. IN PAGE REPORT, [] MENTIONS 1200 ARMED CAMPESINOS ESQUINTLA AREA. BELIEVE THIS EXAGGERATION.

3. REF PARA 2, STATION SOURCES ALERTED WATCH FOR SHIFTS MILITARY STRENGTH. ESTIMATOR VISITED MILITARY BASE PUERTO BARRIOS 2 MAY TO REPAIR RADIO TRANSMITTER. SAW NO MILITARY ACTIVITY, ONLY 2 OR 3 SOLDIERS STANDING AROUND. THIS JIBES WITH INFO FROM MCCORMICK AFTER HIS RECENT TRIP THAT REGION.

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