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*Weekly Situation Report  
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Cooperation Between Central American Terrorist Groups

Revolutionary groups in El Salvador and Guatemala have implemented the coordination and joint execution of acts of terrorism in the two countries. Two groups, the Farabundo Marti Popular Liberation Front (FPL) in El Salvador and the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP) in Guatemala, have committed most of the recent terrorist incidents in their respective countries. Joint action is a relatively new aspect of their operations.

[redacted] their first major coordinated action was the 16 September machinegunning of the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador.

[redacted] future plans call for, among other things, the possible kidnaping of assassination in the near future of the U.S. Ambassadors in El Salvador and Guatemala or any other high-level U.S. officials who might be vulnerable.

One objective of the coordinated activity, [redacted] is to keep the governments of both countries occupied at home to prevent their assistance to Nicaragua in its fight against the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN). [redacted] the FPL hopes to promote situation throughout Central America similar to the current one in Nicaragua, with a goal of setting up a new socialist society modeled after the Cuban Government. Young members of the FPL generally believe that their chances of bringing down the Salvadoran Government and establishing a socialist government will be excellent should the FSLN succeed in taking over the government of Nicaragua and should the coordination between Central American revolutionary organizations be sustained.

The FSLN and the EGP have also been coordinating terrorist operations. [redacted] EGP plans to attack the Americans in Guatemala have been formulated in response to FSLN requests. [redacted] the shooting of the Nicaraguan Ambassador to Guatemala on 16 September was implemented at the request of the FSLN. Thus far, however, [redacted] the EGP has not allowed FSLN participation in these plans and attacks. The FSLN has requested permission to participate in the planned attacks

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against Americans but has been refused; permission was also denied for its participation in the attack on the Nicaraguan Ambassador. 

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TERRORIST THREATS AND PLANS

Tab B includes all reasonably credible reports of planned terrorist activity. Although the reliability and access of the sources vary considerably, the threats listed are considered sufficiently plausible to warrant alertness and the use of protective security measures. However, terrorist groups often discuss general intentions or make tentative plans for violent acts that they never succeed in carrying out. In nearly all the cases listed, the intended target and appropriate governments have been informed of the threat.

\*\* Indicates a new threat reported for the first time.

\* Indicates a revision of a threat reported in previous issues.

I. Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

Target: U.S. AMBASSADOR      \*\* Recent developments in Honduras  
U.S. EMBASSY                      at the U.S. Embassy have re-  
sulted in the tightening of  
Place: Honduras,                      security measures. In late  
Teguicigalpa                      August a night watchman was  
approached as he departed the  
Date: Unknown                      Embassy and asked questions  
about working hours of the  
Ambassador and Consul. The  
two men said they were Sand-  
inistas and spoke of getting  
a large ransom if they kidnaped  
the American Ambassador. On 24  
September an anonymous male  
telephoned the Embassy and speak-  
ing in Spanish said something  
about "explosivo--5 minutos".  
A search of the building was  
negative. (SECRET)

Target: U.S. AMBASSADOR  
U.S. CONSUL

[REDACTED] (b)(1)  
[REDACTED] the Guerrilla Army of the  
Poor (EGP) continues planning to (b)(3)

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Place: Guatemala

Date: Unknown

assassinate the U.S. Ambassador and the U.S. Consul in Guatemala. In late June of this year there was a threat by the EGP against a diplomatic mission, the U.S. Embassy and a member of the U.S. military in the country. (See the issue of 12 July, Tab B.)

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