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TEXT: 1. ARMED FORCES JOINT GENERAL STAFF (EMCFA) CHIEF GENERAL ADOLFO O. ((BLANDON)) WILL HEAD A SALVADORAN MILITARY

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DELEGATION ON 26 APRIL 1985 TO MEET WITH COUNTERPART MEMBERS OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES. THE MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE IN HONDURAS AS A RESULT OF AN INVITATION FOR THE SALVADORAN JOINT GENERAL STAFF TO BRIEF THE HONDURAN JOINT GENERAL STAFF ON LESSONS LEARNED BY THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES IN DEALING WITH INSURGENTS. FOLLOWING ARE THE KEY TOPICS TO BE COVERED BY GENERAL BLANDON AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS: THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATED SALVADORAN/ HONDURAN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST SALVADORAN INSURGENT GROUPS OPERATING IN FRONTIER AREAS; BRIEFING ON SALVADORAN INSURGENT SITUATION; FRIENDLY FORCES ORGANIZATION; SUMMARY OF RECENT FRIENDLY FORCES OPERATIONS; USE OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE IN SUPPORT OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS; ROLE OF CIVIL DEFENSE FORCES; INDIVIDUAL SOLDIER TRAINING FOR COMBAT; HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR; OFFICER CORPS STAFFING AND TRAINING; AND MAINTAINING SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY NATIONS.

2. GENERAL BLANDON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THIS TRIP BY EMCFA INTELLIGENCE (C-2) CHIEF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)), EMCFA OPERATIONS (C-3) CHIEF LIEUTENANT COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)), FOURTH BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ; AND THIRD BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL MIGUEL ANTONIO ((MENDEZ)).

3. SALVADORAN PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) HAS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY HIS PLANNED VISIT TO HONDURAS TO MEET WITH HONDURAN PRESIDENT ROBERTO ((SUAZO)) CORDOBA. PRESIDENT SUAZO ADVISED PRESIDENT DUARTE THAT A VISIT BY DUARTE WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNE AT THIS TIME.

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