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COUNTRY: (U) HONDURAS (HO) NICARAGUA (NU) CUBA (CU)
SUBJ: (U) DEBRIEFING OF HO GUERRILLA
DEFECTOR
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED
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DOI: (U) 840810
REFS: (U) M-4BX-22249, M-4BX-22269, T-3E2-22251,
Z-D13-H0001, Y-DIRMS-011
SOURCE: HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN
THE PAST.

SUMMARY: (S/NF) ON 22 JUL 1984, HO GUERRILLA DEFECTOR,
ARNULFO (MONTTOYA) MARADIAGA TURNED HIMSELF IN TO
HO CIVIL DEFENSE FORCES. THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF MONTTOYA BY HO INTERROGATORS.
SUBMITTED AS ENCLOSURE ARE PHOTOS OF RIFLES AND
EQUIPMENT CACHED BY MONTTOYA AND SURRENDERED TO HO
SECURITY FORCES.

TEXT: 1. (S/NF) BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

- NAME: ARNULFO MONTTOYA MARADIAGA
- AKA : FELIPE (CU), ELIAS (NU)
- PLACE OF BIRTH: HONDURAS
- DATE OF BIRTH:
- RESIDENCE: ALDEA VALLE ALEGRE, VILLA SANTA, DANLI,
EL PARAISO.
- EDUCATION: 2ND GRADE
- RELIGION: CATHOLIC
- OCCUPATION: AGRICULTURAL WORK AND PREDICATOR DE LA
PALABRA (RELIGIOUS ORATOR)
- SCHOOLS ATTENDED: A. REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, BARRIO
LA BOLSA. B. SAN FRANCISCO SEMINARY, DIRAMBA, NU,
1963-65.
- SPOUSE:
- CHILDREN:
- FATHER'S NAME:
- MOTHER'S NAME:

2. (S/NF) BACKGROUND/RECRUITMENT:

- A. PARTY AFFILIATION: LIBERAL PARTY. ACCORDING
TO MONTTOYA, HE WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER POLITICAL
PARTY AND/OR LABOR ORGANIZATION/GROUP.
- B. METHOD OF RECRUITMENT:
BECAUSE OF HIS INTEREST IN PREACHING, AND THE BIBLE,
MONTTOYA WAS SELECTED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG TO SERVE AS AN
ASSISTANT TO OTHER PREACHERS, CALLED "PREDICADORES
DE LA PALABRA". HE FOUND THROUGH THE YEARS, THAT HE
COULD COMMUNICATE AND EXERCISE CERTAIN INFLUENCE IN
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SUBJ: (U) DEBRIEFING OF HO GUERRILLA
OTHER PEOPLES'S BEHAVIOR AND DECIDED TO JOIN THE GROUP
KNOWN AS "GRUPO DE CELEBRADORES DE LA PALABRA". THE
GROUP USUALLY MET IN JUTICALPA EVERY THREE (3) MONTHS
AND DISCUSSED THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST PERIOD.
THE LEADER OF THE ORGANIZATION, BERNARD BULANG (A
RADICAL CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO LIVED IN JUTICALPA FOR SEVE-
RAL YEARS) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING THE BIBLICAL
SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.
PRIVATE CONFERENCES WERE ALSO CONDUCTED WITH BULANG AT
THE COMPLETION OF EACH REUNION. INITIALLY, THE GROUP
OF "CELEBRADORES DE LA PALABRA" CONSISTED OF 40 MEMBERS.
THE NUMBER INCREASED RATHER FAST IN A SHORT PERIOD OF
TIME, AND FOR THIS REASON, BULANG DECIDED TO CONDUCT
THE FUTURE MEETINGS AT THE VILLAGE OF EACH MEMBER OF
THE ORGANIZATION. BULANG BECAME THE SUPERVISOR OF THE
GROUP'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE AREA AND THE "ORADOR
INVITADO" (GUEST SPEAKER) DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE
MEETINGS.

- C. SOCIO/POLITICAL THEMES STRESSED BY BERNARD BULANG:
- (1) THE "CAMPESESINOS" MUST ORGANIZE THEMSELVES TO ELIMINATE THE PRIVILEGED CLASS.
 - (2) THE CAMPESESINOS MUST OBTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION.
 - (3) LAND REFORM IN HONDURAS MUST FAVOR THE CAMPESESINOS.
 - (4) THE CAMPESESINOS MUST PREPARE THEMSELVES POLITI-
CALLY AND MILITARILY IN ORDER TO ASSUME THE
LEADERSHIP OF THIS COUNTRY (HO).
 - (5) MORE LAND, SCHOOLS AND JOBS ARE NEEDED FOR THE
POOR CAMPESEINO CLASS.
 - (6) ARHEO STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE WORKING CAMPESEINO
CLASS AND THE WEALTHY IS NEEDED TO ELIMINATE
CORRUPTION IN HO.
 - (7) THE FPR (FRENTE POPULAR REVOLUCIONARIA), IS A
POLITICAL/MILITARY ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES
SUPPORT TO THE CAMPESESINOS IN HO.
 - (8) THE BIBLE SPEAKS THE TRUTH OF INJUSTICE.
 - (9) STRUGGLE AGAINST THE PRIVILEGED CLASSES IN
HONDURAS IS NECESSARY.
- D. THE FPR LORENZO ZELAYA: SHORTLY AFTER MEETING
BERNARD BULANG, MONTOYA WAS RECRUITED BY BULANG AND A
BERNARDO (NEI) INTO THE (FPR) "LORENZO ZELAYA". ITS
MISSION IS TO INDOCTRINATE THE CAMPESEINO POPULATION
AND ESTABLISH A POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IN HO.
ACCORDING TO MONTOYA, THE FPR IS A SELF-SUFFICIENT
ORGANIZATION. THEIR LEADERS ARE NOT ASSOCIATED NOR
ARE THEY SUBORDINATED TO TO THE MAJOR CLANDESTINE OR-
GANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE
TRABAJADORES CENTROAMERICANOS (PRTC). HE DOES NOT
KNOW THE NAME OF THE LEADERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION, NOR
IS HE FAMILIAR WITH THE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE OF THE
PRTC OR THE FPR. HIS IMMEDIATE LEADER, ALSO A HONDURAN

CITIZEN, IS KNOWN AS "RAMON". THE REAL NAMES OF OTHER
LEADERS OR MEMBERS WERE NEVER DISCLOSED DUE TO THE
SECURITY MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY THE ORGANIZATION (FPR).
IN MARCH OF 1981, BERNARD BULANG EMPHASIZED THE IMPOR-
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TANCE OF THE STRUGGLE BY THE CAMPESENO CLASS AND TOLD
MONTOKA ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF AN "ORGANIZATION" CREATED
EXCLUSIVELY BY THE CAMPESENO. ACCORDING TO MONTOKA
THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS: "FUERZA POPULAR
REVOLUCIONARIA (FPR) LORENZO ZELAYA". IN JUNE OF 1981,
ARNULFO WAS INTRODUCED BY THE FRENCH PRIEST TO A HONDURAN
CITIZEN KNOWN AS "TONO". SINCE THEN, "TONO" MET WITH
ARNULFO THREE (3) TIMES PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM
HONDURAS.

- (1) THE FIRST MEETING: AT THE FIRST MEETING (IN
- JUTICALPA), TONO BRIEFLY EXPLAINED THE ORGA-
- NIZATION (FPR). MONTOKA WAS PROMISED FREE
- EDUCATION AND AN EDUCATION THAT WOULD ALLOW
- HIM TO BETTER ORGANIZE THE CAMPESENO TO
- FIGHT AGAINST OPRESSION AND INJUSTICE.
- ACCORDING TO MONTOKA, THE COURSE WAS TO BE
- CONDUCTED IN COSTA RICA, AND THE LENGTH OF THE
- TRAINING PERIOD WAS SIX (6) MONTHS.

(2) THE SECOND MEETING:

- AT THE SECOND MEETING, MONTOKA RECALLS TONO
- PROMISING THE FOLLOWING, PROVIDING HE ACCEPTED
- THE SCHOL. OPPORTUNITIES: HIGHER EDUCATION,
- TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, ATTENTION AND ECONOMIC
- SUPPORT FOR HIS FAMILY AND CONSTANT COMMUNICA-
- TION WITH HIS FAMILY WHILE HE WAS AWAY.

BECAUSE OF THE PROMISES AND HIS DIFFICULT SITUATION
(7 CHILDREN TO SUPPORT), HE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE OFFER
TO JOIN THE FPR AND STUDY ABROAD. ON 30 JUL 1981, HE
VISITED TONO'S RESIDENCE LOCATED IN JUTICALPA AND MET
WITH TONO'S WIFE "LUISA", ALSO A HONDURAN CITIZEN OF
APPROXIMATELY 24 YEARS OF AGE. AT TONO'S HOUSE MONTOKA
MET EIGHT (8) OTHER CAMPESENO WHO WERE ALSO RECRUITED
FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. THE NEXT DAY, 31 JULY 1981,
MONTOKA TRAVELLED TO TEGUCIGALPA WITH TONO IN ORDER
TO GET PASSPORTS AND VISAS FOR COSTA RICA.

E. TONO: MONTOKA DESCRIBED TONO AS A HONDURAN
CITIZEN APPROXIMATELY 33 YRS OF AGE, 5'9" TALL, 178LBS,
MUSCULAR, WHITE COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, AND ROUND FACE.
HE ALWAYS DRESSED WELL (EXPENSIVE SHOES AND CLOTHING)
AND SEEMED WELL EDUCATED, HE ACTED AS POLITICAL
OFFICER/CONTACT MAN/INSPECTOR. AS A POLITICAL OFFICER,
HE PREACHED THE SAME THEMES STRESSED BY BERNARD BULANG
(REF SUB PARAGRAPH 2C). AS CONTACT MAN HE MADE
INITIAL CONTACT WITH POTENTIAL STUDENTS. AS INSPECTOR,
HE WAS OBSERVED INSPECTING THE TRAINING AT PINAR DEL
RIO, CUBA AND IN NU. DURING THE TIME MONTOKA SPENT IN
PINAR DEL RIO, CUBA, (10 AUG 81-85 MAY 83), TONO
VISITED THE CUBAN CLANDESTINE TRAINING CENTER "P-30",
ON TWO OCCASIONS.

3. (S/NF) MOVEMENT TO CUBA: MONTOKA TRAVELLED TO TEGU-
CIGALPA BY BUS ON 31 JUL 81 AND STAYED IN A HOTEL

LOCATED NEAR THE BUS TERMINAL. IN TEGUCIGALPA, TONO
HELPED THE GROUP OBTAIN THEIR PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION TO
INCLUDE PASSPORTS AND VISAS FOR COSTA RICA. MONTOKA
INDICATED THAT HIS PASSPORT ONLY REFLECTED A VISA FOR
"COSTA RICA". HE NEVER SUSPECTED THAT HE WAS GOING TO
NICARAGUA/CUBA. HE DEPARTED TEGUCIGALPA ON 9 AUG 81
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BY "TICA"BUS.

SOON AFTER ARRIVING IN MANAGUA, THE GROUP'S CONTACT, AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED LUIS (NF!), GAVE THEM THE FOLLOWING LECTURE: "YOU ARE GOING TO CUBA FOR SIX MONTHS. BEHAVE YOURSELF....LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE". THE GROUP WAS DIVIDED INTO SMALLER GROUPS OF THREE TO FOUR AND DEPARTED SANDINO AIRPORT, MANAGUA, ON 10 AUG 81 VIA CUBANA DE AVIACION. THEY ARRIVED AT JOSE MARTI AIRPORT IN HAVANA CU LATE AFTERNOON. THERE, A MAN KNOWN AS "OSMANI" WAS WAITING FOR THE GROUP. "OSMANI" WAS A CUBAN CITIZEN WHOSE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO RECEIVE/ WELCOME LATIN-AMERICAN STUDENTS. HE HANDLED ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AT THE AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTED THE GROUP BY BUS TO PINAR DEL RIO. UPON ARRIVAL IN CU, A SMALL BUS WAS USED TO TRANSPORT THE HONDURAN GROUP OF NINE (9) TO THE CLANDESTINE SCHOOL IN PINAR DEL RIO KNOWN AS P-30. MONTOYA AND HIS GROUP WERE GIVEN MEDICAL EXAM AND STAYED AT THE P-30 SCHOOL FOR

APPROXIMATELY 8 DAYS. FROM THERE, THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO "MICRO 3", THE SMALLEST TRAINING CAMP WITHIN THE CLANDESTINE SCHOOL.

4. (S/NF) TRAINING IN CUBA:

- A. THE P-30 CLANDESTINE SCHOOL IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 85 MILES FROM HAVANA AND IS DIVIDED INTO INDIVIDUAL CAMPS. THE P-30 CAMP, WHERE HE REMAINED FOR 8 DAYS WAS SECURED WITH BARBED WIRE AND CONSISTED OF LIVING QUARTERS (BARRACKS), KITCHEN AND DINING HALL, CLASSROOM, TV ROOM, MAINTENANCE AREA, AND A PLAY GROUND. FOUR STATUES WERE DISPLAYED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAMP (CHE GUEVARA, AND JOSE MARTI AMONG THEM, AND A PLAQUE CONSTRUCTED BY MEMBERS OF PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES CENTROAMERICANOS (REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN WORKERS), WAS DISPLAYED IN THE CENTER OF THE CAMP. AT THE SCHOOL THE RULES WERE: DO NOT TALK TO ANYONE ABOUT THE CAMP STRUCTURE AND TYPE OF TRAINING GIVEN, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO VISIT OTHER CAMPS, AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE INSTRUCTORS. A TOTAL OF 19 HONDURANS ATTENDED THE SCHOOL.

- B. TRAINING: THE OVERALL DIRECTOR OF THE P-30 SCHOOL WAS A CUBAN CITIZEN AND COLONEL IN THE CU ARMY KNOWN AS "ANTONIO". UPON ARRIVAL AT THE P-30 SCHOOL THE 19 HONDURANS (18 MEN AND 1 WOMAN NAMED CAMILA) WERE TOLD BY ANTONIO THAT THE TRAINING WAS STRICTLY OF POLITICAL/MILITARY NATURE. THE NINETEEN HONDURANS REMAINED AT THE P-30 APPROXIMATELY EIGHT DAYS. FROM THERE, THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO "MICRO 3", WHERE THEY REMAINED SEVEN (7) MONTHS. CAMILA BECAME THE LEADER OF THE GROUP. AT THE "MICRO 3" THE ENTIRE GROUP RECEIVED MILITARY TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- (1) MARKSMANSHIP: CAPTAIN RAUL, BASIC AND ADVANCED
- (2) MILITARY TACTICS: 1LT MEDINA

- (3) ENGINEER: 1LT LUIS, EXPLOSIVES, FIELD FORTIFICATIONS, PREPARATION OF CHARGES FOR BRIDGE DESTRUCTION.

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- (4) FIRST AID/SANITATION: 1LT NICOLAS/LT DAVID
- (5) ARTILLERY: LT DOMINGUES
- (6) POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION: LT GALVES
 - HISTORY OF CUBA
 - THE INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA
 - MARXISM/LENINISM THEORIES
 - THE SOVIET UNION: ASSISTANCE TO LATAM
 - THE INTIAL SITUATION IN HO
- (7) TOPOGRAPHY: MAP READING, LAND NAVIGATION
- (8) PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- (9) COMMUNICATION: RADIO EQUIPMENT, CODES,
 - MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION.

C. TRAINING HOURS

- 0500 FIRST CALL
- 0530 PHYSICAL EXERCISE
- 0700 BREAKFAST
- 0800 - 1400 MILITARY TRAINING
- 1400 - 1500 FREE TIME

- 1500 - 1700 STUDY HALL, MOVIES, CONFERENCES, GROUP STUDY

- 1900 - DINNER

- D. TYPES OF WEAPONS:

FAL, M-16, CALIL MACHINE GUNS 30 CAL AND 50 CAL, 75 & 57 MM ARTILLERY, 60 & 81MM MORTARS, RPG-7, MACHINE GUN B-Z, PISTOL CAL 45, BROWNING, UZI, MAC, M1 AND M2, CARBINES AK-47, PISTOL TT, MARAKOV, AND 38 CAL.

- E. END OF COURSE:

THE INITIAL 6 MONTHS OF TRAINING ENDED IN FEBRUARY 1982. DURING THAT PERIOD, THE CUBANS PROVIDED EXTENSIVE TRAINING MATERIALS TO INCLUDE BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, NOTEBOOKS, ETC. WHICH WERE LEFT BEHIND AT THE SCHOOL. NOTHING WAS BROUGHT BACK TO NICARAGUA. ALL STUDENTS WERE PHYSICALLY SEARCHED PRIOR TO LEAVING THE SCHOOL. PHYSICAL SECURITY VIOLATIONS WERE STRICTLY ENFORCED AT THE SCHOOL.

- F. END OF COURSE GRADUATION TOOK PLACE IN FEBRUARY 1982 AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FPR WAS PRESENT AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. "CAMILA" WAS THE LEADER OF THE 19 HONDURANS. AFTER GRADUATION THEY WERE FORCED TO WORK IN THE FIELD, (TRABAJO VOLUNTARIO). IN APRIL 1982, THE CUBAN AND LEADERS OF THE FPR TOLD THE STUDENTS TO PACK THEIR BAG BECAUSE THEY WERE RETURNING TO NICARAGUA.

5. (S/HF) RETURN TO NICARAGUA AND ACTIVITIES THERE.

- A. ON 15 APRIL 1982, THEIR PLANE DEPARTED CUBA AND ARRIVED IN MANAGUA, BUT THE HONDURANS DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEPLANE. THEY REMAINED APPROXIMATELY TWO (2) HOURS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT WHILE IN MANAGUA AND RETURNED TO CUBA ON THE SAME DAY. THE GROUP WAS TOLD THAT THE "CURRENT SITUATION IN NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS WAS CRITICAL, THEREFORE, "IT WAS BETTER TO RETURN TO CUBA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE." THE 19 HONDURANS RETURNED TO PINAR DEL RIO AND RECEIVED ADDITIONAL MILITARY TRAINING AT THE P-30 SCHOOL.

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FINALLY, ON 15 MAY 1983, THE GROUP ARRIVED IN NICARAGUA, (SANDINO IAP). AT THE AIRPORT, THE GROUP WAS MET BY "CAMILA" AND "DANIEL." (COMMENT: THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CAMILA AS DESCRIBED BY MONTOYA ARE: WHITE COMPLEXION, MEDIUM, SLENDER EYES, BLACK CURLY HAIR, ALWAYS WORE TROUSERS, APPEARED TO BE A WELL EDUCATED WOMAN, APP. 24 YEARS OF AGE. MONTOYA HAS NOT SEEN HER SINCE JULY 83.)

- B. AIRPORT TO SAFEHOUSE:

THE ENTIRE GROUP REMAINED IN A "SAFE HOUSE" IN MANAGUA FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS, UNTIL 15 MAY 83. FROM THERE, THEY WERE TRANSPORTED TO A COFFEE PLANTATION KNOWN AS "EL CRECERO" AND REMAINED AT THIS LOCATION UNTIL O/A 15 JUL 83. FROM THE COFFEE PLANTATION, THE ENTIRE GROUP MOVED TO JINOTEGA (1305N/8600W), ON A SEARCH OPERATION AGAINST THE CONTRAS. ON 20 JUL 83, A MEMBER OF THE GROUP KNOWN AS "FAUSTO" DEFECTED FROM THE MOVEMENT. (COMMENT: THE DEFECTION OF FAUSTO AND THE FAILURE OF THE REYES MATTA GROUP LIKELY LED TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE

GROUP'S INFILTRATION INTO OLANCHO.

- C. DURING THE JULY-AUGUST 83 TIME FRAME THE FPR FOUGHT THE CONTRAS IN THE VICINITY OF JINOTEGA LAKE (1310N 8600W). ON 18 JULY 1983, HIS GROUP (HO FPR-19 MEMBERS), WAS JOINED BY 48 MEMBERS OF THE "VANGUARDIA POPULAR DE COSTA RICA" (POPULAR VANGUARD OF CS) AND 21 MEMBERS OF THE "HONDURAN CINCHONEROS" ORGANIZATION. THE GROUPS CONDUCTED MILITARY OPERATIONS TOGETHER FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS. THREE SANDINISTA OFFICERS WERE IN CHARGE OF THIS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS THE "BRIGADA INTERNACIONALISTA." THE SANDINISTA OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE FPR GROUP WAS 1LT RUBEN FLORES. ITS MISSION WAS TO FIGHT THE CONTRAS. DURING THE FIRST FIRE-FIGHT THE BRIGADA INTERNACIONALISTA LOST TWO COSTA RICAN FIGHTERS (ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE GUERRILLA KIA). ON 23 JULY 1983, ONE CS AND ONE SANDINISTA LT WERE KILLED. ON 26 JULY 83 A SECOND CLASH OCCURRED WITH THE CONTRAS WHEN THE PLATOON "VANGUARDIA POPULAR DE CS" MADE CONTACT WITH THE CONTRAS. THE COSTA RICANS SUFFERED TWO KIA WHILE CASUALTIES ON THE CONTRA SIDE WERE NEVER DETERMINED. DEAD CONTRA SOLDIERS WERE NEVER FOUND NOR OBSERVED BY MONTOYA, HOWEVER, THE NICARAGUANS ALWAYS EXAGGERATED THE CASUALTY RATE AMONG THE CONTRAS.

- D. THE CINCHONERO GROUP: MONTOYA WAS INFORMED THAT THE CINCHONERO GROUP WAS FORMED BY HONDURAN CITIZENS (CAMPESESINOS), WHO WERE IN COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT WITH THE CURRENT HONDURAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, HE AND OTHER MEMBER OF THE FPR WERE PROHIBITED TO TALK TO THEM. THE SANDINISTAS ALWAYS STRESSED THAT OPERATIONS/INFORMATION BE COMPARTMENTED, THAT THIS IS THE BASIC MEASURE TO SURVIVE ON THE BATTLE FIELD. IN SPITE OF THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE SANDINISTAS, THE MEMBERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS MADE CLANDESTINE CONTACTS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE MORALE OF THE GROUPS. MONTOYA MET A PERSON KNOWN AS

"MARTIN", WHO WAS A LEADER OF THE "CINCHONERO GROUP." (COMMENT: ACCORDING TO MONTOYA "MARTIN" WAS A LEADER OF A "COOPERATIVA" UNION SOMEWHERE ON THE HONDURAN NORTHERN COASTLINE. MONTOYA RECALLS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEING MADE BY MARTIN: "I ALREADY HAVE PEOPLE WAITING FOR ME IN BT

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MY AREA...MY PEOPLE WILL JOIN ME TO START OUR STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT.")

- E. PLANS TO INFILTRATE HONDURAS:

DURING THE SECOND PART OF JULY 1983, THE "BRIGADA INTERNACIONALISTA" WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF JINOTEGA, MAKING THE PRELIMINARY PLANS TO INFILTRATE INTO HONDURAN TERRITORY. THEIR LEADERS TOLD THEM THAT THE CINCHONEROS AND FPR GROUPS WERE TO ENTER HONDURAS TOGETHER. THE INFILTRATION WAS SUDDENLY CANCELLED HOWEVER AND THE SEARCH FOR THE CONTRAS WAS REESTABLISHED. DURING THE LAST PART OF JULY, MONTOYA AND HIS FELLOW GUERRILLAS LEARNED BY RADIO BROADCAST AND NEWSPAPERS, THAT A GROUP KNOWN AS "PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES CENTRO AMERICANOS" (PRTC), LED BY DR REYES MATTIA, WHO INFILTRATED INTO OLANCHO, HONDURAS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES. MONTOYA WAS INFORMED THAT MATTIA'S MEN WERE DEFECTING DUE TO LACK OF FOOD, UNHAPPINESS WITHIN THE GROUP AND UNNECESSARY SUFFERING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF OLANCHO. (COMMENT

AT THE TIME MONTOYA DID NOT KNOW THAT THE REASON FOR NOT INFILTRATING INTO EL PARAISO IN JULY 1983 WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO REYES MATTIA'S FAILURE.) ON 18 JULY THROUGH 3 SEPTEMBER 1983, THE "BRIGADA INTERNACIONALISTA" DEPLOYED TO JINOTEGA TO CONDUCT A "SEARCH OPERATION" AGAINST THE CONTRAS. "FAUSTO" A MEMBER OF HIS ORGANIZATION DEFECTED ON 28 JULY 1983 FOR THIS REASON THE ENTIRE GROUP RETURNED TO MANAGUA AND FROM APPROX. 4 SEPTEMBER THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER THE GROUP REMAINED AT A SAFE HOUSE IN MANAGUA. DURING THE LAST PART OF NOVEMBER, THE FPR MOVED TO A MILITARY BASE LOCATED NEAR MANAGUA. THEY ESTABLISHED A DEFENSIVE POSITION ON A HILL KNOWN AS (JICANOGALAN (NCA) AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 8 FEBRUARY 1984. FROM 9 FEBRUARY TO THE END OF MAY 1984, THE GROUP LIVED IN A SAFE HOUSE IN THE VICINITY OF MANAGUA.

6. (S/NF) INFILTRATION INTO HONDURAS.

- A. THE NINETEEN GUERRILLAS WERE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS OF FIVE AND LEFT MANAGUA BY TRUCK. MONTOYA'S GROUP ARRIVE IN JALAPA (1355N8608W), ON 22 JULY 84. FROM JALAPA THEY PROCEEDED TO EL ESCAMBRAY (1357N,8610W), APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS BY FOOT, THEN TO CERRO DE JESUS (1359N,8612W). THERE, MONTOYA'S GROUP SPLIT AS FOLLOWS: GROUP ONE CONSISTED OF MONTOYA AND JOSE MARIA RECONCO, GROUP TWO INCLUDED BONIFACIO BAUTISTA, JOSE OSTILIO AND RODOLFO (ADOLFO) HERNANDEZ. MONTOYA'S GROUP ASSISTED BY A SANDINISTA SOLDIER, CROSSED THE BORDER. OF THE ORIGINAL 19, 17812; #5;- ICHVSDIST7 PATRICK AFB FL//IWO//
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- C, INFILTRATION TECHNIQUES:

- (1) THE ENTIRE GROUP (FPR) WAS DIVIDED IN SUB-GROUPS OF 3 TO 4 MEN.
- (2) NO TWO GROUPS WOULD INFILTRATE INTO HO USING THE SAME ROUTE.
- (3) EACH SMALL GROUP WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET A GUIDE AT THE BORDER ON THE NU SIDE WHO WOULD TAKE THEM ACROSS TO A POINT WHERE THE GROUP WOULD CHANGE FROM UNIFORMS INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHES.
- (4) WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT WERE TO BE SECURED IN AN EASILY RECOGNIZED AREA JUST AFTER CROSSING INTO HONDURAN TERRITORY.
- (5) THE GUIDE WAS TO BE A SANDINISTA SOLDIER VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE INFILTRATION POINT.
- (6) AFTER A SUCCESSFUL INFILTRATION EACH MEMBER OF THE FPR WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE CONTACT AT A PRE-DETERMINED POINT AND TIME IN DANLI. AT FIRST CONTACT, THE HO GUERRILLAS (FPR) WERE TO RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THEIR AREA OF OPERATION.
- (7) IF CONTACT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN DANLI, AFTER THE 4TH SUNDAY, THEN THE NEXT MEETING WAS TO TAKE PLACE IN TEGUCIGALPA THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. THE CONTACT POINT IN TEGUCIGALPA WAS THE ANIMAL CLINIC ON THE HIGHWAY TO OLANCHO ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TEGUCIGALPA.
- D. THEIR CAPTURE:

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AFTER A SUCCESSFUL INFILTRATION ON 22 JUL 1984, MONTOYA HIS COMPANION, "RECONCO" AND THE OTHER THREE WERE CAPTURED BY THE HO CIVIL DEFENSE FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF LAS FLORES" (1403N/8610W). THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO CIFUENTES (1409N/8609W) WHERE BOTH MEN WERE SUBJECTED TO INTERROGATIONS. ON 23 JULY 84, THEY WERE SENT TO LAS TROJES (1403N/8600W). AT LAS TROJES, MONTOYA AND RECONCO WERE AGAIN INTERROGATED BY THE DNI AND WEDNESDAY 25 JUL, BOTH MEN WERE RELEASED. MONTOYA AND RECONCO PROCEEDED TO DANLI AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FPR TRAVELLED TO TEGUCIGALPA. RECONCO AND MONTOYA REMAINED IN DANLI, HOPING TO MAKE CONTACT ON SUNDAY 29 JULY 1984. THIS CONTACT NEVER MATERIALIZED.
COMMENTS: (S/NF) MONTOYA CURRENTLY REMAINS UNDER

WRAPS WHILE SECURITY FORCES ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS INFILTRATION GROUP. SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE ASSURED RO THAT HE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS ONCE THE ON-GOING OPERATION HAS ENDED.
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SUBJ: (U) DEBRIEFING OF HO GUERRILLA
MY AREA...MY PEOPLE WILL JOIN ME TO START OUR STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT.")

- E. PLANS TO INFILTRATE HONDURAS:

DURING THE SECOND PART OF JULY 1983, THE "BRIGADA INTERNACIONALISTA" WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF JINOTEGA, MAKING THE PRELIMINARY PLANS TO INFILTRATE INTO HONDURAN TERRITORY. THEIR LEADERS TOLD THEM THAT THE CINCHONEROS AND FPR GROUPS WERE TO ENTER HONDURAS TOGETHER. THE INFILTRATION WAS SUDDENLY CANCELLED HOWEVER AND THE SEARCH FOR THE CONTRAS WAS REESTABLISHED. DURING THE LAST PART OF JULY, MONTOYA AND HIS FELLOW GUERRILLAS LEARNED BY RADIO BROADCAST AND NEWSPAPERS, THAT A GROUP KNOWN AS "PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES CENTRO AMERICANOS" (PRTC), LED BY DR REYES MATTA, WHO INFILTRATED INTO OLANCHO, HONDURAS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES. MONTOYA WAS INFORMED THAT MATTA'S MEN WERE DEFECTING DUE TO LACK OF FOOD, UNHAPPINESS WITHIN THE GROUP AND UNNECESSARY SUFFERING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF OLANCHO. (COMMENT

AT THE TIME MONTOYA DID NOT KNOW THAT THE REASON FOR NOT INFILTRATING INTO EL PARAISO IN JULY 1983 WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO REYES MATTA'S FAILURE.) ON 18 JULY THROUGH 3 SEPTEMBER 1983, THE "BRIGADA INTERNACIONALISTA" DEPLOYED TO JINOTEGA TO CONDUCT A "SEARCH OPERATION" AGAINST THE CONTRAS. "FAUSTO" A MEMBER OF HIS ORGANIZATION DEFECTED ON 20 JULY 1983 FOR THIS REASON THE ENTIRE GROUP RETURNED TO MANAGUA AND FROM APPROX. 4 SEPTEMBER THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER THE GROUP REMAINED AT A SAFE HOUSE IN MANAGUA. DURING THE LAST PART OF NOVEMBER, THE FPR MOVED TO A MILITARY BASE LOCATED NEAR MANAGUA. THEY ESTABLISHED A DEFENSIVE POSITION ON A HILL KNOWN AS (JICANOGALAN (JICA) AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 8 FEBRUARY 1984. FROM 9 FEBRUARY TO THE END OF MAY 1984, THE GROUP LIVED IN A SAFE HOUSE IN THE VICINITY OF MANAGUA.

6. (S/NF) INFILTRATION INTO HONDURAS.

- A. THE NINETEEN GUERRILLAS WERE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS OF FIVE AND LEFT MANAGUA BY TRUCK. MONTOYA'S GROUP ARRIVE IN JALAPA (1355N, 8608W), ON 22 JULY 84. FROM JALAPA THEY PROCEEDED TO EL ESCAMBRAY (1357N, 8610W), APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS BY FOOT, THEN TO CERRO DE JESUS (1359N, 8612W). THERE, MONTOYA'S GROUP SPLIT AS FOLLOWS: GROUP ONE CONSISTED OF MONTOYA AND JOSE MARIA RECONCO, GROUP TWO INCLUDED BONIFACIO BAUTISTA, JOSE OSTILIO AND RODOLFO (ADOLFO) HERNANDEZ. MONTOYA'S GROUP ASSISTED BY A SANDINISTA SOLDIER, CROSSED THE BORDER. OF THE ORIGINAL 19, 6 WERE NOT ABLE TO INFILTRATE INTO HO. ACCORDING TO MONTOYA THOSE WHO FAILED DID NOT RESEMBLE THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GENERAL CAMPESINOS IN THE AREA. THEY PLAN TO INFILTRATE LATER USING A DIFFERENT ROUTE. THE INFILTRATION ROUTE WAS PLANNED BY THE FPR LEADERSHIP. FROM CERRO DE JESUS, MONTOYA WAS INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO A PLACE IN HONDURAS KNOWN AS "LAGUNILLA" (LAGUNA) (1400N, 8610W).

FROM LAGUNA, HE WAS SUPPOSED TO TRAVEL GENERALLY NORTHWEST USING THE HIGH GROUND TO A ROAD INTERSECTION. FROM THERE, MONTOYA WAS TO PROCEED TO DANLI.

- B. CONTACT/DEAD LETTER DROPS:

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AND TUESDAY 31 JULY, ALSO AT THE DANLI BUS STATION. IF
CONTACT WAS NOT POSSIBLE ON 29, 30 OR 31 JULY, THEN THE
GROUPS WERE TO PROCEED TO TEGUCIGALPA. CONTACT IN TEGUCI-
GALPA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY 5, 12, AND 19 AUGUST 84.
THESE CONTACTS WERE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF
TEGUCIGALPA, AT 1400 HOURS. (COMMENT: MONTOYA DID NOT
HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHO THE CONTACT MAN WAS. HE WAS
TOLD, THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM RECOGNIZING HIS
CONTACT.

- C, INFILTRATION TECHNIQUES:
- (1) THE ENTIRE GROUP (FPR) WAS DIVIDED IN SUB-
GROUPS OF 3 TO 4 MEN.
- (2) NO TWO GROUPS WOULD INFILTRATE INTO HO USING THE
SAME ROUTE.
- (3) EACH SMALL GROUP WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET A GUIDE

- AT THE BORDER ON THE NU SIDE WHO WOULD TAKE
- THEM ACROSS TO A POINT WHERE THE GROUP WOULD
- CHANGE FROM UNIFORMS INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHES.
- (4) WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT WERE TO BE SECURED IN AN
- EASILY RECOGNIZED AREA JUST AFTER CROSSING INT
- HONDURAN TERRITORY.
- (5) THE GUIDE WAS TO BE A SANDINISTA SOLDIER VERY
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- (6) AFTER A SUCCESSFUL INFILTRATION EACH MEMBER OF
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- DETERMINED POINT AND TIME IN DANLI. AT FIRST
- CONTACT, THE HO GUERRILLAS (FPR) WERE TO RECEIV
- SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THEIR AREA OF
- OPERATION.
- (7) IF CONTACT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN DANLI, AFTER THE
- 4TH SUNDAY, THEN THE NEXT MEETING WAS TO TAKE
- PLACE IN TEGUCIGALPA THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE
- MONTH. THE CONTACT POINT IN TEGUCIGALPA WAS
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TEGUCIGALPA, AUG 28, REUTER - HONDURANS HAVE RECEIVED
TRAINING IN CUBA AND NEIGHBORING NICARAGUA TO REVIVE ANTI-
GOVERNMENT GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, ACCORDING
TO TWO MEN WHO SAID THEY HAD DEFECTED FROM THE REBELS.
ARNULFO MONTOYA NARADIAGA, 35, AND ANDRES PAVON MURILLO, 22,

TODAY TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE ARRANGED BY THE HONDURAN ARMY THEY
HAD DEFECTED FROM THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY FORCES (FPR) WHICH
HAD SENT THEM FOR TRAINING IN CUBA AND NICARAGUA.

THEY SAID THE TRAINING WAS INTENDED TO REVIVE THE HONDURAN
GUERRILLA MOVEMENT WHICH THE MILITARY CRUSHED IN A SERIES OF
COUNTER-INSURGENCY SWEEPS LAST YEAR.

WHILE IN NICARAGUA THEY HAD FOUGHT ANTI-SANDINIST REBELS, THEY
SAID. "IN ALL, THERE WERE 120 HONDURAN GUERRILLAS FIGHTING THE
CONTRAS (REBELS) IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NICARAGUA," THEY SAID.

ARMY SPOKESMAN CAPT. ROBERTO ACOSTA TOLD THE NEWS CONFERENCE
THE DEFECTORS WOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE A MILITARY JUDGE WHO
WOULD DECIDE IF THEY SHOULD BE FREED OR PUT ON TRIAL.

MONTOYA AND PAVON SAID THEY HAD BEEN RECRUITED WITH 13 OTHERS
IN 1981 AND HAD SINCE BEEN IN NICARAGUA AND CUBA BEFORE
RETURNING TO HONDURAS LAST MONTH.

THEY SAID THEY HAD TURNED THEMSELVES IN EIGHT DAYS LATER
BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

ACOSTA SAID ANOTHER DOZEN GUERRILLAS WHO HAD RETURNED AT THE
SAME TIME WERE STILL AT LARGE IN THE PROVINCE OF EL PARAISO
BORDERING NICARAGUA.

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