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████████████████████ THAT
THE RECENT CHANGES WITHIN THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE GUATEMALAN
ARMED FORCES DO NOT INDICATE ██████████ GOVERNMENT WILL LESSEN
ITS PRESSURE ON THE COMMUNIST INSURGENTS. ██████████

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THAT THE CHANGES DO SIGNIFY [REDACTED] GOVERNMENT WILL RELY MORE ON LEGAL COUNTER-INSURGENCY MEASURES, AND THAT CLANDESTINE, COUNTER-TERROR ACTIVITIES WILL BE REDUCED AND MORE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DECISION TO MAKE THE CHANGES WITHIN THE MILITARY WAS PROMPTED BY A DESIRE TO REDUCE COUNTER-TERROR ACTIVITIES AND TO BRING THE ACTIONS OF THE DIFFERENT SECURITY FORCES UNDER TIGHTER CONTROL).

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2. [REDACTED] MENTIONED THE CIVILIAN COUNTER-INSURGENCY GROUPS WHICH OPERATE IN NORTHEASTERN GUATEMALA AS ONE OF THE FORCES WHICH MUST BE BROUGHT UNDER TIGHTER GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL. [REDACTED] EVENTUALLY WANTS TO DISARM THE MEMBERS OF THE CIVILIAN GROUPS, [REDACTED]

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 MEN, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WERE GIVEN WEAPONS BY THE GUATEMALAN ARMY, WHO PARTICIPATE OR HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE COUNTER-INSURGENCY EFFORTS IN THE NORTHEAST.

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(classification)

[REDACTED] (control controls)

[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] THAT THE COUNTER-TERROR ACTIVITIES OF THE FOURTH CORPS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE WOULD BE DISCONTINUED, ALTHOUGH SOME PERSONNEL FROM THAT CLANDESTINE GROUP WOULD BE RETAINED FOR FUTURE SELECTIVE AND TIGHTLY-CONTROLLED OPERATIONS.

[REDACTED] THAT THE SPECIAL COMMANDO UNIT OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMY (SCUGA) WOULD NOT BE DISBANDED, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE USED IN THE FUTURE ON A MUCH MORE LIMITED BASIS. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED]

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