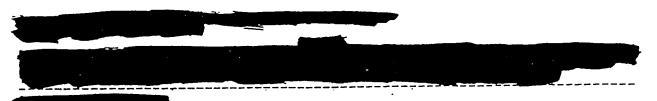
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18 MARCH 1992 GUATEMALA CAPTURE

OF GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA LEADER;

TEXT: 1. UN 12 MARCH 1992, ELEMENTS OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMY CAPTURED "EVERARDO," THE COMMANDER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF THE PEOPLE IN-ARMS (ORPA) LUIS IXMATA BATTALION, ONE OF TWO ORPA COMBAT UNITS. THE GUERRILLA COMMANDER WAS CAUGHT IN AN AMBUSH NEAR SAN MARCOS, SAN MARCOS DEPARTMENT. ALTHOUGH LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE ARM, HE IS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION, IS BEING WELL TREATED BY THE ARMY, AND HAS BEEN COOPERATING FULLY WITH HIS CAPTORS. THE NEWS OF HIS CAPTURE HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICATED. HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED. CAPTURE

2. ACCORDING TO

THE GUERRILLA LEADER SAID THAT THE LAST ARMS
SHIPMENT TO ORPA FROM THE CUBANS ARRIVED IN GUATEMALA SIX MONTHS AGO.
IT WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE LUIS IXMATA BATTALION, WHICH HAS A
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RIFLES WITH SOVIET AK-47 RIFLES. THE WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND
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DONATED BY OR PURCHASED FROM SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS OR ARMS
TRAFFICKERS. THE GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS HAD ALWAYS BEEN ARMED IN THE
PAST WITH MOSTLY NON-SOVIET BLOC ARMS.)

3. "EVERARDO" TOLD
BOOK ARMS.)

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION COMPANY-CONASUPO, WHICH ALLOWS HIM TO PURCHASE

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ENTIRELY SUPPLIED FROM MEXICO AND HE HIMSELF COMMUNICATES WITH THE ORPA COMMAND IN MEXICO EVERY DAY TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS. HE ALSO HAS A STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD FROM A MEXICAN UNIVERSITY.

ACCORDING_TO "EVERARDO," ORPA COMMANDER CASPAR ((aILOM)) whas not visited the fighting fronts in Guatehala for four Years, a fact that has caused some discontent in the Ranks.

(SOURCE COMMENT: "EVERARDO" CONTINUES TO COOPERATE WITH THE ARMY, WHICH WILL PROBABLY KEEP NEWS OF HIS CAPTURE SECRET, OR EVEN CLAIM THAT HE WAS KILLED, TO HAXIMIZE HIS INTELLIGENCE VALUE. IN THE PAST, GUERRILLAS WHO HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE ARE USUALLY ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH THE GUATEMALAN HILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. THEY LIVE AND WORK ON ARMY BASES, HELP WITH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, AND IDENTIFY GUERRILLA SUSPECTS.)

