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CHANGES:

1. a. General:

A general state of uneasiness and a burgeoning crime rate along the southwestern Mexican border in San Marcos and the southwestern coastal regions prompted the Minister of Defense to launch a battalion sized operation on 13 Dec 72. Troops for this operation come from the airborne battalion at San Jose, the Quezaltenango Military Zone and the Mariscal Zavala Brigade. The command element consists of a composite group of officers all selected personally by the Minister of Defense for their integrity and professional capability. While officially

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described as a "battalion" the operating forces consist of platoon and squad elements who respond generally to the directives of the battalion command group in the search of suspected areas. These sweeps are conducted in widely separated areas and receive their direction from information assembled from police reports pertaining to murders, robberies and acts of passion. Presently, much of the information being gained stems from local inhabitants who for reasons of their own, be they revenge or personal aggrandizement, are cooperating with the government forces. This latest government action has not produced a reduction in crime nor has tranquility appeared more fleeting than it is at this point in time.

2. [REDACTED] Following is a list of major unit commanders. All other information remains the same.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
<u>Gen Justo Rufino Barrios</u> <u>Military Zone</u>	Guatemala City	BGen Juventino <u>Gomez Recinos</u>
Presidential Guard Battalion	Guatemala City	LTC Boris Rebbio <u>Porta</u> Espana
<u>Honor Guard Brigade</u>	Guatemala City	BGen Otto Guillermo <u>Spiegeler</u> N.
<u>Mariscal Zavala Brigade</u>	Guatemala City	Col Romeo <u>Lucas Garcia</u>
<u>Gen Manuel Lisandro Barillas</u> <u>Military Zone and Brigade</u>	Quezaltenango	BGen Manuel Francisco <u>SOSA</u> Avila
<u>Mariscal Gregorio Solares</u> <u>Military Zone</u>	Quiche	Col Angel Anibal <u>Guevara R.</u>
<u>Gen Aguilar Santa Maria</u> <u>Military Zone</u>	Jutiapa	Col Jose Oscar <u>Sandoval Torres</u>
<u>Capt Gen Rafael Carrera</u> <u>Military Zone and Brigade</u>	Zacapa	Col Hector Mario <u>Lopez Fuentes</u>
<u>Gen Luis Garcia Leon</u> <u>Military Zone</u>	Poptun	Col David <u>Cancinos Barrios</u>
<u>General Felipe Cruz</u> <u>Military Base</u>	San Jose	Col Oscar Humberto <u>Mejia V.</u>
<u>General Miguel Garcia</u> <u>Granados Military Base</u>	Puerto Barrios	Col Chester Reyes <u>Carrera M.</u>
<u>Col Antonio Jose de</u> <u>Leizaola Military Base</u>	Coban	Col Guillermo <u>Ochoa Cuesta</u>

3. [REDACTED] Inventory of Arms and Equipment - On Hand

<u>Mortars:</u>	60-mm (US)	64
	80-mm (Ger)	85



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	81-mm (US)	40
	4. 2-in (US)	12
	Launcher, Flare, Mortar	22
<u>Rkt & Rcl:</u>	3. 5-in Rkt Launcher (US)	148
	40-mm Grenade Launcher (US)	122
	57-mm Recoilless Rifle (US)	54
	75-mm Recoilless Rifle (US)	20
<u>Arty:</u>	75-mm Pack How (US)	13
	75-mm Cannon, Anderson (US)	6
	75-mm Howitzer (Ger)	78
	105-mm Howitzer (US)	4 1/2
	37-mm AT Gun (Ger)	15
	37-mm AT Gun (US)	18
	20-mm AA Oerlikon (Switz)	12
<u>Armor:</u>	Lt Tk M8A1 (US)	6
	Armored Car, Marmon Harrington (US)	4
	Armored Car, M8 (US)	9
	Armored Car V-100 (US)	7
	Armored Personnel Carrier, M113 (US)	5 2/3
<u>Transportation:</u>	Sedan	1
	1/4-ton Truck (US)	356
	1/4-ton Ambulance	5
	1/2-ton Truck (US)	26
	3/4-ton Truck (US)	20
	1-ton Truck (US)	16
	2 1/2-ton Truck (US)	133
	2 1/2-ton Truck, Shop Repair, Van (US)	2
	2 1/2-ton Truck, Tank, Fuel (US)	15
	2 1/2-ton Truck, Dump, 6x6 (US)	28
	2 1/2-ton Truck, Van (US)	3
	5-ton Truck (US)	4
	5-ton Truck, Dump (US)	39
	5-ton Wrecker (US)	2
	5-ton Tractor (US)	4
	1-ton Ambulance (US)	7
	1/4-ton Trailer (US)	237
	3/4-ton Trailer (US)	37
	1 1/2-ton Trailer (US)	63
	1 1/2-ton Trailer, Water (US)	13
	1 1/2-ton Trailer, Bolster (US)	12
	10-ton Trailer (US)	4
	25-ton Trailer, Lowboy (US)	6

1 1/8 - 105-mm Howitzer (US) scheduled for delivery in January 1973.

2 1/5 - Armored Personnel Carriers (M113) (US) scheduled for delivery in July 1973.