1. On 8 October 1967 at 1300 hours, the Bolivian Second Ranger Battalion clashed with the guerrillas seven kilometers northwest of Higueras (18 44 S, 64 16 W). The battle lasted until 1700 hours and resulted in three guerrillas killed and two captured. One of those may be captured/Ernesto "Che" Guevara de la Serna, who is either seriously wounded or very ill and may die. Two of the dead guerrillas are Cubans known as "Antonio" and "Arturo." The Rangers lost two dead named Morales and Jimenez, both from Cochabamba, and four wounded. Remnants of the guerrilla group appears to be boxed in and may be disposed of on 9 October 1967.
2. COMMENT: THE BOLIVIAN ARMY IS DISPATCHING AN EXPERIENCED INTERROGATOR TO IDENTIFY "CHE" AND TO INTERROGATE THE PRISONERS.

3. DISSEMI: STATE, ARMY, AIR, CINCSO, CINCLANT.

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