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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL TAYLOR

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SUBJECT: Counterinsurgency Intelligence Summary
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1. Thailand - The Provincial Police continue their program of counter-terrorism authorized by Deputy Prime Minister Prapach, with only two minor skirmishes. Several reports have been received that an aircraft traveling from the direction of Laos, dropped flares, and a report from a subversive leader claims an airstrip of food, weapons and medical supplies was made to his group during the night of 3 December.

2. Cambodia - The Cambodian Government is becoming increasingly concerned about the security of the remote, heavily forested southeastern corner of the country and is fearful that dissidents receiving training in Congo (B) may launch guerrilla attacks across the border. The government has been concerned over possible coordinated forays from Eastern Nigeria and the Central African Republic along with attacks from the Congo.

3. Colombia - Manuel Manotas, a leader of the Colombian Communist Party-- Marxist/Leninist (PCC-ML) returned from Communist China with promises of aid to his insurgent group, but little or nothing of material value. The Chinese told him revolutions are very expensive and that the PCC-ML must finance its own revolution. They did offer indirect support, including propaganda, books, magazines and film.

Right guerrillas, believed to be members of the Army of National Liberation (ANL), overhauled a 4-man police outpost in the town of Medellana in northern Colombia, killing the police commander and dispersing his men.

4. Peru - Two high-ranking guerrilla leaders, Maximo Velasco Galvez and Juan Paredocaja were recently captured, dealing a serious blow to the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) in Central Peru. The MIR exploded 8 bombs at various locations in Lima to protest the arrests. A report received, confirms the police execution of Velasco by grenade but as yet there has been no MIR reaction to this news.

Government forces are searching for a band of 23 guerrillas led by Guillermo Lebecan that seized the village of Obontent in Central Peru. The band demanded food and supplies and departed after spending the night.

5. Venezuela - A booby-trapped gift, meant to kill a congressional leader of the governing Democratic Action (AD) party along with several of his colleagues, and instead blew him where the bomb was detonated killing his wife. Widespread revulsion by the people and their leaders was directed generally at the Communist Party (PCV) and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) with complete unanimity condemning both organizations. President Leoni also spoke out against the PCV.

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The PCV and the MIR both disavow any connection with the incident but two factors refute the PCV/MIR disavowals. The government has tentatively identified the man who delivered the bomb as a member of the PCV; and, secondly, a statuette identical to that used as the bomb was found in the FALN "arms factory" recently raided.

6. Guatemala - Former armed forces chief of staff Ponciano appears to be weighing his chances for a coup against the Peralta regime. He apparently has won the support of commanding officers of several military units in Guatemala City, which demonstrates the military's growing dissatisfaction with Peralta.

Peralta has reassured the Guatemalan people that his regime is capable of maintaining public order. If he fails to follow through, he may lessen public confidence still further.

The terrorists struck again on the day of Peralta's televised appearance.

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