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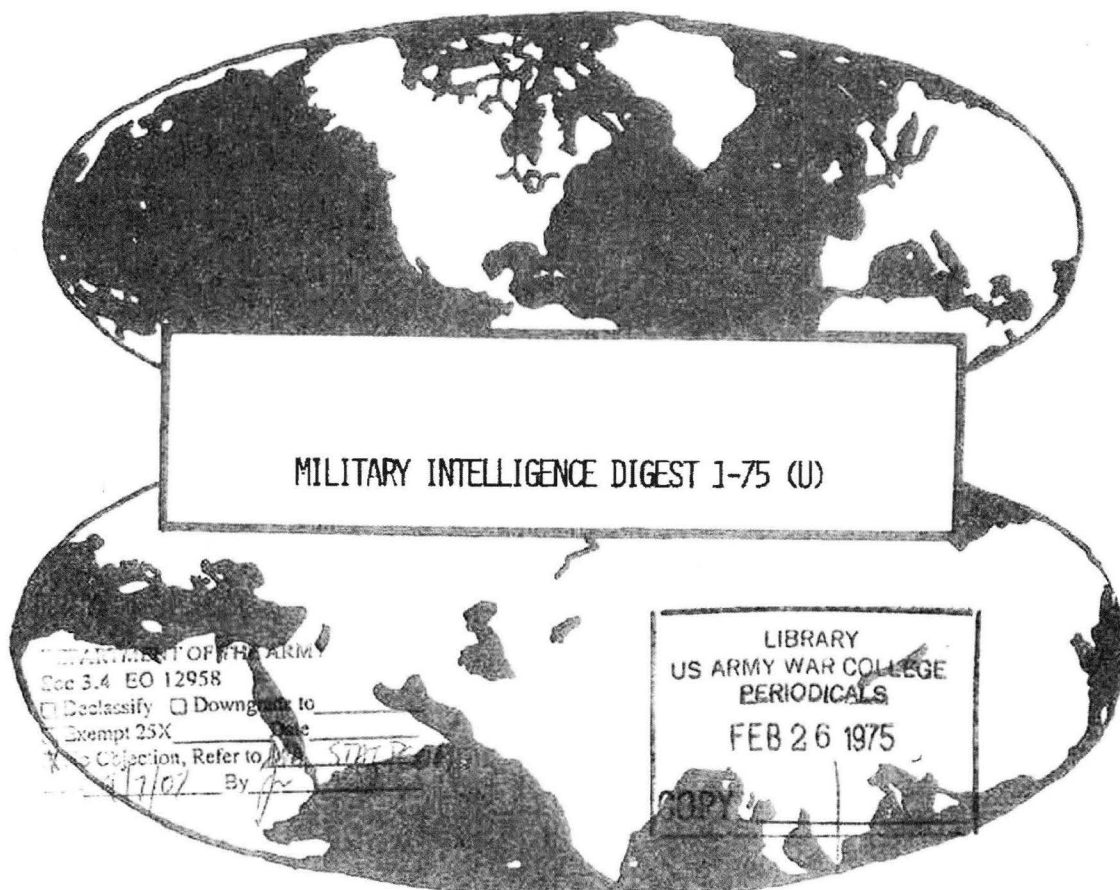
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- 18 November (U)Several major bomb explosions in Guadalajara, Oaxaca, and Mexico City were organized by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of the People, a Marxist urban guerrilla group.
- 25 November ~~(S)~~Dominican President Joaquin Balaguer fired Foreign Secretary Victor Gomez Berges for having voted, during the OAS meeting in Quito, in favor of lifting sanctions against Cuba. Fabio Herrera Gabral was appointed interim Foreign Secretary.
- 26 November ~~(S)~~Crewmen of an Icelandic Coast Guard vessel fired five warning shots and then seized a West German trawler inside a 50-mile zone claimed by Iceland. In retaliation, Bonn closed its ports to Icelandic fishing ships.
- 27 November (U)A former Finance Minister, Edward Seaga, was elected as leader of the opposition Jamaica Labor Party, succeeding former Prime Minister Hugh Shearer who did not run for reelection.
- ~~(G)~~Venezuela offered to finance coffee stockpiles for several Latin American countries. This was the first concrete effort by a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to use its vastly increased revenues to improve terms of trade for exporters of other primary commodities.
- 29 November (U)Peru's Air Force General Dante Poggi Moran, Director of the Air Force Officer School, replaced General Pedro Sala Orosco as Minister of Labor.
- ~~(S)~~Mexico's diplomatic relations with Chile were severed without any immediate explanation.
- 30 November (U)A Cuban medical mission sent to Honduras in the wake of Hurricane Fifi was withdrawn at the request of the Honduran Army, due to accusations of subversion.

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(U)In Chile, Renan Fuentealba, former Senator and President of the Christian Democratic Party, was expelled from the country.

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- ~~(S)~~Three left-wing groups in Guyana--the Maoist Working People's Vanguard, the Indian Political Revolutionary Associates, and the African Society--joined to form a new political party, the Working People's Alliance.
- 1 December ~~(S)~~Peruvian General Tanlalean was wounded by gunfire in an apparent assassination attempt. Prime Minister Mercado, the primary target of the attackers, escaped injury.
- 2 December ~~(S)~~An unsuccessful attempt, the first plot of its kind in several years, was made against the life of Paraguay's President Stroessner. Paraguayan security forces seized a small group of terrorists who are associated with the Argentine People's Revolutionary Army.
- ~~(S)~~Mexican Army troops killed guerrilla leader Lucio Cabanas Barrientos and about 20 members of his group in Guerrero, south of Mexico City.
- 3 December ~~(S)~~Chile's former President Frei joined a wide range of other Christian Democratic luminaries in a public protest over deportation of Renan Fuentealba.
- 4 December (U)The United States Senate passed a foreign aid bill which banned military aid to Chile.
- 6 December ~~(S)~~Several armed Peruvian junior officers unsuccessfully tried to take possession of two ships anchored at Callao, Peru, during a coup attempt.
- 8 December (U)St. Vincent's Premier, James Mitchell, was defeated in the island's election by Patrick John.
- 10 December ~~(S)~~Latin American officials began gathering in Lima to commemorate Simon Bolivar's victory over the Spaniards at Ayacucho.
- 11 December ~~(S)~~Brazil's top planning official and the minister of mines and energy visited Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to discuss oil and Arab investment possibilities.
- 12 December ~~(S)~~The Brazilian anti-Communist Alliance, an irrational, ultra-right element, issued assassination threats to express its displeasure over opposition parties' gains in the recent congressional election.

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- 13 December ~~(S)~~Argentina is building a new chemical reprocessing plant, which will significantly enhance its nuclear capability.
- (U)Guatamala's Movement of National Liberation, a militant, right-wing political party, was split by departure of a large number of its members.
- 19 December ~~(S)~~Tupamaros were believed responsible for the murder of the Uruguayan Military Attache, Colonel Trabal, in Paris.
- 20 December (U)Mexican police arrested Miquel Angel Torres Henriquez, a member of the 23d of September Communist League, after he tried to hold three French diplomats hostage in exchange for asylum in France.
- 23 December ~~(S)~~Construction by Cubans was under way on a fourth fence line on the eastern side of Guantanamo Naval Base.
- 24 December ~~(S)~~Mexico began taking steps to expand the Gulf port of Coatzacoalcos into a major petroleum export center.
- ~~(C)~~Guatamalan Labor Party terrorists engaged in a shootout with guerrillas in retaliation for the kidnapping of a wealthy businessman on 20 December.
- 27 December (U)In El Salvador, the headquarters of the ruling National Conciliation Party was damaged by bomb attacks. The Popular Liberation Front claimed responsibility.
- ~~(S)~~Cuba established diplomatic relations with the Bahamas and the Malagasy Republic.
- ~~(S)~~Peru proposed that all South American countries--except Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Guyana--begin preliminary discussions in Lima during January on limiting arms purchases.
- 29 December ~~(C)~~Venezuela and Cuba issued a joint communique, announcing restoration of diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level.
- 30 December ~~(C)~~Twenty high-level government and business community figures were released in Nicaragua after having

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been held hostage for three days by eight members of the Sandinista National Liberation Front. The guerrillas' demands of one million dollars in cash, release of 17 political prisoners, and safe passage out of the country were met.

- 1 January ~~(S)~~Venezuela nationalized its iron mines, and an embargo was placed on assets of US companies.
- 3 January (U)Two retired Argentine Generals, Federico Torranzo and Carlos Ayala, were arrested after they had an article critical of the government published in La Prensa.
- ~~(C)~~Colombia announced an end to its trade embargo against Cuba.
- 5 January ~~(C)~~Vigorous protests greeted appointment of Harry Schlaudeman as United States Ambassador to Venezuela. He was Deputy Chief of a mission in Santiago from 1969 to 1973 and frequently was accused by leftists of participating in clandestine activities.
- ~~(S)~~An announcement was made that West German assistance will be used to develop Brazil's nuclear energy program. It is expected to emerge as a commercially viable undertaking during the next two years.
- 6 January ~~(S)~~A National Guard patrol, operating in central Nicaragua, was ambushed by a band of guerrillas associated with the Sandinista National Liberation Front.
- 9 January ~~(S)~~President Isabel Peron of Argentina appointed Social Welfare Minister Lopez Rega to head a new restructured presidential secretariat to "coordinate", all audiences with ministers and state secretaries.
- ~~(S)~~Panamanian ceremonies commemorated the 9 January anniversary of the 1964 anti-United States riots.
- 11 January ~~(C)~~The Bolivian Air Force purchased three SA-315B Lama general-purpose helicopters from France.
- 12 January ~~(S)~~An Icelandic Coast Guard ship cut the trawl lines of a West German vessel which allegedly was fishing within the 50-mile zone claimed by Iceland.
- 19 January ~~(C)~~Soviet Admiral V. N. Alekseyev, First Deputy Chief of Main Naval Staff, visited Mexico and Ecuador. The

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Admiral's trip was related to increasing bilateral contacts and to Moscow's efforts to improve military relations.

25 January

~~(C)~~ Additional Soviet military equipment was observed in Peru, including six 122mm howitzers and three 122mm truck-mounted, 40-round, multiple-rocket launchers.

~~(C)~~ The Ecuadorian Navy seized four US tuna boats, allegedly for fishing within their claimed 40-mile prohibited zone.

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