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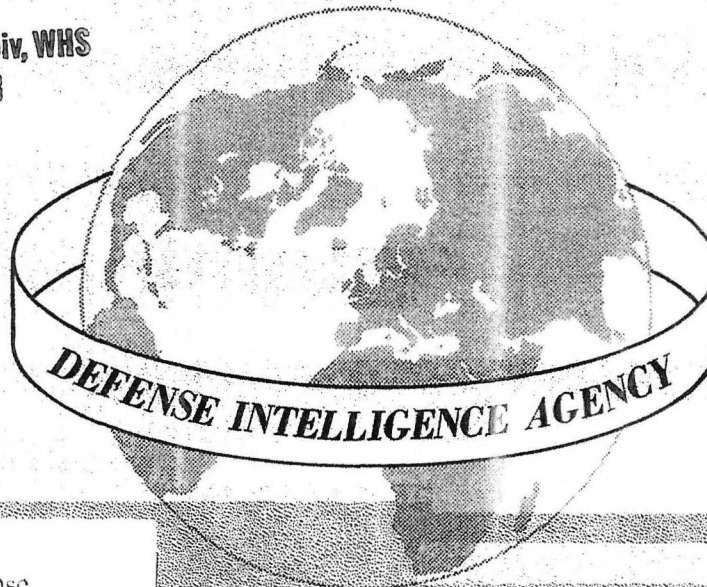
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STEPPED-UP COUNTERINSURGENCY.

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~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Triservice involvement in diverse counterterrorist operations reached an all-time high last week.

~~(C/NOFORN/NOINTEL)~~ The bombing of a guerrilla base camp in Tucuman Province marks the air force's first participation in support of army operations there. On 7 November, in response to an army request, SKYHAWK A-4B aircraft struck the terrorist hideout in the Tucuman mountains with fragmentation bombs and 20-mm cannon fire. The attack involved aerial photography, target marking with smoke, and air and ground coordinators.

~~(C/NOFORN/NOINTEL)~~ The air force has been eager to join in the army's Tucuman operations since they began in February. Until this bombing mission, it had only provided reconnaissance and logistic support with C-130s. The army will most likely incorporate air support in future planning especially in areas where terrain hinders normal infantry maneuvers. The air force's active entry into the fight, however, invites terrorist retaliation against that service through assassination attempts or attacks on installations. In the only significant strike against the air force to date, the People's Revolutionary Army destroyed a C-130 laden with security forces in September.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ On the 8th, the army was used in the largest scale antisubversive operations in several cities since 1973. Army units in Mendoza, Rosario, and Salta reportedly rounded up some 1,600 suspected terrorists. In another development, joint army, coast guard, naval, provincial, and federal police forces conducted an antisubversive exercise south of Buenos Aires in preparation for probable future roundups of dissidents in that area.

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~~(S/NOFORN)~~ The stepped-up antiterrorist activity is a result of the armed forces having been given sole authority last month for such operations by interim President Luder. The action will serve to placate those who have been critical of the government for not having given the armed forces an active role earlier in antiguerrilla efforts. For the time being, it may also mollify those within the military who have been calling for open intervention to replace Mrs. Peron. (~~UCDS 2 Dec~~
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