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SUBJ: IR [REDACTED] GUATEMALA/MILITARY ACADEMY ENROLLMENT  
AND GRADUATION INFORMATION (U)

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1. (U) CTRY: GUATEMALA (GT)
2. (U) IR NO: [REDACTED]
3. (U) TITLE: MILITARY ACADEMY ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION INFORMATION (U)
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8. (C) SUMMARY: (ENTIRE TEXT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~) DUE TO THE PERSISTENT JUNIOR OFFICER SHORTAGE WITHIN THE GUATEMALAN ARMED FORCES, ENROLLMENT IN MILITARY ACADEMY (ESCUELA POLITECNICA) CADET CLASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE HIGH AND FORMAL MILITARY STUDIES FOR EACH CLASS WILL LAST THREE YEARS. ADDITIONALLY, THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND WITH THE APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT BG JOSE EFRAIN (RIOS) MONTT HAS DECIDED TO ADMIT WOMEN TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1983.

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9A. DETAILS: (ENTIRE TEXT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

(1) THE CONTINUING NEED FOR MORE JUNIOR OFFICERS TO FILL BILLETTS IN THE EXPANDING ARMED FORCES HAS PRODUCED A DECISION TO INCREASE CADET CLASS ENROLLMENTS AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY. THE NEW FRESHMAN CLASS NUMBERED 280 CADETS AND BROUGHT THE PRESENT ENROLLMENT AT THE ACADEMY TO APPROXIMATELY 700 CADETS. FUTURE CLASSES WILL ALSO NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 275-300 CADETS UNTIL A SURPLUS OF ACTIVE DUTY JUNIOR OFFICERS IS REALIZED. ASSUMING CADET CLASS ENROLLMENT LEVELS ARE MAINTAINED AT THE 275-300 MARK, AND GIVEN THE PROJECTED NEEDS OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMED FORCES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, A SURPLUS OF JUNIOR OFFICERS WOULD NOT BE REALIZED BEFORE 1987). EACH CLASS WILL UNDERGO THREE YEARS OF MILITARY STUDIES BEFORE BEING GRADUATED AND COMMISSIONED. ALLEGEDLY, BG RIOS WANTED THE ACADEMY TO REVERT TO A FOUR YEAR PROGRAM AND EVENTUALLY PRODUCE A UNIVERSITY LEVEL GRADUATE OFFICER. HOWEVER, STAFF OFFICERS WITHIN THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE MILITARY STUDIES CENTER (CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS MILITARES - CEM) ARGUED THAT A FOURTH YEAR ADDED TO THE CURRICULUM AT THIS TIME WAS NOT NECESSARY AND THAT IN THE LONG RUN WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BECAUSE IT WOULD ONLY INCREASE THE DROPOUT RATE. BG RIOS HAS SUPPOSEDLY ACCEPTED THIS ARGUMENT FOR THE TIME BEING AND THE THREE YEAR CURRICULUM WILL BE MAINTAINED.

(2) SINCE THE PRESENT ENROLLMENT OF 700 CADETS OF THE ACADEMY MAY ALMOST DOUBLE BY 1987, PLANS HAVE BEGUN TO ENLARGE THE HOUSING AND CLASSROOM FACILITIES AT THE SCHOOL; HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FACILITIES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BECAUSE LARGE CADET CLASS ENROLLMENTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO CONTINUE PAST 1987. CONSIDERATION IS THEREFORE BEING GIVEN TO ERECTING TEMPORARY PRE-FABRICATED UNITS WHICH COULD ABSORB THE INFLUX OF CADETS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS AND THEN BE REMOVED AFTER ACADEMY CLASSES ARE ONCE AGAIN REDUCED IN SIZE.

(3) IN ADDITION TO INCREASING THE ENROLLMENT OF CADET CLASSES, THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND HAS ALSO AUTHORIZED GUATEMALAN WOMEN TO ENTER THE MILITARY ACADEMY AS STUDENT CADETS BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1983. FOLLOWING THE PATTERN OF THE US MILITARY ACADEMIEIX, THE GUATEMALAN ARMED FORCES HOPE TO ATTRACT WOMEN WITH SUPERIOR ACADEMIC AND PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL CAREER OFFICERS. WHILE SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE NOT CERTAIN OF THE RESPONSE THEY WILL RECEIVE, IT IS HOPED THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF QUALIFIED WOMEN WILL APPLY SO THAT THE INITIAL CLASS CAN NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 100-150. THE PURPOSE OF ADMITTING WOMEN INTO THE ALL-MALE BASTION WAS TO PARTIALLY AID IN FILLING INCREASED ENROLLMENT

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QUOTAS BY TAPPING A HERETOFORE UNUSED SOURCE. ADDITIONALLY, A PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S OFFICER CORPS COULD BE UTILIZED TO FILL MANY ADMINISTRATIVE/COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT BILLETS, THEREBY FREEING THE MALES TO EXCLUSIVELY FILL COMBAT ARMS BILLETS (AGAIN PATTERNED AFTER THE US SYSTEM). WHILE SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE VOICED THEIR GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAN, THE JUNIOR OFFICERS (AND ESPECIALLY CADETS PRESENTLY AT THE ACADEMY) HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO THE DECISION; HOWEVER, BG RIOS IS DETERMINED THAT THE INTEGRATION WILL TAKE PLACE. IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON HOW THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT US MILITARY ACADEMIES, THE CURRENT SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY ACADEMY, MAJ SERGIO ARNOLDO (CAMARGO) MURALLES HAS ACCOMPANIED TWO GUATEMALAN EXCHANGE CADETS ON A TOUR OF WEST POINT. GUATEMALAN SCHOOL OFFICIALS HOPE MAJ CAMARGO WILL BE ABLE TO BRING A "LESSONS LEARNED" REPORT TO EASE TRANSITION DIFFICULTIES IN JANUARY.

(4) FINALLY, THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF CURRENT CLASS STRENGTHS AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY (READ CLASS PROMOTION NUMBER, GRADUATION DATE, CURRENT ENROLLMENT):  
PROMOTION NUMBER 99, JUL 82, 68 CADETS; PROMOTION NUMBER 100, JAN 83 26 CADETS; PROMOTION NUMBER 101, JUL 83, 92 CADETS; PROMOTION NUMBER 102, JAN 84, 32 CADETS; PROMOTION NUMBER 103, JUL 84, 61 CADETS; PROMOTION NUMBER 104, JAN 85, 226 CADETS; PROMOTION NUMBER 105, JUL 85, 280 CADETS [REDACTED] WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CLASS GRADUATING 31 JUL 82, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE OVERALL STRENGTH FIGURES OF THE OTHER CLASSES WILL BE REDUCED AS A RESULT OF VOLUNTARY RESIGNATIONS AND OR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS).

9B. (U) [REDACTED] TITLE: LARGE NEW CLASS ENTERS MILITARY ACADEMY, DTG: 092216 JUL 82

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(2) (U) ALTHOUGH THE ARMED FORCES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH THEIR JUNIOR OFFICER SHORTAGE THEY ARE MAKING POSITIVE EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITHOUT SACRIFICING PROFESSIONALISM. THE 10 MONTH RESERVE OFFICER COURSE AT THE CEM HAS PRODUCED FAVORABLE RESULTS, AND GRADUATES FROM THAT COURSE ARE NOW BEING UTILIZED IN UNITS PARTICIPATING IN COMBAT ACTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE RECENTLY COMPLETED SMALL UNIT LEADERS COURSE FOR SERGEANTS MAJOR (TO BE REPORTED SEPARATELY) WILL ALSO HELP ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE STRAIN; HOWEVER, THESE SUB-OFFICERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN TESTED. HOW WELL THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE, AS WELL AS HOW THEY WILL BE UTILIZED, REMAINS TO BE SEEN. FINALLY, WHILE THE IDEA TO INCORPORATE WOMEN INTO THE ARMED FORCES IS CERTAINLY A GOOD ONE, THE PROBLEMS CAUSED IN THE SHORT RUN MAY PROVE MORE COSTLY THAN THE END RESULT IS WORTH. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEMPORARY MOBILIZATION OF 30 ADDITIONAL COMPANIES TO FIGHT THE GUERRILLA WAR OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS REQUIRES A LARGE NUMBER OF JUNIOR OFFICERS NOW. CONSEQUENTLY, [REDACTED] ADDED EMPHASIS ON THE FIRST TWO OFFICER-PRODUCING PROGRAMS (10 MONTH RESERVE COURSE AND SERGEANTS MAJOR COURSE) MAY PROVE TO BE MOST BENEFICIAL IN MEETING THE ARMY'S SHORT TERM NEEDS FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS.

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