OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS
AND INTELLIGENCE

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

1 August 1991

MEMO FOR: PRINCIPAL DEPUTY FOR INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: USSOUTHCOM CI Training (U)

(U) Attached, for your information, is a copy of a Memorandum for Record detailing a telephone conversation our action officer had with an individual at USSOUTHCOM SCJ2 regarding Subject. This information has also been provided to ASD (C3I) and supplements information provided in a previous point paper on the topic.

Ray W. Pollari
Acting

Attachment
As stated

THIS DOCUMENT IS UNCLASSIFIED
UPON REMOVAL OF THE ATTACHMENT

from the NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE, The Gelman Library, 2130 H Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20037

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD 31Jul 91

SUBJECT: USSOUTHCOM CI Training - Supplemental Information (U)

1. (U) On 31 Jul 91, Major Vic Tise, USSOUTHCOM SCJ2, called this office to speak with the action officer. During this conversation, Major Tise related the following:

- (U) He was the instructor at U.S. Army School of the Americas (USARSA) in 1982 when the lessons plans for CI training were drawn up.

  -- (U) The training manuals were taken from MI training which was given at USARSA and each chapter was part of the lesson currently being taught.

- (U) USARSA had given this training to Latin American countries from 1965-66 until 1976 when it was halted after having been witnessed by a Congressional panel.

  -- (U) Halted by Carter Administration for fear the training would contribute to Human Rights violations in other countries.

- (U) In 1982, Major Tise was tasked to develop 382 hours of instruction in a very short period of time.

  -- (U) He went to U.S. Army Intelligence Center at Ft Huachuca to obtain source material to develop the course at which time he learned of the Project X training.

    --- (U) Project X was program to develop an exportable foreign intelligence training package to provide counterinsurgency techniques learned in Vietnam to Latin American countries.

    --- (U) During research, he noticed that while all of the Project X material was unclassified, much of it came word-for-word from FM 30-18, a classified manual on intelligence tactics.

  -- (U) Prior to initiating training, USARSA Commandant directed that all course material would be cleared by "Washington."

    --- (U) Material which was sent forward included objectionable material.

    --- (U) Material was sent through DCSOPS for clearance and came back approved but UNCHANGED.

  -- (U) As the course was being given at USARSA in 1982, Major Tise and another instructor noticed the material and removed it because it was objectionable.

DECLASSIFIED
BY OASD(C3I)
DATE 10/22/96

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

from the NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE, The Gelman Library, 2130 H Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20037

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- (C) Major Tise has no knowledge of whether USARSA continues to teach the material as he screened it or if they have changed it.

  -- (C) Nevertheless, there is still information being taught which is, more than likely, classified.

    --- (C) The course manager at USARSA for this material is now a Honduran Lt Col.

- (U) Major Tice identified a Col Roy Fernandez, who is currently assigned to the DIAC, as one of the individuals originally involved in the development of Project X.

2. (U) Major Tise is probably the person at USSOUTHCOM with the most background on the genesis of these documents. If it later becomes necessary, it could be useful to have him travel here to provide us more detail on the matter. His autovon number is 282-3602.

Thomas R. Husband
Major, USAF
Assistant Deputy Director for CI Support

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

from the NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE, The Gelman Library, 2130 H Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20037