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In a Nov. 3 NEW YORK TIMES article, Richard Halloran states that the Army's 82nd Airborne Division (located at Fort Bragg, NC), recently completed a large-scale field maneuver to train its paratroopers for combat in Central America. The 82nd Airborne is the "Army's only division equipped to invade hostile territory." The article points out that the exercise was the most extensive one in the past 15 years. The division's "mission" was to help defend the nation of "San Lorenzo" from aggression by "Macapa" and "La Palmera." In the exercise, the US was requested by San Lorenzo for aid in repelling incursions by Macapa.

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