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Oct. 1: In a communique, the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) reported eight soldiers killed and seven wounded at San Jose Guayabal, Cuscatlan department. The armed forces press office (COPREFA) confirmed three soldiers killed at San Jose Guayabal. COPREFA reported two soldiers killed elsewhere in Cuscatlan department. Rebel spokespersons reported five troop casualties on the Troncal del Norte highway, Chalatenango department. Next, five soldiers were wounded near Guazapa, San Salvador department. Local press sources reported that air force planes bombed rebel positions near Guazapa. No casualties were reported. According to Radio Farabundo Marti, rebels caused 39 government troop casualties between Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Oct. 2: Police spokespersons reported that one police officer was killed and one civilian injured by unidentified assailants in San Salvador. According to COPREFA, four soldiers were killed and three wounded in a clash near Suchitoto, Cuscatlan. Two rebels were killed and 10 wounded during fighting in Morazan and Cuscatlan departments. One police officer was wounded in San Marcos, San Salvador. Next, one soldier was killed, and one soldier and two civilians were wounded in a rebel ambush on a Santa Ana department highway. In addition, two rebels were wounded at Tejutla, Chalatenango department. In a communique, the FMLN reported 560 government troop casualties for the month of September. During the same period, rebels destroyed one helicopter and 37 components of the electricity grid, and seized 14 M-16 rifles, one 90mm cannon, 23 field packs, nine uniforms, one communications radio, and numerous mines and grenades. Military sources reported six persons killed and 16 wounded in fighting throughout the nation on Oct. 1-2. Oct. 7: COPREFA reported five rebels and two soldiers wounded in clashes in eastern and northern El Salvador. FMLN sources reported causing 71 troop casualties during the Oct. 1-6 period. Rebels also sabotaged six electricity towers and attacked a coffee plantation. Oct. 8: According to COPREFA, five rebels and three soldiers were killed in fighting at Suchitoto, Cuscatlan. One rebel was killed and three wounded near La Palma, Chalatenango. Next, one soldier was killed and another wounded at Santiago de Maria, Usulután department. One soldier and one rebel were killed, and two rebels wounded at Agua Caliente, Chalatenango. In addition, unidentified persons set fire to a bus in southern San Salvador. Oct. 9: COPREFA reported that rebels attacked military posts in Acahuapa, San Vicente department, but caused no casualties. One soldier and one civilian were killed at Apastepeque, San Vicente. Three rebels were killed in a clash near Suza, Chalatenango. Next, one rebel was wounded near Suchitoto, Cuscatlan. In addition, troops dismantled an FMLN camp near Tenancingo, Cuscatlan. Next, one soldier was killed, and six soldiers and 10 rebels wounded in fighting at San Buenaventura, Usulután. Three soldiers and one rebel were killed during clashes in Cuscatlan and Morazan departments. One soldier was killed and another wounded near Lolotique, San Miguel. One civilian and five soldiers were wounded when rebels occupied a neighborhood in Apopa, San Salvador department. COPREFA also reported five soldiers killed and 10 wounded near Nejapa, San Salvador. Local emergency workers reported six soldiers killed and 14 wounded in Nejapa. According to the FMLN, 25 soldiers were killed or wounded at Nejapa. FMLN sources reported that rebels occupied San Francisco Morazan, Chalatenango. Oct. 10: Radio Farabundo Marti reported that rebels caused 50 troop casualties on Oct. 9. Two soldiers were killed and six wounded at Perquin, Morazan. According to COPREFA, one civilian was injured

when rebels dynamited a national telecommunications company office in Cuscatancingo, San Salvador department. The attack destroyed an unspecified quantity of telephone and mobile communications equipment. Two rebels and one soldier were killed, and three rebels and four soldiers wounded at Ciudad Barrios, San Miguel. Two rebels were killed and seven wounded in a clash at Concepcion Quezaltepeque, Chalatenango. Next, rebel units attacked a national guard post in San Sebastian, San Vicente. No casualties were reported. In addition, troops seized six AK-47 rifles, 18 magazines, 200 cartridges, and numerous grenades from an underground FMLN weapons cache in San Marcos, San Salvador. Oct. 13: A spokesperson for the state-run Rio Lempa Hydroelectric Commission reported that rebels sabotaged numerous electricity towers and pylons, causing blackouts throughout half the nation's territory. Oct. 14: COPREFA reported that rebels attacked the San Antonio Abad electricity sub-station near San Salvador, causing blackouts in most neighborhoods of the capital. One soldier was killed and two wounded at Chinameca, San Miguel department. Next, troops dismantled two rebel camps near Suchitoto, Cuscatlan. Oct. 15: Military sources reported that two young persons were killed in a land mine explosion near Jutiapa, Cabanas department. One soldier was killed and three wounded at Jucuapa, Usulután department. Rebel sources reported 12 soldiers killed and an unspecified number wounded at Tamanique, La Libertad department. COPREFA reported two soldiers and one rebel killed, six soldiers and four rebels wounded, and three soldiers captured at Tamanique, La Libertad. The captured soldiers were later released to Red Cross representatives. According to Radio Venceremos, rebels caused five troop casualties at Perquin, Morazan department. Two soldiers were killed during clashes at Delicias de Concepcion and Cacaopera, Morazan. FMLN combatants occupied the towns of Santa Rita, San Rafael, Dulce Nombre de Maria, Agua Caliente, and Trinidad, Chalatenango department. Oct. 16: FMLN spokespersons reported four troop casualties in San Rafael and Tepeyac, Chalatenango. Local press sources reported at least four soldiers died and 15 were wounded during a clash at San Rafael, San Salvador department. Oct. 17: According to COPREFA, troops gained control of five towns in Morazan department occupied by rebels on Oct. 15. One rebel was killed at Jocoaitique, Morazan. Rebels downed eight electricity pylons in several locations, and launched a grenade attack on a coffee plantation in Usulután department. Oct. 18: COPREFA reported three rebels killed at Ozatlan, Usulután. One rebel was killed and an FMLN camp was dismantled at Tecoluca, San Vicente department. Next, five rebels were wounded in clashes in El Palmo and La Cruz, Cuscatlan department. In addition, rebels armed with explosives destroyed a gasoline service station in Nueva San Salvador, La Libertad department. Oct. 19: Radio Venceremos reported 20 troop casualties at Santiago de Maria, Usulután department. Three soldiers were killed and three wounded near Dulce Nombre de Maria, Chalatenango department. Rebels occupied the towns of San Ignacio, La Palma, and San Francisco Morazan, Chalatenango. Next, rebels dynamited 15 electricity pylons in Mercedes Umana, Usulután, and Ilobasco, Cabanas department. Military sources reported one soldier wounded at Villa Victoria, Cabanas. Oct. 20: COPREFA reported that rebels wounded two soldiers and destroyed electricity transformer equipment during an attack on the Cinco de Noviembre dam, located between Chalatenango and Cabanas departments. Radio Farabundo Marti reported 137 troop casualties during the Oct. 13-19 period. In addition, rebels seized eight rifles, one M-60 machinegun, and two LOW rocket launchers. Oct. 21: According to COPREFA, six rebels were killed and two soldiers wounded during a clash in Perquin, Morazan department. Three soldiers were wounded at San Jose Guayabal, Cuscatlan department. Next, rebels attacked army posts in Suchitoto, Cuscatlan. Radio Farabundo Marti reported five troop casualties in Cuscatlan and Morazan departments. Rebels dynamited three electricity pylons near San Salvador. Radio Venceremos reported six soldiers killed and two wounded at Perquin, Morazan, and 10 government

troop casualties in Guatajiagua, Morazan. Next, nine soldiers were killed or wounded at Tepeyac, Chalatenango. Oct. 23: According to military sources, rebels dynamited the Tequera bridge, near Jiquilisco, Usulután department, and sabotaged another bridge near Jucuapa, located in the same department. Both bridges were severely damaged. COPREFA reported two rebels killed, and eight rebels and one soldier wounded during a clash in Tenancingo, Cuscatlán department. Three rebels and one soldier were wounded at La Palma, Chalatenango department. Next, 10 rebels were wounded during fighting in rural areas of San Vicente and Cuscatlán departments. In addition, rebels attacked army and police posts near San Salvador. No casualties were reported. (Basic data from Notimex, 10/09/91, 10/10/91; Associated Press, 10/14/91, 10/16/91, 10/17/91, 10/19/91, 10/20/91, 10/22/91; ACAN-EFE, 10/01/91, 10/02/91, 10/08-11/91, 10/12/91, 10/14/91, 10/16/91, 10/19/91, 10/20/91, 10/22/91, 10/23/91; Agence France-Presse, 10/01/91, 10/02/91, 10/07/91, 10/09/91, 10/14/91, 10/23/91)

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