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SOLDIER YOUR DUTY IS TO YOUR PEOPLE

The ARMED FORCES OF POPULAR RESISTANCE (FARP) considers it our duty to bring to your attention the function which yanki imperialism has assigned to you in the political, social and military reality in Puerto Rico.

The U.S. Army recently took a study to determine the convenience of quitting or eliminating certain military bases in Puerto Rico. This study, classified "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY", is entitled "Concept Study Fort Buchanan, P.R." and was obtained by our fighters from the yanki army. Here we can see how the North Americans interpret our reality and the political considerations of their military presence in Puerto Rico.

Now you can understand why your last training drills have been in anti-guerrilla warfare and riot control; why you are bombarded with anti-communist, anti-independentist and anti-worker propaganda; why the marines will not abandon Vieques; why they are enlarging their facilities at Salinas; and the political considerations behind other measures they are taking.

In continuation we quote to you some parts of the study, which has 29 pages plus appendices:

"Comparative analysis of courses of action:

a. Background

(1) Fort Buchanan was acquired from the navy in december of 1971 and reestablished as an active army installation under the Third US Army. The Department of the Army (DA) decided it was necessary to reopen Ft. Buchanan, after having closed Ft. Buchanan and Ft. Brook in 1966 and Rodriguez Army Hospital in 1971 so that it could;

(a) Provide efficient operations to specific administrative personnel and provide support to members of the Army in Puerto Rico.

(b) **Maintain a unified command in Puerto Rico during civil disorders.**

(c) Maintain the Army's good image in Puerto Rico.

(2) In 1971, the Commander of the Third US Army-Puerto Rico (designation of USAG, Ft. Buchanan before Steadfast) commanded the Assessor Army Group (PRANG) and (USAR), the Army Training Group (ROTC) and all the troop units in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.....

(4)In December, 1973, on petition of the AAR IV Command, FORSCOM removed all its units from USAG Fort Buchanan, except during mobilizations, state of alert or **when the National Guard was called by the state or federal gov't to deal with civil disorders.**

b. General

(1) Fort Buchanan is part of a strategic bloc in the Carribean, politically as well as economically. Puerto Rico and nearly all the other islands in the Antilles have changed their political status since WW II. By means of a process of self-determination, many of the islands have become free associated states or republics. Many have experienced difficulty in maintaining internal stability in their new political status. Disorders have been caused by racial problems, a high volume of unemployment, strong nationalist sentiments over certain matters and agitation of the radical left. Many of the islands suffer from overpopulation. Plans have been made to push ahead with industrialization in order to reduce unemploy-

ment and resolve social problems. The development and diversification of agriculture have been reordered. Although this region has the potential to feed itself, in reality it depends on imports for food.....The US, Great Britain, Holland and France have used their armed forces in the area to maintain stability, the combination of a high volume of unemployment, racial tension, nationalism and intense social problems, the lack of good self-gov't and communist aggression to the point of insurrection all maintain the possibility of continued civil disorder. The presence of the US Army in the area helps to develop an atmosphere of stability through which commerce can grow and more efficient self-gov't can develop.....ground forces are necessary in the Caribbean to provide control in the islands. A suitable Army force is particularly important in Puerto Rico at this moment.....At this moment, Puerto Rico is confronted by a serious menace to its internal security due to the threat of Marxism. The high volume of unemployment (20-30%) provides a fertile environment for discontent and disorder which the Marxists can exploit. There is also present in Puerto Rico a small but very vocal number of individuals who desire independence. These individuals are not necessarily Marxists but work with them for independence. The severe state of economic problems is reflected in the recently submitted Tobin Report."

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The politics of imperialism have been and continue to be those of using Puerto Ricans against Puerto Ricans. During the repression of the 50's they used the National Guard against the Nationalists. It was also used during the last important civil disorders. (Firemen, Water-Workers) **Your role has not been to defend Puerto Rico from attacks from the outside, but to be the shock troops of the yanki army during "civil disorders"; to repress workers and Puerto Ricans and to act as strikebreakers.**

The yankees are aware of the political and economic reality of Puerto Rico. They know that confrontation between our people and them is inevitable and they keep their military forces prepared. But you Puerto Rican worker, integrated into the National Guard and Reserve, you are the advance guard. They hope that when we Puerto Rican workers kill ourselves, they will win. That you will confront the people and will fight against the people's army.

During the last year you must have noticed the increase in armed actions in Puerto Rico. The armed struggle is developing. Our organization, like the political-military organizations in struggle for independence and socialism, is contributing to the growth of consciousness, organizing, training and arming the people, especially the working class.

We invite you to participate in your duty as a worker, as a Puerto Rican; in the political and economic situation of your country. Put your preparation at the service of your class and your people and organize yourself. Sabotage the development of the National Guard and show the yankee that he cannot count on you, that he is your enemy.

REMEMBER SOLDIER, YOUR DUTY IS TO YOUR PEOPLE.

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