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C. S. Paul, showed assistant secretary, Pete  
news conference on December 18.  
I don't know his last name, I think he is  
an assistant secretary to either the defense  
or the navy department.

He read a statement that the 82nd  
Airborne was starting training maneuvers,  
Today. (10/18)

A reporter in the group said he had  
called the assistant secretary's office  
the day before, and that they had read  
him the same statement that he had  
just read. Only that the day before  
the statement included the sentence  
that, these maneuvers (82nd Airborne)  
have nothing to do with the present  
situation in Panama. And he inquired why  
this sentence was eliminated today?

He kept on asking this question and the  
assistant secretary replied, he has no  
idea and that he would find out.

This was a tip off as what was to happen  
on December 19, in Panama.



If Moriega's supporters were watching  
the broadcast they could have surmised  
the great distance was on their way  
to Panama, possibly costing us a lot  
of lives, by then being prepared for  
them. This could have been a costly  
tip off. The dropping of the sentence....  
Nothing to do with the present cond. in  
Panama was the tip off, as it turned out.

young family.

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