



Civil Information Management in Support of Counterinsurgency Operations - A Case for the Use of Geospatial Information Systems in Columbia

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