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SUBJECT: JAVIER GARCIA PANIAGUA TO HEAD NATIONAL
LOTTERY, IS REPLACED BY SANTIAGO TAPIA AS MEXICO CITY'S
POLICE CHIEF.

REF.: GUADALAJARA 1297

1. (U) JAVIER GARCIA PANIAGUA RESIGNED AS MEXICO CITY'S
POLICE CHIEF ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1991, A POST HE HAD
HELD SINCE DECEMBER 1988, TO ASSUME NEW RESPONSIBILITIES
AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY. THE NEW
APPOINTMENT GREW OUT OF A TUESDAY, MARCH 5 INTERVIEW
WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS DE GORTARI, ACCORDING TO

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PRESS SOURCES. GARCIA PANIAGUA WILL BE REPLACED AS
POLICE CHIEF (THE FEDERAL DISTRICT'S POLICE FORCE IS
KNOWN AS THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF PROTECTION AND
TRAFFIC - SGPV) BY SANTIAGO TAPIA ACEVES, CURRENTLY SGPV
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OPERATIONS. GARCIA PANIAGUA WILL
REPLACE RAMON AGUIRRE VELASQUEZ AT THE NATIONAL LOTTERY;
AGUIRRE IS THE CANDIDATE OF THE RULING INSTITUTIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI) FOR GOVERNOR OF GUANAJUATO
STATE.

2. (C) GARCIA PANIAGUA WAS ON THE PRI'S SHORT LIST OF
PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS IN 1982. UNTIL THEN, HE HAD

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HEADED THE NOW-DISBANDED DIRECTORATE OF FEDERAL SECURITY -- AN AGENCY WITH A REPUTATION FOR CORRUPTION AND RUTHLESSNESS -- AND SERVED AS INTERIOR MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY FOR SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS (1978-1980), SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURAL REFORM (1980-1981), PRESIDENT OF THE PRI NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1981), AND SECRETARY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY (1981). SINCE BEING BYPASSED AS A PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL IN 1982 BY THEN PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, GARCIA PANIAGUA'S CAREER WENT INTO DECLINE, AS IS TYPICAL FOR "PRESIDENCIABLES" WHO FAIL TO BE NOMINATED. BUT HE MADE MATTERS EVEN WORSE FOR HIMSELF WHEN HE CRITICIZED THE PARTY'S CHOICE, MIGUEL DE LA MADRID. HIS POLITICAL CAREER SEEMED TO BE FINISHED THEN, BUT HE HAS SINCE MADE A COMEBACK.

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3. (C) A LONGTIME INTELLIGENCE EXPERT, GARCIA PANIAGUA WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 13, 1935 IN JALISCO STATE. HE MAINTAINS A POLITICAL BASE IN THE STATE'S MORE

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UNDERDEVELOPED REGIONS (REFTEL). POLITICALLY ON THE RIGHT, GARCIA PANIAGUA'S 1988 APPOINTMENT CAUSED AN OUTCRY FROM LEFTIST INTELLECTUALS WHO ACCUSED HIM OF HAVING TORTURED THEM DURING HIS YEARS IN THE SECURITY APPARATUS. MORE RECENTLY, HIS DEPUTY AND INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, MIGUEL NAZAR HARO, WAS FORCED TO RESIGN IN FEBRUARY 1989 AFTER BEING ACCUSED IN SAN DIEGO COURT OF PROTECTING DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHILE SERVING AS CHIEF OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FEDERAL SECURITY, THE SAME AGENCY THAT GARCIA PANIAGUA ONCE HEADED. NAZAR HARO WAS ALSO ACCUSED BY POLITICAL REFUGEE ZACARIAS OSORIO CRUZ OF CARRYING OUT POLITICAL KILLINGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN A MARCH 1988 CANADIAN IMMIGRATION BOARD HEARING. GARCIA PANIAGUA'S POOR HEALTH AT THE TIME -- HE SEEMS TO HAVE SUFFERED A STROKE OR A HEART ATTACK -- MAY HAVE CONVINCED PROTEGE NAZAR HARO TO RESIGN.

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5. (U) IN A FRIDAY, MARCH 8 CEREMONY FEDERAL DISTRICT HEAD MANUEL CAMACHO SOLIS SWORE IN SANTIAGO TAPIA ACEVES AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICO CITY POLICE. HE SPENT

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ALL OF HIS NEARLY 30-YEAR CAREER IN POLICE WORK IN MEXICO CITY. BORN ON MAY 1, 1941 IN MEXICO CITY, TAPIA WORKED HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS, HAVING SERVED AS AREA CHIEF OF MILPA ALTA (1978-1979) AND TLAHUAC (1979-1983), AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT COMMANDER (1983-1988).

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HE ALSO HELD RESPONSIBLE POSTS IN THE MEXICO CITY DISTRICTS OF AZCAPOTZALCO AND CUAUHEMOC.

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