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SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) MEXICO (MX); GUATEMALA (GT).

SUBJECT: IIR [REDACTED] MEXICAN DEFENSE
SECRETARIAT QUIET ON CHIAPAS OPERATIONS (U).

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DOI: (U) 930522-930609.


REQS: (U) 

SOURCE: (U) A. 

- B. DEFENSE SECRETARIAT PRESS BULLETIN, 930603, IN SPANISH.
- C. "LA JORNADA," DAILY, 930601, 930602, 930603, 930607, 930608, CIRCULATION 40K; LEFTIST.
- D. "EXCELSIOR," DAILY, 930601, CIRCULATION LLOK; NATIONALIST.
- E. "EL UNIVERSAL," DAILY, 930606, CIRCULATION LLOK; NATIONALIST.
- F. "PROCESO," WEEKLY, 930607, CIRCULATION UKN, LEFT CENTRIST, PP. 18-21.

SUMMARY: (U) THE DEFENSE SECRETARIAT MAINTAINS A CURIOUS SILENCE ON OPERATIONS CONDUCTED OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS AGAINST GUERRILLAS IN CHIAPAS. TO DATE, THE MILITARY HAS ONLY ADMITTED LIGHT CASUALTIES AND CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS IN THE REGION.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE DEFENSE SECRETARIAT MAINTAINS A CURIOUS, YET PREDICTABLE, SILENCE ON MILITARY OPERATIONS CONDUCTED OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS AGAINST POSSIBLE GUERRILLAS IN CHIAPAS. TO DATE, THE MILITARY HAS ONLY PUBLICLY ADMITTED TO LIGHT CASUALTIES AND THE COMPLETION OF CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS IN THE REGION.

2. ~~(C/NF)~~ ON 930522, A MEXICAN ARMY CORPORAL WAS WOUNDED, AFTER BEING FIRED UPON 



THE FOLLOWING DAY, 930523, THE BATTALION WHO HAD LOST THE SOLDIER, THE 83RD INFANTRY FROM SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS

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████████████████████ CHIAPAS RETURNED TO THE SAME AREA, THIS TIME TO "SECURE" THE AREA, AND WERE AGAIN FIRED UPON, LOSING ONE OFFICER AND WOUNDING ANOTHER ENLISTED MAN. (CITE IIR ██████████ FOR FURTHER DETAILS.)

3. ~~(CONF)~~ SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE SITUATION BEGAN, AND AFTER CONTROL OF THE NEWS OF THE EVENTS SEEMED TO BE SLIPPING AWAY, THE SECRETARIAT OF DEFENSE ISSUED A PRESS BULLETIN (REFERENCE B). IT HIGHLIGHTED THE COMPLETION OF A CIVIC ACTION PROJECT, WHICH HAPPENED TO BE COLOCATED IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE ARMED CLASHES HAD TAKEN PLACE. REPORTED RESULTS INCLUDE--

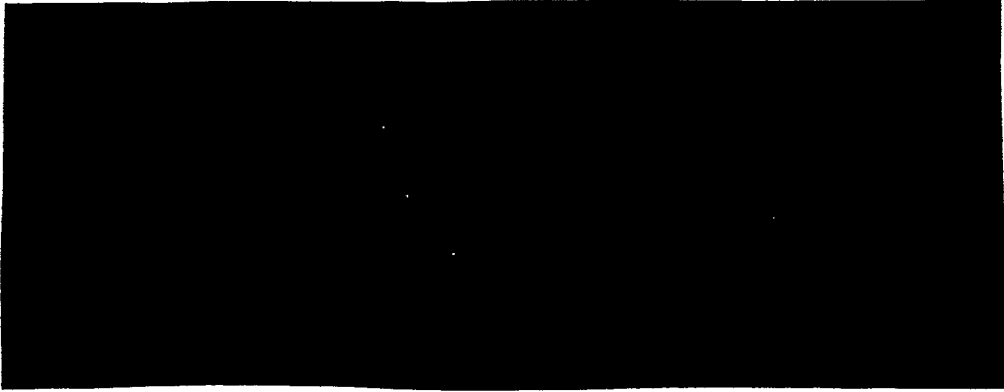
- 2,196 MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
- 387 DENTAL APPOINTMENTS
- 144 TOOTH EXTRACTIONS
- 568 VACCINATIONS
- 47 MINOR SURGERIES
- 48 ACTIVITIES PROMOTING GOOD HEALTH PRACTICES
- 240 CARPENTRY PROJECTS
- 36 ENGINEERING PROJECTS
- 12 REPAIRS OF HOME APPLIANCES
- 360 SQUARE METERS OF PAINTING
- 561 HAIRCUTS.

FINALLY, THE DESTRUCTION OF FOUR MARIJUANA FIELDS AND CAPTURE OF 57 ARMS WAS INCLUDED IN THE CIVIC ACTION REPORT.



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4. ~~(CONF)~~ BY THE TIME THE DEFENSE RELEASE WAS PUBLISHED, THE PGR HAD OFFERED A REPORT ON THE SITUATION NEAR THE "PATATE VIEJO" COMMUNAL FARM, LOCAL "RICH CATTLEMEN" HAD SAID THAT MANY OF THE LOCAL NATIVE FARMERS WERE ENGAGED IN HELPING THE FOREIGN GUERRILLAS, THE COMMUNAL FARMERS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVE UNIONS HAD COMPLAINED TO THE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, SIX INDIGENOUS FARMERS AND TWO GUATEMALAN CIVILIANS HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF MURDER/ILLEGAL ARMS POSSESSION/TREASON, AND THE MILITARY HAD DEPLOYED OVER A THOUSAND TROOPS TO THE AREA.

5. (U) IN THE FIRST CASE CITED IN PARA 4-- A PGR REPORT ON A CONTACT IN THE PATATE VIEJO COMMUNAL FARM-- THE PGR HAD CONFISCATED VARIOUS ARMS, AMMUNITION, RADIOS, AND GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA PAMPHLETS.

6. (U) THE SECOND POINT OF PARA 4-- IN WHICH CATTLEMEN SAID THAT LOCAL COMMUNAL FARMERS HAD BEEN SEEN WITH GUERRILLAS-- A LOCAL CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT 70-140 GUERRILLAS WERE TRAINING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT RURAL ALLIANCE EMILIANO ZAPATA (ANCIEZ) IN THIS AREA. THE COMMUNAL FARMS OF VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, LA GRANDEZA, GUADALUPE VICTORIA, MORELIA, CARDENAS, SAN MIGUEL CHULTIC, AND PUEBLA WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY THE OFFICIAL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - THE ANCIEZ ARRIVED IN 1991 AND HAS CURRENTLY ORGANIZED ABOUT HALF OF THE LOCAL COMMUNAL FARMS UNDER ITS AUSPICES.

7. (U) IN THE THIRD CASE, LOCAL NATIVE FARMERS COMPLAINED OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. THE OFFICIAL VERSION STATES THAT THESE FARMERS WERE "INTERCEPTED" WITH ARMS. THE SIX MEXICANS AND TWO GUATEMALANS WERE FORMALLY CHARGED ON 930605. THE

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NATIVE REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THE ARRESTS ONLY CAME AFTER THE INHABITANTS OF COMMUNAL FARMS NEAR ALTAMIRANO, CHIAPAS, HAD BEEN ROUNDED UP, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL INDIGENOUS UNIONS. THE FOURTH CASE, THE FORMAL CHARGING OF THE ARRESTED "PRESUMED GUERRILLAS," IS BASED ON FIRM EVIDENCE, ACCORDING TO THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, THE MILITARY, AND THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

8. (U) FINALLY, IN THE FIFTH AREA OF INTEREST-- EXTENSIVE MILITARY DEPLOYMENT TO THE AREA-- THE MILITARY IS SAID TO HAVE EXPANDED THE BATTALION LEVEL OPERATION (WHATEVER ITS ORIGINAL INTENT MAY HAVE BEEN) INTO AN EXERCISE AND CONFRONTATION USING OVER TWO THOUSAND TROOPS, LIGHT ARMORED VEHICLES, HELICOPTER BOMBING SUPPORT, AND INFILTRATION OF PARACHUTE TROOPS INTO HARD TO ACCESS AREAS IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. IN THE MIXED AND CONFUSING REPORTING FROM THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THE FOLLOWING TIMELINE CAN BE ROUGHLY DEFINED.

930514 83D IN BN BEGINS EXERCISES IN THE AREA
930522 ONE SOLDIER WOUNDED DURING EXERCISE
930523 83D IN BN EXPANDS OPERATIONS
LOSES ONE OFFICER KIA AND ONE SOLDIER WIA
930525 MILITARY ARRIVES AT PATATE VIEJO FARM
SEVERAL PERSONS ARRESTED FOR MURDER/TREASON
MILITARY RIGHTS ABUSES AT LAGUNA DEL CARMEN
930526 TZELTAL INDIANS FLEE INTO HILLS
MILITARY SEARCHES EL VOLCAN FOR GUERRILLAS
24TH ACR OCCUPIES FARMS WITH 60 VEHICLES
PARACHUTISTS LAND IN LA GRANDEZA
ARMY SAYS SIX "G" TRAINING BASES DISCOVERED
GUERRILLAS MOVE TO CAVES, LARGE SCALE
MILITARY OPERATION TO DISLodge THEM
BEGINS
930603 MILITARY CIVIC ACTION MISSION ENDS
930605 DEFENSE/PGR ADMIT LONG TERM KNOWLEDGE OF
GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN CHIAPAS
930606 ARRESTED "G" FORMALLY CHARGED
930607 STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CONDUCTS
COINCIDENTAL OPERATIONS IN WHICH A LARGE
NUMBER OF ARMS WERE CONFISCATED
INDIGENOUS RIGHTS GROUPS ACCUSE LOCAL
POLICE OF RIGHTS ABUSES.
930609 MILITARY OPERATIONS CONTINUE.

9. ~~(C/NF)~~ OF INTEREST ARE THE ALLEDGED TIES BETWEEN THE GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS CAPTURED AND THE PROCUP-PDL. REPORTEDLY, IN SOME OF THE COMMUNAL FARMS IN THE AREA, THE LOCAL INDIANS HAD STUDIED OR

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BEEN PRESENTED WITH A PROCUP CALL-TO-ARMS FROM 1991 (CITE IIR [REDACTED], AND HAD BEEN "INDOCTRINATED," ACCORDING TO LOCAL RANCHERS. THE NATURE OF THE TIES BETWEEN THE URNG AND THE PROCUP-PDL D HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AS YET. [REDACTED]

2. ~~(C/NF)~~ [REDACTED] THE ONLY DEFENSE PRESS RELEASE SO FAR IN JUNE IS THE COMBINED CIVIC ACTION AND DRUG ERADICATION MIXED REPORT, REFERENCE 2. THIS RELEASE IS INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS CIVIC ACTION BULLETINS. IF IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO LOWER REPORTING ON THE SUBJECT, IT HAS NOT MET ITS GOAL; IT HAS SERVED TO FURTHER CONFUSE AN ALREADY CONFUSING ISSUE. AS "EXCELSIOR," A NATIONALIST PUBLICATION SUPPORTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS OFFICIAL ARMS, SUCH AS THE DEFENSE COMMUNITY, HAS PUT IT, "...A GREAT HERMETIC SECRECY EXISTS AMONG THOSE HIGH MILITARY CHIEFS WHO HAVE VISITED THE REGION."

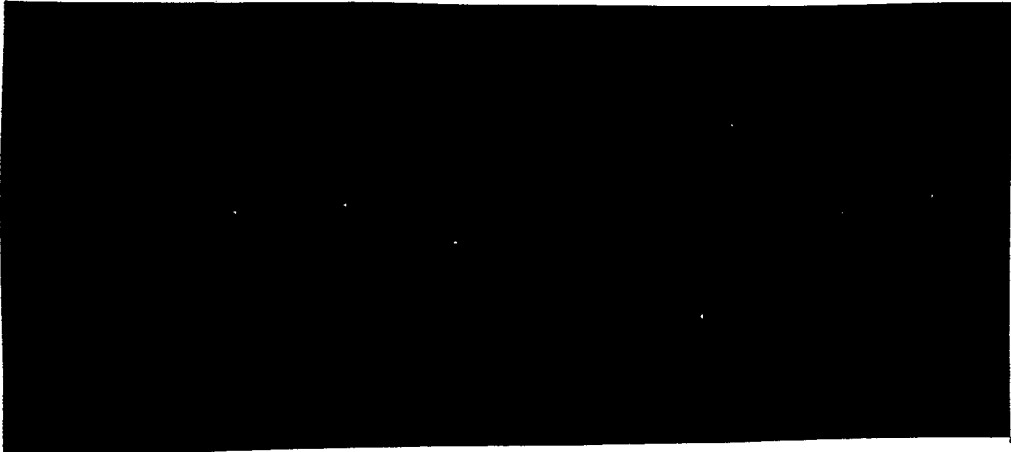
3. ~~(C/NF)~~ [REDACTED]

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