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SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) MEXICO (MX).

SUBJECT: IIR [REDACTED] MEXICAN RECONNAISSANCE
AIRCRAFT FIRED ON BY APPARENT SA-7 ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS.
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REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: (U) [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: ~~(C/NF)~~ MEXICAN ARMY [REDACTED] REPORTS [REDACTED] AIRCRAFT FIRED ON BY APPARENT SA-7 ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS. WEAPONS FIRED ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING [REDACTED] IN THE STATE OF CHIAPAS, MEXICO.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE MEXICAN ARMY [REDACTED] IS REPORTEDLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE USE OF SA-7 ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES BEING FIRED AT AIRCRAFT IN THE STATE OF CHIAPAS.

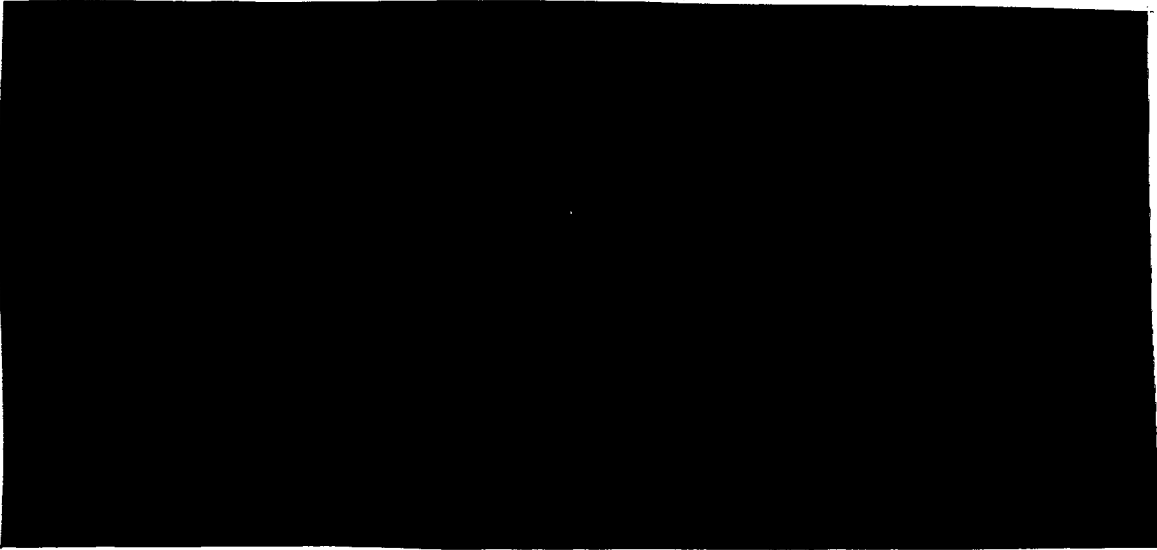
2. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE MEXICAN AIR FORCE HAS BEEN USING TWO OF THEIR ISRAELI PROCURED "ARAVA" AIRCRAFT FOR [REDACTED] COLLECTION IN THE STATE OF CHIAPAS, MEXICO. THE AIRCRAFT ARE CONFIGURED AS [REDACTED] AND HAVE BEEN USED SINCE EARLY JANUARY TO PROVIDE [REDACTED] ON THE EMILIANO ZAPATA LIBERATION ARMY (EZLN).

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

4. ~~(C/NF)~~ APPROXIMATELY A MONTH AGO AND THEN ABOUT A WEEK LATER, THE AIRCRAFT REPORTED LARGE EXPLOSIONS AT THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE AIRCRAFT, BUT SOME DISTANCE AWAY. MEXICAN ARMY [REDACTED] BELIEVES THESE EXPLOSIONS WERE PRODUCED BY TWO SA-7 ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES THAT WERE FIRED AT THE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT FLY WITHOUT ANY LIGHTS, SO THE MISSILES WOULD HAVE TO BE FIRED BASED ON THE SOUNDS OF THE AIRCRAFT. BECAUSE OF THIS AND THE RELATIVELY LOW HEAT SIGNATURE OF THE AIRCRAFT, THE MEXICAN AIR FORCE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO HIT THE AIRCRAFT, BUT ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY FUTURE HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. HELICOPTERS WOULD BE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES.

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

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2. ~~(C/NF)~~ IT IS BELIEVED THE REAL STRENGTH IN TERMS OF WEAPONS OF THE EZLN HAS YET TO BE REVEALED, AND WE HAVE UP TO NOW ONLY SEEN VERY LIGHT WEAPONS USED BY THE EZLN FORCES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ARTILLERY, HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, OR MORTAR SYSTEMS SHOWN IN THE PRESS OR SEEN BY VISITORS TO THE EZLN CAMPS. ALL OF THESE WEAPONS TO INCLUDE ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES WOULD BE LOGICAL WEAPONS FOR DEFENSE OF THEIR BASE CAMPS. ACTUAL USE OF THE SA-7S WOULD INDICATE A WILLINGNESS TO USE MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, AND WOULD MAKE THE TASK OF THE MEXICAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN, AND FIGHTING COMMENCE.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~

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