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SUBJ: [REDACTED]

1. ~~S&~~ [REDACTED] ~~S&~~  
RENEWED SPORADIC VIOLENCE COULD OCCUR, PARTICULARLY IN CHIAPAS, BEGINNING IN EARLY DECEMBER. THE ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY EZLN HAS THREATENED TO RENEW ITS VIOLENT ACTIVITY IF EDUARDO ROBLEDO, THE RULING INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY'S PRI GOVERNOR-ELECT OF CHIAPAS, IS INAUGURATED ON 8 DECEMBER. THE EZLN HAS CONTENDED THAT ROBLEDO WON THE GOVERNORSHIP THROUGH FRAUDULENT MEANS AND THAT AMADO AVENDANO, THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE FROM THE PARTY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION PRD, IS THE TRUE WINNER. OTHER SUBVERSIVE GROUPS ALLEGED TO EXIST IN CHIAPAS ARE SAID TO BE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE EZLN. THE ZAPATISTA-SPONSORED NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HAS DEMANDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT REMOVE TROOPS FROM THE CONFLICT AREAS IN CHIAPAS, WARNING THAT THE CHOICE IS "DEMOCRACY OR BARBARISM."  
~~S&~~ DESPITE THE CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE EZLN SINCE THAT HAS HELD SINCE JANUARY, CHIAPAS HAS REMAINED UNSETTLED, WITH SPORADIC TAKEOVERS OF PRIVATE LAND BY PEASANTS, ROAD BLOCKAGES, BUILDING SEIZURES, AND OTHER PROTESTS. THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN INTENSIFIED BY REPORTS OF ARMY AND EZLN TROOP MOVEMENTS, MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS OF TERRITORY HELD BY THE EZLN, EZLN THREATS TO RENEW VIOLENCE, AND THE REBEL GROUP'S ACTION TO BREAK OFF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. AS THE MILITARY INCREASES ITS SECURITY MEASURES PRIOR TO THE 8 DECEMBER INAUGURATION IN CHIAPAS, TENSIONS WILL PROBABLY INCREASE FURTHER AND COULD RESULT IN VIOLENCE. IF THE EZLN FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH ITS THREAT, SUBVERSIVE GROUPS AND THOSE SYMPATHETIC TO THE EZLN CAUSE IN CHIAPAS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY COULD ALSO JOIN IN SPORADIC VIOLENCE. WHILE THE PRD HAS CALLED FOR PEACEFUL

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CIVIL RESISTANCE TO PROTEST THE INAUGURATION, SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS COULD TURN VIOLENT IF INFILTRATED BY DISSIDENTS OR RADICAL PRD MEMBERS.

- 2. U& CATEGORY ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT CHANGES: N/A
- 3. U& CATEGORY FUNCTIONAL AREA ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT CHANGES: N/A
- 4. ~~ca~~ [REDACTED]

A. ~~ca~~

[REDACTED] SINCE MARCH 1994, TWO HIGH-PROFILE POLITICAL FIGURES HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED. THE PRI'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, LUIS DONALDO COLOSIO&, WAS MURDERED IN MARCH AND THE PARTY'S SECRETARY GENERAL, JOSE FRANCISCO RUIZ&, WAS KILLED IN SEPTEMBER. WHILE A GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION RULED COLOSIO WAS KILLED BY A LONE GUNMAN, FEW BELIEVE THAT FINDING. RUIZ' MURDER IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED, BUT IT APPEARS THE KILLING WAS ORDERED FOR POLITICAL OR PERSONAL REASONS. WHATEVER THE MOTIVES FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS, THE PERCEPTION PORTRAYED IS THAT THERE IS AT LEAST SOMEWHAT OF AN AIR OF INSTABILITY IN MEXICO'S POLITICAL CLIMATE. SUCH A PERCEPTION HAS IN PART CAUSED SOME PUBLIC CONCERN THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE BEHIND THE KILLINGS OR IS LOOSING CONTROL OF PUBLIC SECURITY. THE EZLN HAS PLAYED UPON SUCH FEARS IN ADDITION TO ITS RHETORIC ABOUT GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION AND INCOMPETENCE. 28 SEP 94&.

B. ~~S/NF&~~

[REDACTED] THE COMBINED DECLARATIONS OF THE ZAPATISTAS AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HAVE MOVED THE MILITARY TO A HIGHER STATE OF READINESS IN THE CHIAPAS THEATER OF OPERATIONS. AN INCREASE IN MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS IN-THEATER REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN NOTED IN BOTH THE STATE CAPITAL OF TUXTLA GUTIERREZ AND IN COMITAN, AT THE NEW AIR STRIP ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE THEATER. ADDITIONALLY, IN AUGUST, THE MEXICAN ARMY BEGAN RECEIVING THE FIRST OF MORE THAN 60 FRENCH-MADE VCI FRENCH-MADE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS IT HAD PURCHASED FROM FORMER BELGIAN MILITARY STOCKS. THESE VEHICLES ARE PROBABLY SLATED FOR ONE OF

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THE ARMY'S THREE ARMORED BRIGADES. THIS ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS THE MILITARY'S DETERMINATION TO REMEDY THE DEFICIENCIES REVEALED BY THE ZAPATISTA REBELLION IN JANUARY. THE INADEQUATE OFF-ROAD CAPABILITIES OF THE ARMY'S FLEET OF WHEELED ARMORED VEHICLES HINDERED OPERATIONS IN CHIAPAS. THE VEHICLES PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO A LOW-INTENSITY THREAT. 27 OCT 94&.

C. ~~ca~~

[REDACTED] IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, A NEW SUBVERSIVE GROUP IN CHIAPAS CALLED THE SOUTHEASTERN REVOLUTIONARY INSURGENT ARMY EIRS& ANNOUNCED ITS FORMATION. THE GROUP, WHICH CLAIMS IT IS SYMPATHETIC TO BUT NOT PART OF THE ZAPATISTA ORGANIZATION, HAS DEMANDED THE ARREST OF THE LAST FOUR CHIAPAN STATE GOVERNORS AND A REJECTION OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT-ELECT ZEDILLO'S AND CHIAPAN GOVERNOR-ELECT ROBLEDOS VICTORIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS. IT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED WHETHER THIS GROUP ACTUALLY EXISTS. HOWEVER, IF IT DOES, IT COULD PIGGYBACK ON ZAPATISTA-INITIATED VIOLENCE

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AND PROVOKE ADDITIONAL DISTURBANCES. 7 SEP 94&.

D. U&

[REDACTED] SPEAKING TO  
A RECENT GATHERING OF DELEGATES FROM THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC  
CONVENTION, ZAPATISTA LEADER "SUBCOMMANDER" MARCOS REITERATED THE  
REBELS' DECISION TO RESUME MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST GOVERNMENT  
FORCES IF EDUARDO ROBLEDO, PRI GOVERNOR-ELECT OF CHIAPAS, IS  
INAUGURATED ON 8 DECEMBER. 16 OCT 94&.  
5. U& POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS [REDACTED]

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