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SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

BODY

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

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] GUATEMALAN POSTURE ON THE
PROBLEM IN CHIAPAS (U)

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DOI: (U) 941222 - 941223.

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: A. (C/NF) [REDACTED]

B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "PRENSA LIBRE", GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, 941223, (U), IN SPANISH. THE PAPER HAS AN ESTIMATED CIRCULATION OF 100,000, IS KNOWN TO BE CONSERVATIVE AND INDEPENDENT. LARGEST CIRCULATION DAILY NEWSPAPER IN GT.

C. (C/NF) [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: (S/NF) GUATEMALAN ARMY PROVIDES MEXICAN ARMY INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE ARMS SHIPMENTS FOR THE EZLN. SPECIAL FORCES AND AIR FORCE TRAINERS ARE LOANED TO TRAIN MEXICAN PERSONNEL. UN REFUGEE COMMISSION INQUIRES ABOUT ESTABLISHING REFUGEE CAMPS IN GUATEMALA.

TEXT: 1. (S/NF) [REDACTED] THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY HAS AGAIN BEEN APPROACHED RECENTLY BY THE MEXICAN ARMY ASKING FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH THE CONTINUING ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (EZLN) INSURGENCY IN CHIAPAS. REPORTEDLY THE GUATEMALAN ARMY HAS SHARED WITH THE MEXICANS INFORMATION THAT INDICATES THAT MUNITIONS AND ARMS ARE ENTERING CHIAPAS VIA GUATEMALA DESTINED FOR THE EZLN. [REDACTED]

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3. (U) SOURCE 'B' CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON 23 DECEMBER IN WHICH SUB COMANDANTE MARCOS FROM THE EZLN DENOUNCED THE PRESENCE IN CHIAPAS OF GUATEMALAN KAIBILES. IN THE ARTICLE, MARCOS STATED THE EZLN WAS AWARE THAT KAIBILES REGULARLY CROSSED THE FRONTIER WITH MEXICO INTO THE LACANDONA FOREST, IN PURSUIT OF URNG INSURGENTS. SUB COMANDANTE MARCOS ALSO STATED THAT THE EZLN WAS AWARE THAT THE GUATEMALAN KAIBILES WERE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE MEXICAN ARMY, WHICH WAS INDICATED BY THEIR PRESENCE IN CHIAPAS. THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND DIVULGATION (DIDE), THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT FOR THE GUATEMALAN ARMY, DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS BY MARCOS THAT KAIBILES ARE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE MEXICAN ARMY.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED] THE UNITED NATIONS REFUGEE COMMISSION HAS RECENTLY APPROACHED THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT MEXICAN REFUGEES IN GUATEMALA. THE RESPONSE OF THE GUATEMALANS WAS THAT THEY WOULD.

[REDACTED] THE GUATEMALAN ARMY IS NOW SEARCHING FOR POSSIBLE REFUGEE SITES IN ZACAPA, JALAPA, JUTIAPA, CHIQUMULA AND PUERTO BARRIOS. REPORTEDLY, THE SITES BEING LOOKED AT REQUIRE READY ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY AND WATER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY AMENITIES FOR THE REFUGEES, IF THEY IN FACT DO COME INTO GUATEMALA.

5. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED] IT WAS RATHER IRONIC THAT GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THE GUATEMALAN CONFLICT AND THE ABUNDANCE OF GUATEMALAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN MEXICO, THAT THE TABLES HAVE NOW TURNED AND MEXICAN CAMPS MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN GUATEMALA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ANY CAMPS ESTABLISHED WOULD BE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT, UNLIKE THE CAMPS IN MEXICO, NO OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE ALLOWED FOR THE EZLN TO USE THE CAMPS AS BASES IN GUATEMALA.

[REDACTED]

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED] GIVEN THE RECENT RESURGENCE OF THE EZLN ACTIVITY IN CHIAPAS, AND THE POSSIBLE IMPACT IT CAN HAVE ON NOT ONLY THE

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GUATEMALAN/URNG PEACE TALKS, BUT THE WAR IN GUATEMALA AS WELL, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THIS ISSUE. WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE GUATEMALANS WILL DEDICATE MAJOR RESOURCES TO KEEPING TRACK OF THE PROBLEM, AND WILL NOT HESITATE, AS HAS BEEN STATED IN RECENT NEWS ARTICLES, TO BEEF UP THEIR FORCES ALONG THE FRONTIER IF IT APPEARS THAT THE CONFLICT IN CHIAPAS WILL DRIFT OVER INTO GUATEMALA. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ONLY AREA WHERE THEY MAY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO SWIFTLY REINFORCE THEIR FRONTIER IS IN MILITARY ZONE 22 (PLAYA GRANDE). THE FRONTIER THAT SEPARATES CHIAPAS AND MILITARY ZONE 19 (HUEHUETENANGO) IS A LARGER AREA, MORE ISOLATED AND WILL PROVE TO BE MORE DIFFICULT TO REINFORCE IF THE NEED ARISES.

2. ~~(S/NF)~~



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