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BODY:

COUNTRY: (U) GUATEMALA (GT).

COMBINE: COMPLETE

SUBJ: [REDACTED] HUMINT TO SUFFER WITH LOSS OF MILITARY COMMISSIONERS (U) (b)(2)

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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ RECENT DECISION TO DISBAND ARMY'S MIL COMMISSIONERS WILL IMPACT GREATEST ON THE ARMY'S HUMINT COLLECTION CAPABILITY. MIL COMMISSIONERS FORMED THE BACKBONE OF THE G-2'S HUMINT NETWORKS. G-2'S WILL NOW BE FORCED TO DEVELOP NEW NETWORKS, FROM THE GROUND UP.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED] THE RECENT DECISION TO DISBAND THE ARMY'S MILITARY COMMISSIONERS WILL IMPACT GREATEST ON THE HUMAN INTELLIGENCE (HUMINT) (b)(1)

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COLLECTION CAPABILITY OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMY. THE MAJOR EFFECT WILL BE FELT BY THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS (G-2) OF THE VARIOUS ZONES AND COMMANDS. HISTORICALLY [REDACTED] (b)(1) CONTINUED, MILITARY COMMISSIONERS HAVE FORMED THE BACKBONE OF THE G-2'S HUMINT NETWORKS THAT HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE MAJORITY OF THE MILITARY ZONES AND COMMANDS. [REDACTED] (b)(2)

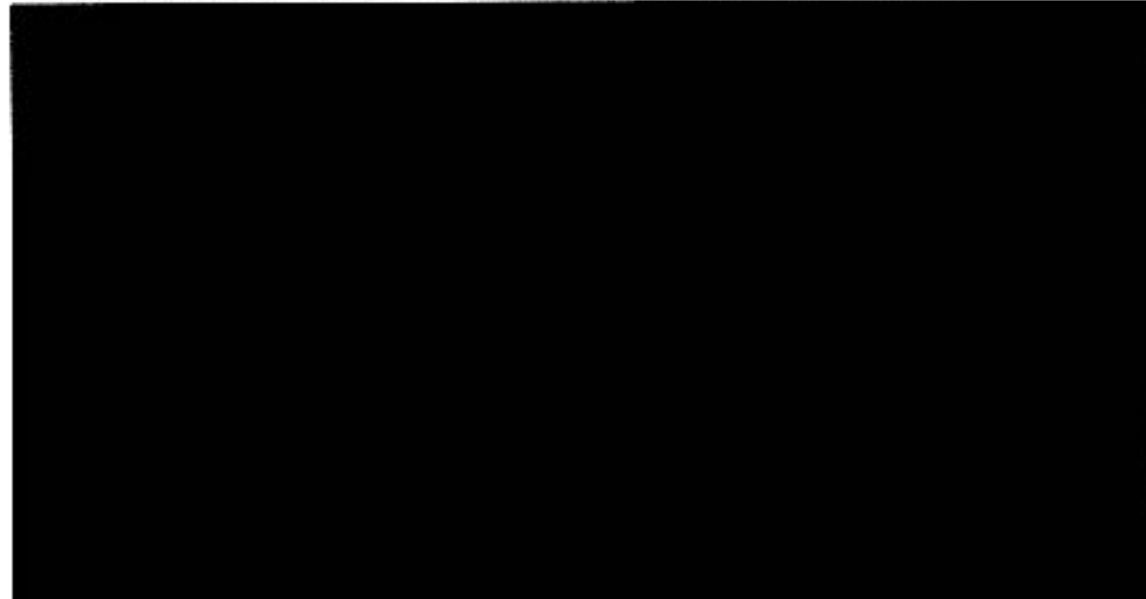
2. ~~(S/NP)~~ THESE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE ZONE'S G-2, PROVIDING A STEADY STREAM OF INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN THEIR AREAS, TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON INSURGENTS, SUSPECTED INSURGENT SYMPATHIZERS, ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES BY INDIVIDUALS, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT THEY WERE TASKED TO COLLECT OR DO. [REDACTED] THERE WERE TIMES (b)(1) WHEN MILITARY COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES, DIRECTED BY THE ZONE G-2, WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN LABELED AS ILLEGAL BY CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS. AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS VIEWED TO BE A THREAT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMY.

3. ~~(S/NP)~~ WITH THE PLANNED DISINTEGRATION OF THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS SYSTEM, THE G-2'S WILL BE FORCED TO DEVELOP FROM THE GROUND UP, NEW HUMINT NETWORKS IN THEIR AREAS OF OPERATION. IN MOST CASES, IT WILL PLACE (b)(1) AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON THE ZONE'S THINNING FINANCIAL RESOURCES. [REDACTED] FOR RELATED REPORTING ON INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION CAPABILITIES AND THE INABILITY TO FINANCE IT. [REDACTED] (b)(1) [REDACTED] IN THE PAST, THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS HAVE NOT BEEN TYPICAL "PAID INFORMANTS" BECAUSE THEY WORKED SIMPLY FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CARRYING THE MILITARY COMMISSIONER'S MILITARY IDENTIFICATION AND THE POWER AND PRESTIGE THAT CAME WITH IT.

4. ~~(S/NP)~~ WITH THE PROBABLE LOSS OF THEIR MILITARY IDENTIFICATION, THEIR POWER AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WILL LIKELY VANISH AS WELL, [REDACTED] (b)(1) [REDACTED] LIKewise, AS THE COMMISSIONERS LOSE THE PROTECTION ONCE PROVIDED BY THEIR IDENTIFICATION CARDS, THEIR ONCE PRIVILEGED POSITION WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES, PREVIOUSLY GUARANTEED BY THEIR ARMY CONNECTION, WILL VANISH ALONG WITH IT, SERIOUSLY DETERIORATING THE GUATEMALAN ARMY'S HUMINT COLLECTION CAPABILITY.

5. ~~(S/NP)~~ AS AN EXAMPLE, [REDACTED] IN THE (b)(1) CASE OF THE GUATEMALAN NAVY, ESPECIALLY ON THE PACIFIC COAST, THE LOSS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WILL GREATLY AFFECT THE NAVY'S ABILITY TO MONITOR THE TRAFFICKING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS, ARMS AND NARCOTICS ALONG THE SOUTHWEST COAST ON A REGULAR BASIS. EVEN THOUGH THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE ARMY'S INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION SYSTEM, [REDACTED] THE (b)(1) ARMY'S HUMINT NETWORK [REDACTED] TRADITIONALLY BEEN AN "ALL-MALE" NETWORK, WHICH HAS SHOWN ITS LIMITATIONS OVER TIME. SELDOM, IF EVER, DOES AN

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER UTILIZE FEMALES IN A COLLECTION
ROLE. [REDACTED] UNLIKE THE INSURGENTS, WHO (b)(1)
RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF A DIVERSE COLLECTION SYSTEM.



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