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COUNTRY: (U) MEXICO (MX).

MEXICAN ARMED FORCES SUBJECT: IIR INVOLVED IN HIGHEST VOLUME CAPTURE OF COCAINE IN SEVERAL YEARS (U).

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- (U) A. "EL NACIONAL," NATIONALIST DAILY, IN SPANISH, 931005, SEC A, P 15.
 - B. "LA JORNADA," LEFTIST DAILY, IN SPANISH, 931005, P23.
 - C. "LA JORNADA," LEFTIST DAILY, IN SPANISH, 931006, P16.

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- 2. (U) ON 931003, THE NAVY AND PGR ELEMENTS CAPTURED 8,798 KILOS OF COCAINE NEAR MAZATLAN, SINALOA, MEXICO. A SHIPPING BOAT, "DANIEL TORRES," WAS BOARDED AT 1500 BY PJF AND NAVY MEN AND DISCOVERED 268 PACKETS WITH 200 KILOS OF COCAINE. LATER THAT NIGHT THE NAVY, DURING THE ROUTINE INVESTIGATION OF THE "MARDOQUEO" FISHING BOAT, DISCOVERED 92 PACKETS WITH 2,098 KILOS OF COCAINE. FIFTEEN PERSONS WERE DETAINED.
- 3. (U) LATER THAT DAY THE PJF AND ELEMENTS OF THE MEXICAN DEFENSE INTERCEPTION GENERAL DIRECTORATE CAPTURED 500 MORE AIR DROPPED KILOS OF COCAINE.
- 4. (U) IN RELATED INCIDENTS, THE SECNAV ANNOUNCED A MARIJUANA FIELD DESTRUCTION WHICH ENCOMPASSED 10,000 SQUARE METERS.
- 5. (U) ADDITIONALLY, ACCOUNTS IN SOURCE B STRESSED THAT THE MEXICAN ARMY IN CHIAPAS HAD CAUSED GREAT FEAR AMONG LOCAL TZELTAL INDIANS —— ON 930522, THE ARMY, WHO WAS REPORTEDLY CONDUCTING A SIMILAR CN OPERATION, WAS FIRED UPON BY "FORTY UNKNOWN PERSONS," LATER IDENTIFIED BY THE ARMY AS GUATEMALAN AND MEXICAN SUBVERSIVES. AFTER CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES, THE MILITARY SHIPPED IN OVER 3,000 SOLDIERS. GUERRILLA BASE

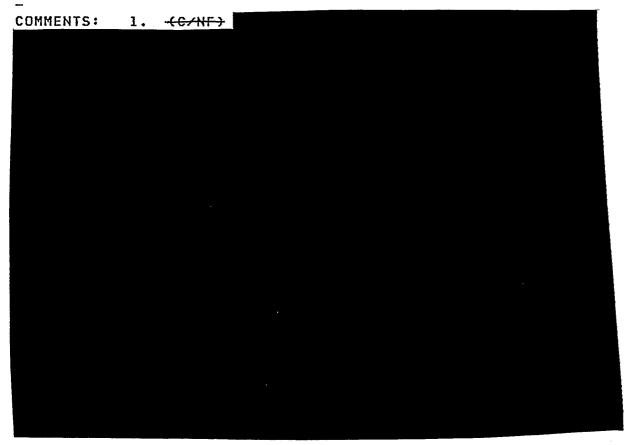
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CAMPS WERE SOON DISCOVERED AND SOME SUSPECTED GUERRILLAS ARRESTED. CITE IIR FOR GREATER DETAILS AND A TIMELINE ON THE PREVIOUS OPERATION.) IN THIS INSTANCE THE ARMY ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER BEGINNING AT 1600, 931002, AT LA GARRUCHA, SAN MIGUEL, PATIHUITZ, EL ROSARIO, AND LA ESTRELLA-- THE EXACT AREA WHERE THE PREVIOUS OPERATION TOOK PLACE. OVER 500 MEN ARRIVED AND BEGAN SEARCHES OF THE SURROUNDING AREA. FROM 1800, 931003 UNTIL 0100, 931004, HELICOPTERS BOMBED AND SEARCHED THE AREA AROUND OCOSINGO THEN LANDED AT EL ROSARIO; THREE HELICOPTERS AND ONE SMALL PLANE (PROBABLY AN ARAVA) PARTICIPATED. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CIVILIAN HARRASMENT, AND BY 931005 THE MILITARY HAD LEFT. UNNAMED MILITARY SOURCES SAID THAT A PGR AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN FIRED ON, CAUSING THE ARMY'S INVOLVEMENT. THERE WERE NO DETENTIONS , BUT THE MENTIONED 500 KILOS WERE CAPTURED. THE COMMANDER OF THE 31ST MILITARY ZONE, IN THE VII MILITARY REGION, MG GASTON ((MENCHACA)) ARIAS, STATED THAT THE OPERATION HAD ULTIMATELY NETED 7,112 KILOS OF COCAINE, TWO PICK UP TRUCKS DURING THE JOINT OPERATION WITH THE PGR.



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