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BODY

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

SUBJECT: IIR [REDACTED] GUERRILLAS CAPTURE  
KEY TOWNS IN CHIAPAS, MEXICO. CORRECTED REPORT (U).

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REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: (U) [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: (U) GUERRILLAS HAVE CAPTURED FOUR TOWNS IN SOUTHERN MEXICO AND CALLED FOR A GENERAL LOCAL INDIAN UPRISING. THE CAPTURED TOWNS INCLUDE SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, COMITAN, OCOSINGO, AND LAS MARGARITAS, ALL IN CHIAPAS STATE.

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2. ~~(C/NF)~~ AT APPROXIMATELY 0300 LOCAL, 931231, LOCALS IN SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS WERE AWAKENED BY GUNFIRE FROM THE PRINCIPLE SQUARE CONTAINING GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES. WITNESSES THEN STATED THAT MEN IN GREEN MILITARY STYLE UNIFORMS AND BLACK BOOTS, ALL CLEAN AND NEW, HAD OCCUPIED THE SQUARE. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THAT SOME SMALL NUMBER OF BODIES WERE SEEN LYING IN THE SQUARE. ASIDE FROM THE MEN IN GREEN, SEVERAL MEN IN ALL BLACK, MUDDY AND DIRTY UNIFORMS WITH BALACLAVAS GUARDING THEIR IDENTITIES WERE SEEN; THESE MEN APPEARED TO BE IN CHARGE. THE SQUARE IN SAN CRISTOBAL WAS OCCUPIED BY LESS THAN A PLATOON, BUT SEVERAL BACKPACKS WITH GRENADES AND APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND ROUNDS EACH WERE SEEN.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE TOWNS TO THE WEST OF SAN CRISTOBAL HAVE ALSO BEEN OCCUPIED. THESE INCLUDE OCOSINGO, COMITAN, AND ALTAMIRANO. IN OCOSINGO THE GUERRILLAS

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HAVE TAKEN OVER AN AM RADIO STATION AND BEGUN BROADCASTING. A LOCAL POLICE STATION WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY BURNED AND LOCAL PGR OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE UPRISING.

4. ~~(C/NF)~~ OUTSIDE OF EACH TOWN GUERRILLAS HAVE SET UP ROAD BLOCKS USING FELLED TREES AND LIMITED BOTH ENTRY AND EXIT FROM THE TOWNS. IN AT LEAST ONE TOWN, A PAMPHLET WAS PASSED OUT ASKING FOR A GENERAL INDIAN UPRISING.

5. ~~(C/NF)~~ ONE REPORT STATED THAT A TALL "CENTRAL AMERICAN, SLENDER WITH GREEN EYES" WAS ONE OF THOSE IN CHARGE

6. ~~(C/NF)~~ ONE REPORT ALSO INDICATED THAT SMALL AIRCRAFT WERE CIRCLING THE TOWN AND FIRED UPON FROM THE GROUND USING ROCKETS OF AN UNDETERMINED TYPE. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

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7. ~~(C/NF)~~ INITIAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY.

A. A COORDINATED, WELL-PLANNED AND EXECUTED TAKEOVER OF FOUR TOWNS IN THE STATE OF CHIAPAS BY A TRAINED GUERRILLA GROUP, PERHAPS LED BY CENTRAL AMERICANS, HAS OCCURRED.

B. THE NATURE OF THE TERRAIN HAS AIDED THE GUERRILLAS IN THEIR ISOLATION OF THE TOWNS. IT WILL ALSO AID IN THE POSSIBLE DEFENSE OF THE AREA'S WHICH HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED. A COMPLICATING FACTOR ARE THE NUMEROUS FOREIGNERS IN THE TOWN DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, MAKING DEFENSE EASIER AND ATTACK BY MEXICAN ARMED FORCES MORE DIFFICULT.



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