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DURING THE EVENING OF 3

JANUARY, MEXICAN PRESIDENT ((SALINAS)) CALLED PRESIDENT ((DE LEON)) TO TALK ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CHIAPAS. PRESIDENT SALINAS TOLD DE LEON THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAD VARIOUS INDICATORS THAT THERE

WAS URNG "INVOLVEMENT" IN THIS INDIGENOUS UPRISING.

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PRESIDENT DE LEON OFFERED

PRESIDENT SALINAS HELP IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGEABLE

ABOUT URNG ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS.

OFFER WAS ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT SALINAS AND THAT A TEAM

COMPOSED OF CIVILIANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WOULD DEPART

FOR MEXICO CITY TODAY (4 JANUARY).

THIS TEAM OF "URNG EXPERTS" WOULD BE LED BY LTCOL EDGAR

RICARDO ((BUSTAMANTE)) FIGUEROA, CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL

SECURITY,

ONE OF THEIR BEST

ANALYTICAL MINDS CONCERNING THE URNG.

PRESIDENT DE LEON'S
ADVISERS RECOMMENDED TO DE LEON, FOLLOWING THE SALINAS
PHONE CALL, THAT HE MAKE A QUICK TRIP TO MEXICO CITY TO
CONFER WITH SALINAS OVER ISSUES RELATED TO THEIR COMMON
BORDER.

A VISIT BY PRESIDENT DE LEON IS
ALREADY PLANNED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY BUT THAT HIS
ADVISERS, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, ARE ENCOURAGING THE
PRESIDENT TO GO NOW AS THIS WOULD BE AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY
TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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