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BODY

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

SUBJECT: IIR [REDACTED] MEXICAN ARMY DISCOVERS  
GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS FIGHTING WITH EMILIO ZAPATA  
LIBERATION MOVEMENT (EZLN). (U).

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SUMMARY: ~~(C/NF)~~ MEXICAN ARMY INTERCEPTS COMMUNICATIONS OF GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS THAT FOUGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE EZLN. GUERRILLAS HEADING BACK TO GUATEMALA. MEXICAN ARMY COORDINATING WITH GUATEMALAN COUNTERPARTS.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THESE COMMUNICATIONS ARE BETWEEN A GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA GROUP OPERATING IN MEXICO, AND A HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT LOCATED IN GUATEMALA. THE MEXICAN ARMY DOES NOT KNOW FROM WHICH FACTION OR ELEMENT OF THE GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA FORCES THIS PARTICULAR GROUP IS ASSOCIATED WITH. THE GUERRILLA FORCE IS LOCATED IN THE LANCANDON JUNGLE AREA OF THE STATE OF CHIAPAS, AND IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO MAKE THEIR WAY BACK TO GUATEMALA.

2. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE GROUP INDICATES THEY WERE IN A FIREFIGHT WITH THE MEXICAN ARMY AND THAT SOME OF THE GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE BURIED IN MEXICO. [REDACTED]


COMMENTS: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE EXISTENCE OF A GROUP OF

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GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS FIGHTING IN MEXICO AGAINST THE MEXICAN MILITARY ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO THE UPRISING IN CHIAPAS. THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED REPORTS OF GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS USING MEXICO AS A SAFE HAVEN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND SEVERAL CACHES OF WEAPONS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN MEXICO THAT ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BELONGED TO GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS. THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE FIGHTING AGAINST THE MEXICAN ARMY.



THE DISCOVERY OF A GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA GROUP WORKING WITH THE EZLN COULD EVEN BE MORE SIGNIFICANT IF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT CHANGES ITS UNSTATED POLICY OF TACITLY ALLOWING SAFE HAVEN FOR GUERRILLAS OPERATING FROM GUATEMALA. CERTAINLY WE CAN EXPECT SOME TYPE OF CHANGE AND POSSIBLY A MUCH CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MEXICAN AND GUATEMALAN MILITARIES.

3. (U) POLITICAL SECTION COMMENTS: THIS CLAIM BY THE MEXICAN MILITARY TO HAVING INTERCEPTED THE COMMUNICATIONS OF A GROUP OF ALLEGED GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF THE EZLN IN THE MEXICAN STATE OF CHIAPAS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS UNSUBSTANTIATED UNLESS WELL BRIEFED BY OTHER SOURCES. ALL PAST EXPERIENCE OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN THE PART OF GUATEMALA ADJACENT TO CHIAPAS SHOWS THAT THEY ALWAYS OR VIRTUALLY ALWAYS COMMUNICATE ONLY IN THE QUICHE, MAM, OR OTHER INDIGENOUS DIALECTS OF THE REGION; YET MEXICAN ARMY SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE UNITS, LIKE THEIR CIVILIAN MEXICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY COUNTERPARTS, HAVE NO PERSONNEL WHO SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE LANGUAGES. THE FOUR GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA GROUPS UNDER THE URNG UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION ENJOY A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MEXICO, ESPECIALLY SINCE -- PAYING ALL EXPENSES FOR PARTICIPANTS -- HOST THE ONGOING PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE URNG AND THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT, USUALLY IN MEXICO CITY. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT USES INCIDENTS OF ABUSE OF MEXICAN





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HOSPITALITY BY THE GUERILLA GROUPS -- SUCH AS WEAPONS TRAFFICKING THROUGH MEXICO -- AS LEVERAGE OVER THE URNG, AND THE GUERRILLAS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY LEERY OF LOSING THEIR SPECIAL WELCOME BY DOING ANYTHING MORE SERIOUS AND ESPECIALLY ANYTHING THAT CONSTITUTED A DIRECT ATTACK ON MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. SUCH AN EVENT MIGHT WELL HAVE OCCURRED, AS CLAIMED IN THIS REPORT, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY SUBSTANTIATED, THE MEXICAN MILITARY IS TRYING THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS TO SHOW THAT THE EZLN FORCE IT NOW COMBATS IS A BIGGER THAN LIFE UNDERGROUND GROUP OF VAST INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS. A GOOD PORTION OF DEFENSA CLAIMS TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT IMAGE HAVE BEEN PATENTLY INCORRECT, AND THIS MIGHT BE ONE OF THEM.



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