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SUBJ: [REDACTED] TRANSITION OF THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS (U) (b)(2)

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REQS: (U) [REDACTED] (b)(2)

SOURCE: ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED] (b)(1)

SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ MILITARY COMMISSIONERS WILL NOT BE  
INCORPORATED INTO THE RESERVE SYSTEM. A LIST WILL BE DRAFTED OF  
ALL FORMER COMMISSIONERS WHO WILL NOW BE COLLABORATORS FOR  
INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION PURPOSES.  
APPROXIMATELY 25,000 WILL PROBABLY FILL THIS ROLE.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED] ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS  
DISCUSSED AT THE 24 AUGUST 1995 COMMANDERS MEETING WAS CHANGING  
THE PLANNED DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY. REPORTEDLY, THE ARMY'S  
LEADERSHIP HAS DECIDED TO SCALE BACK THEIR PLANNED 14 SEPTEMBER  
1995 DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY AT THE MARISCAL ZAVALA BRIGADE  
[REDACTED] THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE  
AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS THAT IT MAY BE  
DANGEROUS FOR A LARGE GATHERING OF MILITARY COMMISSIONERS TO  
GATHER AND DRINK AT THE ARMY'S EXPENSE. THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
STAFF HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO HAVE JUST THE SENIOR PATROL AND UNIT  
LEADERS COME INTO THE CITY FOR THE CEREMONY. THE REMAINDER OF  
THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE DECOMMISSIONED AT INDIVIDUAL MILITARY

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ZONE AND BASE CEREMONIES ON 14 SEPTEMBER.

2. ~~(S/NP)~~ A SECOND ISSUE REGARDING THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS WAS THEIR EVENTUAL FATE. [REDACTED] THE ARMY HAS DECIDED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO INCORPORATE THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS INTO THE MILITARY RESERVE SYSTEM. THIS, THEY FEEL, WOULD ALLOW HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND INTERNATIONAL WATCH GROUPS TO ACCUSE THE ARMY OF ONLY CHANGING THE NAME, BUT NOT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS. BUT, [REDACTED] THE ACCUSATION WOULD BE TRUE WERE IT TO BE MADE. THE ARMY HAS ISSUED AN ORDER TO ALL MILITARY BASES AND ZONES, DIRECTING THAT THE G-2 OF EACH COMMAND COMPILE A LIST OF ALL COLLABORATORS, I.E., READ MILITARY COMMISSIONERS, WHO HAVE PROVIDED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TO THE ARMY. A SECOND LIST, CONSISTING OF THOSE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS, IS TO BE DRAFTED ALSO.

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3. ~~(S/NP)~~ THE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (D-2) AT THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF WILL MAINTAIN A MASTER ROSTER OF ALL COLLABORATORS. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE THE ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE ISSUED WEAPONS CARDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS CONTROL (DECAM) OF THE ARMY, AS WELL AS IDENTIFICATION CARDS THAT GIVE THEM ACCESS TO THE OFFICERS CLUBS AND COMMISSARY. WHILE THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL NO LONGER BE IDENTIFIED AS MILITARY COMMISSIONERS, THEY WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS ARMY COLLABORATORS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN INVISIBLE ROLE WITHIN THE ARMY. [REDACTED] THIS PROCEDURE ALLOWS THE ARMY DENIABILITY IF AND WHEN THEY ARE ASKED IF THE MILITARY COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN TOTALLY DISBANDED.

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4. ~~(S/NP)~~ [REDACTED] THE ARMY HAS, IN THE LAST YEAR, REDUCED THE NUMBER OF MILITARY COMMISSIONERS FROM APPROXIMATELY 77,000 DOWN TO ABOUT 35,000. [REDACTED] THERE WOULD BE MORE THAN 25,000 COLLABORATORS KEPT ON THE ROLDS OF THE ARMY ONCE THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETED.

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