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********** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE **********

COUNTRY: (U) GUATEMALA (GT).

SUBJ: IIR PROBLEMS WITH MILITARY HISTORY (U)

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SUMMARY: (S/NF) GT ARMY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF REPORTEDLY DEFIES SUPERIORS AND BLOCKS ACCESS TO GT ARMY ARCHIVES TO AN OFFICIAL GT ARMY HISTORICAL COMMISSION. MEMBERS UNABLE TO WRITE AN OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE 34 YEAR INTERNAL CONFLICT WITHOUT ACCESS. FEAR OF SOME OF EMBARRASSING DISCLOSURES GIVEN AS REASON.


2. (S/NF) WHILE GT ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF (COS) MAJOR GENERAL MARCO ANTONIO ((GONZALEZ)) TARACENA STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE ARMY NEEDS TO WRITE A HISTORY OF THE 34 YEAR INTERNAL CONFLICT AND SUPPORTS THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL OFFICERS OBSTRUCTING THE PROJECT. GT ARMY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF BRIGADIER GENERAL CARLOS ENRIQUE ((PINEDA)) CARRANZA IS THE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR BLOCKING ACCESS TO THE ARCHIVES. BG PINEDA IS APPARENTLY WORKING WITH UNNAMED OFFICERS IN THE GT ARMY'S DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (D-2) TO DENY ACCESS. BG PINEDA AND HIS ALLIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP "EMBARRASSING" EVENTS FROM REACHING PUBLIC SCRUTINY. WAS CONCERNED THAT SOME RECORDS MAY "DISAPPEAR" AS A RESULT OF BG PINEDA AND FRIENDS EFFORTS.

3. (S/NF) THE OFFICIAL HISTORY NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS GUATEMALA'S ENEMIES HAVE CONTROL OF THE AGENDA AND ARE ABLE TO MANIPULATE AND DISTORT PAST EVENTS. THERE ARE SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, E.G., THE AGUACATE MASSACRE, THAT THE GT ARMY HAS TO DEAL WITH AND THAT THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS IS TO "GET EVERYTHING ON THE TABLE."

4. (S/NF) THE POSITIVE EFFECT OF THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT EXCHANGE (SME) ON CIVIL/MILITARY RELATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN GUATEMALA DURING APRIL 1994, INVOLVING BOTH GT AND U.S. MILITARY HISTORIANS.
THE PRESENTATION ON THE U.S. ARMY'S HANDLING OF THE MY LAI MASSACRE BY A U.S. ARMY OFFICER HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT, NOT ONLY ON HIM, BUT ON OTHER OFFICERS AS WELL. THE U.S. ARMY EXPERIENCE WITH ATTEMPTING TO COVER-UP THESE TYPES OF EVENTS DEMONSTRATES VERY CLEARLY HOW COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE A COVER-UP CAN BE.

5. (C/NF) THE COMMISSION IS CHAIRED BY THE FOLLOWING RETIRED OFFICERS -- BRIGADER GENERAL JAIME ((Rabanalès)) Reyes, Colonel Jorge ((Hernandez)) Mendez, Colonel Oscar ((Alvarez)) Gomez, Colonel Marco Antonio ((Archila)) Galvez and Navy Captain Juan ((Cifuentes)) H.

COMMENTS: (S/NF)