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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO INSURGENTS IN EL SALVADOR AND
GUATEMALA FROM MEXICAN TERRITORY

- 1. SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S OVERALL EVALUATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEXICAN TERRITORY MIGHT NOW BE USED TO SUPPLY ARMS, MONEY, TRAINING, AND OTHER SUPPORT TO INSURGENTS IN EL SALVADOR, QUATEMALA AND ELSEWHERE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF THE EXTENT, AND AT WHAT LEVELS, ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO INSURGENTS MIGHT RECEIVE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OR ACQUIESCENCE. EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED TO SPECULATE, IN LIGHT OF ITS KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORKINGS OF THE MEXICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM AND SOCIETY, ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE FROM ANY SOURCE IN MEXICO COULD EVADE SECRET

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE HIGHEST POLICYMAKERS.

2. INTERROGATION REPORTS BY SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES OF CAPTURED NICARAGUAN, AND HIS SUBSEQUENT ESCAPE INTO THE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN SAN SALVADOR, RAISE AGAIN QUESTION OF MEXICAN OFFICIAL COOPERATION WITH GUERRILLAS. OTHER

REPORTS SUGGEST A DISTURBING LEVEL OF MEXICAN OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION TO GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS, DESPITE MEXICAN

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ARMY'S APPARENT DESIRE TO CLAMP DOWN. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT WITHIN MEXICAN PLURALISTIC POLITICAL STRUCTURE VARIOUS CENTERS EXIST FOR SUPPORT OR FACILIATION OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE ASSUME MEMBERS OF THE LEFTWING OF THE PRI ASSIST GUERRILLAS; IS THIS ASSUMPTION VALID? WE ARE UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, ABOUT HOW SUCH AID MIGHT BE EXTENDED, BY WHOM AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE MAGNITUDE OF ASSISTANCE IS KNOWN TO THE MORE CONSERVATIVE WING OF THE PRI AND TO THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSEST COLLABORATORS. SIMILARLY, INFORMATION ON WHETHER NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF LEFTIST BENT MIGHT ASSIST GUERRILLAS WITHOUT TOP-LEVEL KNOWLEDGE IS DF INTEREST. EMBASSY COMMENTS MIGHT TOUCH ON DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AS SOURCES OF GUERRILLA SUPPORT.

4. WE REALIZE THAT HARD INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT. IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN, NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY EVALUATION IS NEEDED IN DRDER TO PUT IN CONTEXT OCCASIONAL, DISTURBING REPORTS THAT DUCUMENT MEXICAN OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD GUERRILLA SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO. HAIG

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