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SUMMARY: 45) ARMY HUMAN INTELLIGENCE TEAMS WERE INVOLVED IN TRAINING AND SUPPORTING CHIAPAS INDIGENOUS ARMED GROUPS.

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- (b)(2) THAT AS EARLY AS SUMMER 1994 THE ARMY CREATED SPECIALIZED HUMAN INTELLIGENCE (HUMINT) TRAMS RESPONSIBLE FOR GATHERING INTELLIGENCE FROM INDIAN COMMUNITIES PRIMARILY IN LOS ALTOS AND LAS CÁNADAS, BUT WITH THE INTENT OF HAVING OTHER SIMILAR UNITS OPERATING IN AREAS SURROUNDING THE ZAPATISTA COMMUNITIES IN CRIAPAS. THESE GROUPS WERE COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF YOUNG OFFICERS IN THE RANK OF SECOND AND FIRST CAPTAIN, AS WELL AS SELECT SERGEANTS WHO SPOKE THE REGIONAL DIALECTS. THE HUMINT TEAMS WERE COMPOSED OF THREE TO FOUR PERSONS, WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO COVER SELECT COMMUNITIES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS. AFTER THREE MONTHS THE TEAMS? OFFICER MEMBERS WERE ROTATED TO A DIFFERENT COMMUNITY IN CHIAPAS. CONCERN OVER THE TEAMS? SAFETY AND SECURITY WERE PARAMOUNT REASONS FOR THE ROTATIONS EVERY THREE MONTES. IN ORDER TO GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND COLLECT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION, THE ARMY HUMINT TEAMS ASSISTED ARMED GROUPS WITH TRAINING AND PROTECTION FROM APRESTS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND MILITARY UNITS PATROLLING THE REGION.
- 3. (5)(2) PRESS REPORTS OF THE ACTEAL MASSACRE RAISED THE PUBLIC?S ATTENTION OF THE ARMY?S SUPPORT TO THE ARMED GROUPS, BUT AS OF YET MO ONE FROM THE ARMY HAS BEEN FOUND DIRECTLY GULLTY, NOR HAS THE EXISTENCE OF THE HOMINT TEAMS BEEN REVEALED. ADDITIONALLY, WHILE THE PRACTICE OF DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE ARMED GROUPS HAS BEEN REDUCED, ARMY HUMINT TEAMS CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE CONFLICTIVE AREAS OF CHIAPAS. THE TEAMS ALSO CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE SUPPORT OF ARMED GROUPS TO PROVIDE THE MILITARY WITH INFORMATION ON EZIN SYMPATHIZERS.

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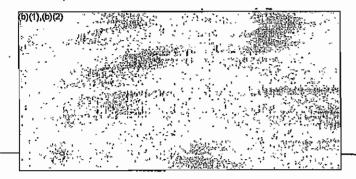
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