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

SUBJECT: IIR /MEXICAN AND GUATEMALAN
PRESIDENTS DISCUSS THE INDIGENOUS UPRISING IN CHIAPAS (U)

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SUMMARY: THE PRESIDENTS OF MEXICO AND GUATEMALA
CONVERSED BY PHONE ABOUT THE UPRISING IN CHIAPAS. THE
MEXICAN PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THERE ARE SIGNS
OF UNG INVOLVEMENT WITH THE EZLN. THIS COULD PROVIDE
PRESIDENT SALINAS A CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO PUT PRESSURE
ON THE UNG.

TEXT: 1. (U/MIL)

[REDACTED DURING THE EVENING OF 3 JANUARY, MEXICAN PRESIDENT ((SALINAS)) CALLED PRESIDENT ((DE LEON)) TO TALK ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CHIAPAS. PRESIDENT SALINAS TOLD DE LEON THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAD VARIOUS INDICATORS THAT THERE WAS UNG "INVOLVEMENT" IN THIS INDIGENOUS UPRISING.

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2. (C/ML) President De Leon offered President Salinas help in terms of personnel knowledgeable about URNG activities and operations. The offer was accepted by President Salinas and that a team composed of civilians and military personnel would depart for Mexico City today (4 January). This team of "URNG experts" would be led by LtCol Edgar Ricardo (Hustamante) Figueroa, Chief of Presidential Security, one of their best analytical minds concerning the URNG.

3. (C/ML) President De Leon's advisers recommended to De Leon, following the Salinas phone call, that he make a quick trip to Mexico City to confer with Salinas over issues related to their common border. A visit by President De Leon is already planned for the month of February but that his advisers, both civilian and military, are encouraging the President to go now as this would be an ideal opportunity to discuss these issues of mutual interest.