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SUBJECT: IIR MEXICAN ARMY CLAIMS DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF ZAPATISTA LIBERATION MOVEMENT (EZLN) BEFORE 1 JANUARY, 1994. (U).

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SUMMARY: MEXICAN ARMY CLAIMS DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF ZAPATISTA LIBERATION MOVEMENT (EZLN) ORGANIZATION BEFORE 1 JANUARY, 1994.

3. (CONF) SINCE THE START OF THE INSURRECTION IN CHIAPAS, OVER 400 MORE NAMES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE LIST OF EZLN MEMBERS. THE SIZE OF THE EZLN IS BETWEEN 1500 AND 2000. OF THIS, NO MORE THAN 400 CAN BE CONSIDERED TO BE WELL TRAINED.

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4. (U) POLITICAL COMMENT: JUDGING BY OUR INFORMATION
FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE MEXICAN MILITARY'S CLAIMS EITHER TO HAVING HAD SUCH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EZLN AND ITS MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES OR TO HAVING RELIABLE OBTAINED ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR THAT LIST SINCE JANUARY 1 SHOULD BE HEAVILY DISCOUNTED. WE KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE MILITARY ASKED THROUGH MANY CHANNELS — INCLUDING NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES — FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF NAMES OF SUSPECTED OR POSSIBLE MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS, OR CONTACTS OF THE EZLN, AND THAT AMONG THE LISTS GIVEN THEM WAS THE ENTIRE LIST OF DOMINICAN PRIESTS IN CHIAPAS; THE NAMES OF ALL MEXICAN PRIESTS REGARDLESS OF LOCATION IN THE COUNTRY WHO HAD ATTENDED THE 1968 CHURCH MEETING IN MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA, WHICH WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE LIBERATION THEOLOGY MOVEMENT; AND ALL OF THE FOREIGN-BORN CATHOLIC PRIESTS, FRIARS, AND NUNS WHO HAD WORKED IN CHIAPAS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF BISHOP SAMUEL RUIZ' INCUMBENCY AS BISHOP OF SAN CRISTOBAL (HE HAS BEEN BISHOP THERE FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES). WE HAVE LEARNED RELIABLY THAT ALL OF THESE NAMES ARE NOW ON THE MEXICAN MILITARY'S LIST OF KNOWN EZLN MEMBERS. ALSO ON THE LIST, WE BELIEVE, ARE THE NAMES OF LEADERS AND PROMINENT MEMBERS OF RURAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CHIAPAS WHICH HAVE TITLES INCLUDING EITHER ZAPATA OR EMILIANO ZAPATA. THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST A DOZEN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS ALONE. WHILE SOME OF THESE PEOPLE MIGHT WELL BE INVOLVED WITH THE EZLN, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE MILITARY HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT MOST OF THE PEOPLE ON ITS LIST ARE, IN FACT, IN ANY WAY INVOLVED OR CONNECTED.