SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

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

COUNTRY: (U) MEXICO (MX).

SUBJECT: IIR [REDACTED] CHIAPAS, MILITARY ROTATION DOES LITTLE TO AID EXPOSED UNIT AT ALTAMIRANO (U).

WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT

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SUMMARY: (CONF) ROTATION OF ARMY UNITS DOES LITTLE TO AID THE MISSION OF THE EXPOSED UNITS AT ALTAMIRANO. THIS THREATENS THIS ALREADY VULNERABLE UNIT, SEPARATED BY AS LITTLE AS TWO KILOMETERS FROM EZLN GUERILLA CHECKPOINTS.

TEXT: 1. (CONF) THE MEXICAN MILITARY'S CONTINUED ROTATION OF COMBAT ARMS UNITS ATTACHED TO THE RAINBOW TASK FORCE GROUP NUMBER FIVE AT ALTAMIRANO DOES LITTLE TO AID MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE EXPOSED UNITS. THE ROTATIONS THREATEN THE ALREADY VULNERABLE GROUP, WHICH IS SEPARATED BY AS LITTLE AS TWO KILOMETERS FROM THE ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (EZLN) GUERILLA CHECKPOINTS AT JALISCO AND THE MORELIA COMMUNAL FARM ("EJIDO").

2. (CONF) IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS ALL OF THE GROUP FIVE COMBAT ARMS UNITS HAVE ROTATED. MAJOR GENERAL JORGE JUSTINIANO GONZALES (BETANCOURT)) REMAINS IN COMMAND OF THE GROUP AT ALTAMIRANO.
3. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE ROAD CHECKPOINT PERSONNEL ARE, AS ONE WOULD EXPECT, TENSE AND CAREFUL. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, BOTH COURTEOUS AND, AT TIMES, HELPFUL.

4. (CONFIDENTIAL) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) PERSONNEL HAD BEEN STATIONED AT ALL MILITARY CHECKPOINTS IN ALTAMIRANO, ALTHOUGH ALL HAVE NOW DEPARTED. THEY WERE NOT A WELCOME ADDITION TO THESE POINTS, FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW.