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COUNTRY: (U) MEXICO (MX).

SUBJECT: IIR ********** CHIAPAS, PRESIDENTIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
OFFICE, SUPPORTED BY THE ARMY, WILL PURSUE AND CAPTURE
EZLN REBEL LEADERS (U).

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DOE: (U) 950209.

REQS: (U)

SOURCE: (U) A.

SUMMARY: IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT (ZEDILLO)'S ANNOUNCEMENT, 950209, THAT THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, SUPPORTED BY THE ARMY, WILL PURSUE, CAPTURE AND ARREST EZLN REBEL LEADERS. ARMY UNIT DEPLOYMENTS HAVE BEGUN.

TEXT: 1. IN THE WAKE OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ERNESTO (ZEDILLO)'S ANNOUNCEMENT, 950209, THAT THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S POLICE, SUPPORTED BY THE MEXICAN ARMY AND OTHER POLICE WILL PURSUE, CAPTURE, AND ARREST THE EZLN REBEL LEADERS. ARMY UNIT DEPLOYMENTS IN CHIAPAS AND FROM MEXICO CITY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

2. PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO CAPTURE EZLN LEADERS:

IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED ADDRESS, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT "...THE CONFLICT IN THE STATE OF CHIAPAS HAS REPRESENTED A CONSTANT RISK TO PUBLIC TRANQUILITY, PEACE, AND JUSTICE..." AND SINCE HE HAD "... CONVEYED TO THE EZLN WRITTEN AND VERBAL MESSAGES, REITERATING (HIS) DISPOSITION TO DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION..." WITHOUT POSITIVE RESULTS, HE WOULD BEGIN AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO BRING THE (EZLN) CRIMINALS BEFORE THE AUTHORITIES FOR JUDGEMENT.

3. ARMS CACHES AND EZLN CONSPIRACY REVEALED.

THE PRESIDENT THEN ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL ARMS CACHES HAD BEEN DISCOVERED, AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED TWO IN VERACRUZ AND MEXICO CITY.
THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THESE ARMS CACHES CONTAINED EVIDENCE SUGGESTING THAT THE "...EZLN WAS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON NEW ACTS OF VIOLENCE."

4. **EZLN ORIGINS.**


5. **GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION.**

THE PRESIDENT THEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BEGIN TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION, USING EVIDENCE WHICH HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE ARMS CACHES.

6. **EZLN LEADERSHIP NAMED.**

THE PRESIDENT THEN SAID THAT ARREST WARRANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING EZLN LEADERS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE--

RAFAEL SEBASTIAN ((GUILLEN)) VICENTE A.K.A. MARCOS
FERNANDO ((YANEZ)) A.K.A. GERMAN
JORGE JAVIER ((ELORREAGA)) BERDEGUE A.K.A. VICENTE
JORGE ((SANTIAGO)) SANTIAGO A.K.A. UNK
SILVIA ((FERNANDEZ)) HERNANDEZ A.K.A. SOFIA
A.K.A. GABRIELA.

THESE NAMES WERE PART OF A LIST OF 18 TOTAL WARRANTS FOR ARREST IN THE CASE.

7. **THE ARMY IS ORDERED TO MOVE.**

THE PRESIDENT THEN STATED THAT BY AUTHORITY OF FRACTION VI OF ARTICLE 89 OF THE CONSTITUTION HE HAD ORDERED THE ARMY TO ASSIST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO HELP IN THE APPREHENSION OF THE ABOVE CITED PERSONS AND TO CONDUCT PATROLS TO PROHIBIT THE POTENTIAL SPREAD OF VIOLENCE.
THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD PROPOSE TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS TO STUDY AND APPROVE AN AMNESTY PLAN FOR ANY EZLN MEMBERS LAYING DOWN THEIR ARMS IN THE WAKE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

8. (CONFIDENTIAL) SHORTLY AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS BEGAN REPORTING THAT EZLN PERSONNEL HAD BEGUN TO FELL TREES AND MINE ROADS LEADING INTO THEIR JUNGLE STRONGHOLDS. HEAVIER THAN NORMAL MILITARY ACTIVITY AROUND THE KEY HIGHWAY CROSSROADS AT RANCHO NUEVO, 10 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, WAS ALSO REPORTED. FEDERAL POLICE AND THE ARMY JOINED TO HELP LOCAL POLICE IN SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, OCOSINGO, LAS MARGARITAS, AND ALTAMIRANO—TOWNS OCCUPIED IN THE FIRST OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE 940101. TROOPS WERE ALSO SEEN IN SIMOJOVEL.

COMMENTS: 1. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE INITIAL VIOLENCE IN CHIAPAS OCCURRED ON THE FRINGES OF THE LACANDON JUNGLE AREA ON 940101. THE EZLN THEN BEGAN ANOTHER OFFENSIVE OUTSIDE OF THE CLOSED RING FORMED BY THE ARMY'S RAINBOW TASK FORCE (SO NAMED FOR THE ARC IT OUTLINED AROUND THE NORTHWEST BORDER OF THE JUNGLE AREA). THAT ACTIVITY WAS CONCENTRATED NORTH OF SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS IN SIMOJOVEL AND LARRAINZAR.

THESE TOWNS ARE AMONG THOSE LISTED AS BEING THE MOST ACTIVE SCENES OF ARMY MOVEMENT AT THIS EARLY TIME. THIS INCLUDES HELICOPTER ACTIVITY WHICH OCCURRED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ARMORED VEHICLE MOVEMENT INTO THE TOWN OF LARRAINZAR.

3. (CONFIDENTIAL)
6. THE MILITARY WAS FRUSTRATED BY THE CEASE FIRE ANNOUNCED 940112. THE NEW MEXICAN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, GENERAL ENRIQUE ((CERVANTES)) AGUIRRE, MADE THE ANNUAL MARCH OF LOYALTY SPEECH YESTERDAY (950209); IN THE SPEECH THE MILITARY PLEDGED ITS UNSWERVING LOYALTY TO THE PRESIDENT. IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE ARMS CAPTURES, THE REVELATION OF HEAVIER EZLN ACTIVITY, THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASED
GOVERNMENT PRESSURE AND ACTION, AND THE MILITARY MOVEMENT IN THE SITUATION ALL OCCURRED WITHIN EIGHT HOURS OF THIS IMPORTANT SPEECH.