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PASS: (U) DIA PASS TO AIG 11888

COUNTRY: (U) GUATEMALA (GT).

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] ARMY INVESTIGATING REPORTS
OF CORRUPTION ON THE PART OF THREE SENIOR OFFICERS (U)

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DOI: (U) 880426

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: ~~(C/NP/WN)~~ [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: ~~(C/NP)~~ THREE SENIOR GUATEMALAN ARMY OFFICERS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGED CORRUPTION. THE THREE OFFICERS HAD ALL COMMANDED MILITARY ZONE (MZ) #20 DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NP)~~ THE MOD AND CHIEF OF STAFF HAVE DIRECTED THAT A FORMAL INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE VERACITY OF REPORTS ALLEGING CORRUPT PRACTICES BY THREE FORMER COMMANDERS OF MZ#20 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EL QUICHE. BG EDUARDO ERNESTO ((WOHLERS)) MONROY, COMMANDER OF THE GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE (GAF), IS THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

2. ~~(C/NP)~~ BACKGROUND -- IN MARCH 1988, COLONEL JOSE BENEDICTO ((ORTEGA)) GOMEZ, CDR OF MZ#20, SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF ALLEGING WRONGDOING ON THE PART OF THE LAST THREE COMMANDERS OF MZ#20. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT BG ROBERTO ENRIQUE ((MATA)) GALVEZ, COL BYRON DISRAEL ((LIMA)) ESTRADA, AND COL JAIME ((RABANALES)) REYES KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY DEFRAUDED THE ARMY OF GUATEMALA OF APPROXIMATELY 1.5M QUETZALES DURING THE PERIOD 1983-1988. THE REPORT FURTHER STATES THAT THIS WAS DONE BY REPORTING FOR PAY PURPOSES A LARGER NUMBER OF SOLDIERS THAN WERE ACTUALLY ASSIGNED TO THE UNITS. THE FORMER COMMANDERS COLLECTED THE PAY, RATIONS, CLOTHING AND OTHER ALLOWANCES, POCKETING IN EXCESS OF 25,000 QUETZALES PER MONTH.

3. ~~(C/NP)~~ [REDACTED]

4. ~~(C/NP)~~ THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN OVER THIS CASE FOR IT COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE MORALE OF THE ARMY. WORD HAS ALREADY LEAKED OUT TO SOME MEMBERS OF THE OFFICER CORPS.

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