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B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "REFORMA", MEXICO
CITY, MEXICO, 971226 (U), IN SPANISH. THE PAPER IS
KNOWN FOR ITS RELATIVELY UNBIASED REPORTING.

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C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "LA JORNADA", MEXICO
CITY, MEXICO, 971226 (U), IN SPANISH. THE PAPER IS
CONSIDERED WELL-WRITTEN, LEFT-LEANING, AND WITH GOOD
NEWS COVERAGE.

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TO DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

SUMMARY: (U) THE SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS
DEPLOYED FIVE THOUSAND SOLDIERS TO THE CONFLICT AREA OF
CHIAPAS FOLLOWING THE 971222 MASSACRE OF FORTY FIVE
TZOTZIL INDIANS IN ACTEAL. OTHER UNITS HAVE BEEN
PLACED ON ALERT TO ASSIST IN THE EVENT OF AN UPRISING.

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TEXT: 1. (U) THE SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
ISSUED HAS PLACED THE MEXICAN MILITARY ON MAXIMUM ALERT
FOLLOWING THE KILLING OF FORTY FIVE TZOTZIL INDIANS BY
PARAMILITARY SUPPORTERS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO
INSTITUCIONAL - PRI). THE MURDERS OCCURRED NEAR THE
TOWN OF ACTEAL, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY THREE KILOMETERS
NORTH OF SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS // (b)(2)

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ACCORDING TO OPEN SOURCE ACCOUNTS,
MILITARY UNITS IN THE REGION DID NOT RESPOND TO THE
LOCAL CITIZENS' REQUEST TO INTERVENE IN THE SHOOTING AND
KILLING OF THE TZOTZIL INDIANS. IT WAS REPORTED THAT
THE SHOOTING WENT ON FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS BEFORE
LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REACTED TO THE INCIDENT.
IN RECENT MONTHS, THE PARAMILITARY GROUP KNOWN AS THE
"ANTI-ZAPATISTA REVOLUTIONARY INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT"
MOVIMIENTO INDIGENA REVOLUCIONARIO
ANTIZAPATISTA - MIRA), HAS DESTROYED PROPERTY, ASSAULTED
AND MURDERED SEVERAL TZOTZIL INDIAN SUPPORTERS AND
SYMPATHIZERS OF ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY
(EJERCITO ZAPATISTA DE LIBERACION NACIONAL - EZLN). FOR
TWO MONTHS, MEXICO'S FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONJUNCTION
WITH CHIAPAS' STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
NEGOTIATE A PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH THE PARAMILITARY
FORCES WITH NO SUCCESS.

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MECHANIZED INFANTRY REGIMENT (MIR), PART OF THE 23RD MZ,
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2. (U) FOLLOWING THE MASSACRE OF THE TZOTZIL INDIANS,
SDM DEPLOYED ON 971223 APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND
TROOPS TO CHIAPAS AND HAS REINFORCED THE 7TH MILITARY
REGION (MR) WITH AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF TROOPS FROM
THE 30TH MILITARY ZONE (MZ) VILLAHERMOSA, STATE OF
TABASCO AND 33RD MZ FROM CANPECHE CITY, STATE OF
CANPECHE. THE DEPLOYMENT OF THESE SOLDIERS SUPPLEMENT
THE THIRTY THOUSAND TROOPS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE
STATE OF CHIAPAS OR WHAT IS CALLED THE "CONFLICT ZONE",
WHERE INSURGENTS AND PARAMILITARY GROUPS HAVE EXISTED.

FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS. MOREOVER, (b)(1)
THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF
HIGH COMMAND AIRMOBILE SPECIAL FORCES GROUP MEMBERS
(GRUPO AEROMOVIL DE FUERZAS ESPECIALES - GAFE), A
BATTALION FROM THE ELITE AIRBORNE BRIGADE TO THE REGION,
AND HAS PLACED ON MAXIMUM ALERT FOR DEPLOYMENT, THE 1ST

3. (U) OPEN SOURCES ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO THOUSAND
SOLDIERS OF THE FIVE THOUSAND TROOPS DEPLOYED TO CHIAPAS
WERE ASSIGNED TO THE TOWN OF CHENALHO. BY ORDER OF
PRESIDENT ERNESTO ZEDILLO, SDM'S MISSION IS TO
PROVIDE LAW AND ORDER IN THE REGION, AS WELL AS TO
ENFORCE THE FIRE ARM LAW IN THE CONFLICT ZONE.
FURTHERMORE, SDM HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RENDER
ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SOCIAL LABOR TO THE INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES IN THE CHENALHO AREA, IN PARTICULAR TO THE
FAMILIES EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES BY THE MIRA GROUP.
SINCE 970300, ARMED BANDS AND FOLLOWERS OF THE MIRA
GROUP HAVE RULED BY THREATS AND VIOLENCE IN THE CHENALHO
REGION. OPEN SOURCES REPORTED THAT FOR YEARS THE TZOTZIL
INDIANS HAVE LIVED IN FEAR AND HAVE BEEN EXTORTED AND
FORCED TO PROVIDE UNPAID LABOR TO THESE PARAMILITARY
GROUPS.

4. (U) IN A PRESS RELEASE SIGNED AT THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THE 31ST MZ IN RANCHO NUEVO NEAR SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS
CASAS, SDM INDICATED THAT BY PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE,
MILITARY UNITS WERE DEPLOYED TO THE REGION TO PREVENT

FURTHER INCIDENTS OR ATTACKS AGAINST THE OPPRESSED
TZOTZIL INDIANS, VICTIMS OF THE PRI PARAMILITARY GROUP
MIRA. MILITARY TROOPS IN THE 7TH MR HAVE ESTABLISHED
TEMPORARY CAMPS IN THE COMMUNITIES OF MAJONUT, VAXIEMEL,
CHENALHO AND POLHO AND HAVE BROUGHT ALONG AN UNSPECIFIED
NUMBER OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL INCLUDING DENTISTS,
ODONTOLOGISTS, NURSES, HEALTH UNIT PERSONNEL, AND COOKS
AND WORKERS TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO THE INDIGENOUS
GROUPS. THE TZOTZIL INDIANS HAVE ABANDONED THEIR HOMES
FOR FEAR OF CONTINUED REPRISAL BY MIRA MILITANTS AND
HAVE RELOCATED TO NEW AREAS PROTECTED BY THE MEXICAN
MILITARY.

5. (U) (b)(2) SEVERAL OPER
SOURCE ARTICLES INDICATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF SEVERAL UH-1H
HELICOPTERS, A-37, B-7, PILATUS AND C-47 AIRPLANES TO
THE MEXICAN AIR BASE SIX IN TUXILA GUTIERREZ, STATE OF

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CHIAPAS. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE
TROOPS ASSIGNED TO THE CONFLICT ZONE. (b)(2)

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