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TAGS: PRIY, PGOV, MX
SUBJECT: JAVIER GARCIA PANIAGUA TO HEAD NATIONAL LOTTERY, IS REPLACED BY SANTIAGO TAPIA AS MEXICO CITY'S POLICE CHIEF.

REF.: GUADALAJARA 1297

1. (U) JAVIER GARCIA PANIAGUA RESIGNED AS MEXICO CITY'S POLICE CHIEF ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1991, A POST HE HAD HELD SINCE DECEMBER 1988, TO ASSUME NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY. THE NEW APPOINTMENT GREW OUT OF A TUESDAY, MARCH 5 INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS DE GORTARI, ACCORDING TO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: APPEALS REVIEW PANEL
APPEAL ACTION: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELEASE
REASON(S): B1, 1.5(D)
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PRESS SOURCES. GARCIA PANIAGUA WILL BE REPLACED AS POLICE CHIEF (THE FEDERAL DISTRICT'S POLICE FORCE IS KNOWN AS THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF PROTECTION AND TRAFFIC - SGPV) BY SANTIAGO TAPIA ACEVES, CURRENTLY SGPV DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OPERATIONS. GARCIA PANIAGUA WILL REPLACE RAMON AGUIRRE VELASQUEZ AT THE NATIONAL LOTTERY; AGUIRRE IS THE CANDIDATE OF THE RULING INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI) FOR GOVERNOR OF GUANAJUATO STATE.

2. (C) GARCIA PANIAGUA WAS ON THE PRI'S SHORT LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS IN 1982. UNTIL THEN, HE HAD

3. (C) A LONGTIME INTELLIGENCE EXPERT, GARCIA PANIAGUA WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 13, 1935 IN JALISCO STATE. HE MAINTAINS A POLITICAL BASE IN THE STATE'S MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 MEXICO 05970 122336Z UNDERDEVELOPED REGIONS (REFTEL). POLITICALLY ON THE RIGHT, GARCIA PANIAGUA'S 1988 APPOINTMENT CAUSED AN OUTCRY FROM LEFTIST INTELLECTUALS WHO ACCUSED HIM OF HAVING TORTURED THEM DURING HIS YEARS IN THE SECURITY APPARATUS. MORE RECENTLY, HIS DEPUTY AND INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, MIGUEL NAZAR HARO, WAS FORCED TO RESIGN IN FEBRUARY 1989 AFTER BEING ACCUSED IN SAN DIEGO COURT OF PROTECTING DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHILE SERVING AS CHIEF OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FEDERAL SECURITY, THE SAME AGENCY THAT GARCIA PANIAGUA ONCE HEADED. NAZAR HARO WAS ALSO ACCUSED BY POLITICAL REFUGEE ZACARIAS OSORIO CRUZ OF CARRYING OUT POLITICAL KILLINGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN A MARCH 1988 CANADIAN IMMIGRATION BOARD HEARING. GARCIA PANIAGUA'S POOR HEALTH AT THE TIME -- HE SEEMS TO HAVE SUFFERED A STROKE OR A HEART ATTACK -- MAY HAVE CONVINCED PROTEGE NAZAR HARO TO RESIGN.

5. (U) IN A FRIDAY, MARCH 8 CEREMONY FEDERAL DISTRICT HEAD MANUEL CAMACHO SOLIS SPORES IN SANTIAGO TAPIA ACEVES AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICO CITY POLICE. HE SPENT
ALL OF HIS NEARLY 30-YEAR CAREER IN POLICE WORK IN
MEXICO CITY. BORN ON MAY 1, 1941 IN MEXICO CITY, TAPIA
WORKED HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS, HAVING SERVED AS
AREA CHIEF OF MILPA ALTA (1978-1979) AND TLAHUAC

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HE ALSO HELD RESPONSIBLE POSTS IN THE MEXICO CITY
DISTRICTS OF AZCAPOTZALCO AND CUAUHTEMOC.

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