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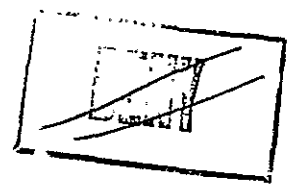
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 00468

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TAGS: SNAR, PREL, MARR, MX
SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF NOVEMBER 7 VERACRUZ INCIDENT
REF: MEXICO 155

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN DISCUSSION OF IMPLICATIONS FOR U. S. -MEXICAN COOPERATION OF NOVEMBER 7 INCIDENT, REFTEL STATES THAT "THE MEXICAN ARMY WAS NOT ALONE IN REACTING NEGATIVELY TO THE INDIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THE U. S. CUSTOMS SERVICE." LEST THERE BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, NO CRITICISM WAS INTENDED BY THIS EMBASSY OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE CUSTOMS SERVICE IN THE INCIDENT, OR BEFORE OR AFTER IT. MEXICAN OFFICIALS FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT U. S. CUSTOMS AIRCRAFT CREWS HAD ACTED ENTIRELY PROPERLY AT ALL TIMES, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS. MOREOVER, CUSTOMS INFRARED TAPES AND PHOTOS WERE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO MEXICAN NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT -- A CONTRIBUTION WHICH WAS SPECIFICALLY AND WARMLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY CNDH PRESIDENT JORGE CARPIZO.
3. AS IS NOTED ELSEWHERE IN REFTEL, MEXICAN SENSITIVITIES ABOUT U. S. INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY WERE AROUSED BY OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NOVEMBER 7 INCIDENT; (A) BY PRESS LEADS IN U. S. ABOUT THE INCIDENT; AND (B) BY NATIONALISTIC REACTIONS IN PRESS AND CONGRESS TO THE FACT THAT U. S. AIRCRAFT APPEARED TO BE INVOLVED ON THEIR OWN IN SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS IN MEXICAN TERRITORY. THE FACT THAT THESE OPERATIONS WERE CAREFULLY AND CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE GOM WAS NOT HIGHLIGHTED, AND NOT IMMEDIATELY EVIDENT TO THE PUBLIC. PRESS COMMENT HAS NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY SUBSIDED AND WE BELIEVE THE "NEGATIVE REACTION" CITED ABOVE HAS DISAPPEARED. REPORTED BY 001 WILL BE LOW PRIORITY.

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