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1. IN EARLY APRIL 1985, 19 DISPLACED PERSONS FROM EASTERN CHALETENANGO DEPARTMENT REQUESTED SAFE CONDUCT PASSES FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FOURTH INFANTRY BRIGADE AT EL PARAISO TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME AREAS. THEY WERE PROVIDED LETTERS SIGNED BY COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH MILITARY ZONE AND THE FOURTH INFANTRY BRIGADE, REQUESTING THAT ALL AUTHORITIES ASSIST THESE INDIVIDUALS IN RETURNING TO THEIR HOME AREAS. 2. THE RETURN OF THESE AND OTHER DISPLACED PERSONS TO THEIR HOMES IS THE RESULT OF EFFORTS BY COLONEL OCHOA TO EXPAND AND CONSOLIDATE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER TRADITIONAL AREAS OF INSURGENT INFLUENCE BY OPENING ROADS IN THESE AREAS. ROADS OPENED, FOR INSTANCE, FROM DULCE NOMBRE DE MARIA (14-09N, 89-01W) TO SAN FERNANDO (14-18N, 89-02W) AND FROM SAN ANTONIO LOS RANCHOS (14-00N, 8850W) TO POTONICO (13-58N, 88-54W) HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THOSE AREAS.

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MADE AVAILABLE, THE INSURGENTS ARE STILL A PROBLEM. MUCH OF EASTERN CHALATENANGO, ESPECIALLY IN THE LAS VUELTAS AREA (14-05N, 88-53W) AND FROM SAN ANTONIO LOS RANCHOS (1400N, 88-54W) TO ARCATAO (14-06N, 88-45W) REMAINS UNDER INSURGENT CONTROL. THE FOURTH BRIGADE IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING THESE AREAS UNDER CONTROL BY CONSTANT SMALL PATROLLING.) 3 [REDACTED] COMMENT: PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO OUTLYING AREAS OF CHALATENANGO, REFLECTING THE INCREASING SUCCESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES ARE HAVING IN PROVIDING GREATER SECURITY. OCHOA HAS DONE A CREDIBLE EFFORT IN THIS REGARD. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMED FORCES PRESENCE IN LA PALMA, A GROWING CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM AND THE EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL PLAN TO CHALATENANGO HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED TO A GROWING SENSE OF SECURITY. OCHOA IS A KEY ELEMENT AND SO ARE THE SEVERAL GOES MINISTRIES PROVIDING SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO CIVILIANS UNDER THE NATIONAL PLAN. IN SUM, THE RETURN OF SALVADORANS TO CHALATENANGO SPEAKS TO THE GROWING SUCCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH CONTROL AND PROVIDE FOR BASIC SECURITY FOR THE POPULACE.)

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