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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) EL SALVADOR (ES).

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SUBJ: [REDACTED] IIR RETRANSMITTED - EL MOZOTE (U)

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REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCES: (U) [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY: ~~(C/NF)~~ TEXT OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IIR ON THE 8112 EL MOZOTE MASSACRE IS
RE-TRANSMITTED. [REDACTED]

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

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TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ AS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ALLEGED EL MOZOTE [REDACTED] MASSACRE BY
BIRI ATLATL TROOPS APPROACHES, THE ISSUE IS GAINING
CONSIDERABLE MOMENTUM AS A RENEWED HUMAN RIGHTS RALLYING
CRY. THE FOLLOWING IS A RE-TRANSMITTAL OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOCUMENTATION OF THE
ALLEGED INCIDENT. [REDACTED]

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SUBJ: [redacted] EL SALVADOR/CONVERSATION WITH ATACATL BATTALION OFFICERS CONCERNING ALLEGED MIS-CONDUCT OF THE ARMY IN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT/(U)

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1. (U) CTRY: EL SALVADOR (ES)

2. (U) [redacted]

3. (U) TITLE: CONVERSATION WITH ATACATL BATTALION OFFICERS CONCERNING ALLEGED MIS-CONDUCT OF THE ARMY IN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT.

4. (U) DATE OF INFO: 820201

5. (U) ORIG: USDAO SAN SALVADOR, ES

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6. (U) REQ REFS: [redacted]

7. (U) SOURCE: [redacted]

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8. ~~(C//NOFORN)~~ SUMMARY: (ENTIRE TEXT ~~CONFIDENTIAL//NOFORN~~) THIS IR PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF REMARKS

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OF THE ATACATL BATTALION ON THE ALLEGATIONS THAT ATROCITIES WERE COMMITTED BY ELEMENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF EL SALVADOR. THE INCIDENT DISCUSSED IN THESE CONVERSATIONS IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE VICINITY OF EL MOZOTE MORAZAN DEPARTMENT, DURING OPERATION "RESCATE" (6-17 DECEMBER 1981). THE ATACATL BATTALION PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION "RESCATE".

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- 9A. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ DETAILS: (ENTIRE TEXT
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- (1) THE EXACT PURPOSE OF [REDACTED] VISIT TO THE ATACATI BATTALION (I.E. TO DETERMINE THE MISSION ASSIGNED, AND SUCCESSIVE POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY THE BATTALION DURING OPERATION "RESCATE"; AND TO SPECIFICALLY DETERMINE IF THE BATTALION, OR ELEMENTS THEREOF, WERE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING AROUND AND IN EL MOZOTE, MORAZAN DEPARTMENT

[REDACTED]

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

- (2) AT THIS POINT [REDACTED] INTERJECTED WITH WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A PARABLE: THE UNIT THAT HAD FOUGHT AT EL MOZOTE HAD HAD A TOUGH TIME OF IT, AND THAT BECAUSE OF THE INTENSITY AND DURATION OF THE BATTLE

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[REDACTED]

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THERE WERE UNDOUBTEDLY CASUALTIES AMONG NON-COMBATANTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE UNIT INVOLVED HAD HAD TO FIGHT THROUGH FIXED ENEMY POSITIONS, THEN, ONCE IN THE TOWN, FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSES IN THE TOWN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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90MM RECOLLESS RIFLES WERE USED AGAINST THE HOUSE FROM WHICH FIRE WAS RECEIVED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS ONLY SPEAKING IN GENERAL, NOT SPECIFIC, TERMS ABOUT WHAT HAD OCCURRED AT EL MOZOTE.

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- (3) [REDACTED] "THEY HAD BEEN THERE (EN LA ZONA DE MOZOTE) FROM EARLY AFTERNOON UNTIL LATE IN THE AFTERNOON [REDACTED]

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FIGHTING."

[REDACTED] CASUALTIES HAD BEEN HEAVY (NEI) AMONG GOVERNMENT TROOPS. [REDACTED] FIGHTING IN ARAMBALA (1356N-8808W), MORAZAN DEPARTMENT, HAD NOT BEEN SO HEAVY.

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- (4) [REDACTED] IF HE KNEW IF ANY PRISONERS HAD BEEN TAKEN DURING OR AFTER THE BATTLE FOR EL MOZOTE. AGAIN, THE COLONEL ASSUMED AN ADAMANT DEMEANOR, AND SUGGESTED THAT [REDACTED] CONSULT WITH [REDACTED]

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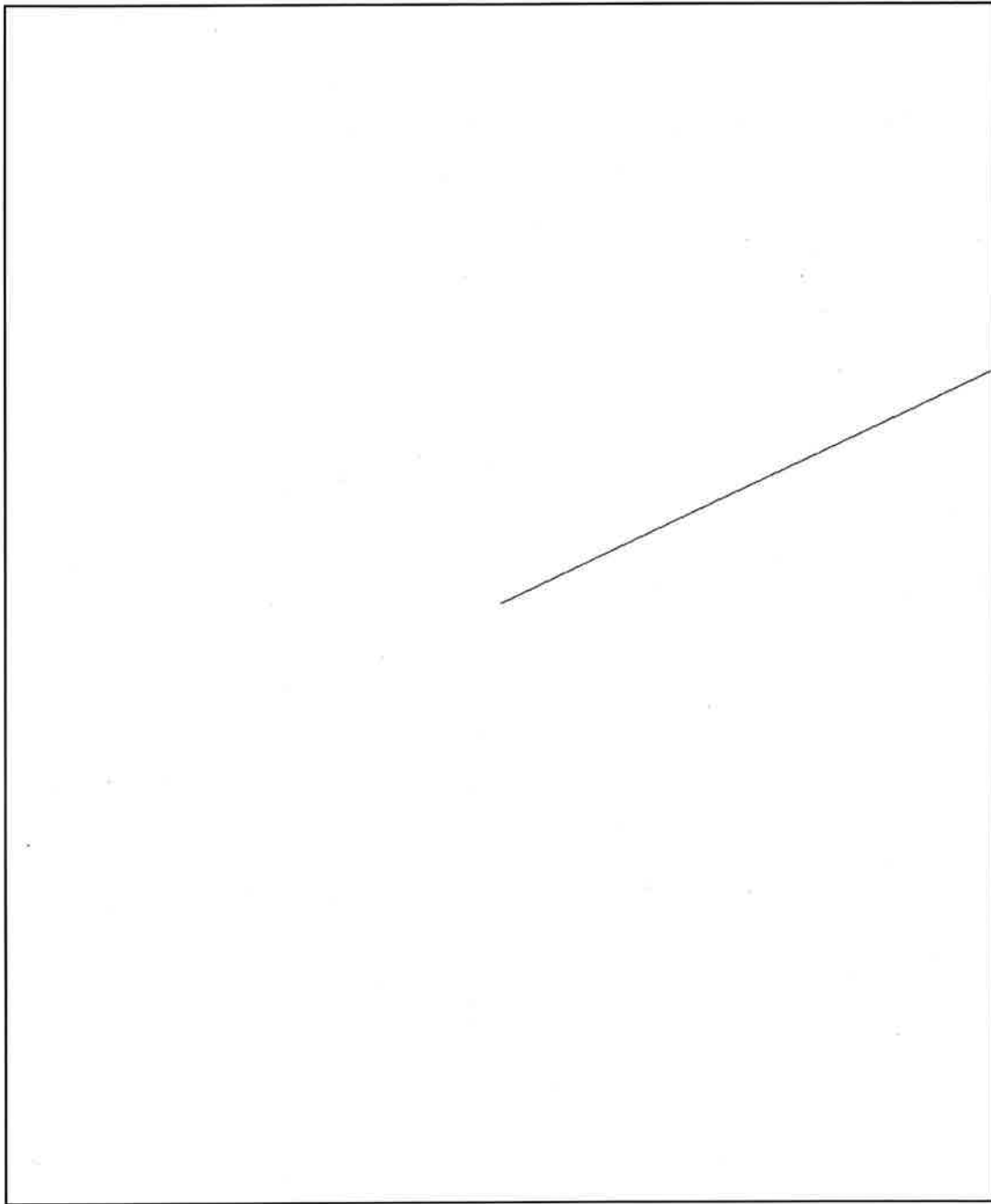
[REDACTED] TO ASK HIM SUCH QUESTIONS. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO REPEAT THAT HE COULD NOT ANSWER [REDACTED] QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS BATTALION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE RESCUE OPERATION UNTIL HE HAD PERMISSION FROM THE GENERAL STAFF TO DO SO. [REDACTED]

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- (6) THIS IR SUPPLEMENTS [REDACTED] AND
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- 10. (U) [REDACTED]
- 11. (U) [REDACTED]

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- 12. (U) SPEC INST: ~~NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS~~

- 13. (U) PREP BY: [REDACTED]

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- 15. (U) REQ EVAL: NO REL TO: N/A

- 16. (U) ENCL: N/A

- 17. (U) DIST BY ORIG: N/A

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COMMENTS: (U) NONE.

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