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TEXT: 1. [REDACTED], LIEUTENANT COLONEL

SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FOURTH
INFANTRY BRIGADE IN EL PARAISO AND MILITARY COMMANDER OF
CHALATENANGO, CALLED A MEETING OF ALL SENIOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT. OCHOA OUTLINED HIS PLAN
FOR REESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR (GOES) CONTROL
THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT BY OBTAINING THE COOPERATION OF THE
INHABITANTS. OCHOA OBTAINED THE AGREEMENT OF THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES
FOR THE FORMATION OF A JOINT COORDINATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(CAC). [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS NOT KNOWN IF OCHOA RECEIVED
MILITARY AND CIVIL APPROVAL FROM SAN SALVADOR TO PROCEED WITH
HIS PLAN.)

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2. AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL, OCHOA HAS ESTABLISHED A CAC
CONSISTING OF THE DEPARTMENT GOVERNOR AS THE POLITICAL AUTHORITY

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AND OCHOA AS THE MILITARY AUTHORITY. THERE ARE SIX SECTIONS UNDER THE CAC: 1) THE SECRETARIAT OF DOCUMENTS AND ARCHIVES, 2) THE DIAGNOSTIC OR INTELLIGENCE SECTION, 3) THE OPERATIONS SECTION, 4) THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OR CIVIL DEFENSE SECTION, 5) THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION, AND 6) THE SERVICES SECTION.

3. UNDER THE SERVICES SECTION ARE THE FOLLOWING SUB-SECTIONS: ARCHIVES, FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATIONS, SOCIAL AND YOUTH AFFAIRS, LEGAL ADVISOR SECTION, SECURITY, AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND RECREATION, AND RE-LOCATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS. APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTAL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN NAMED TO FILL POSITION IN THIS ORGANIZATION ACCORDING TO THEIR GOVERNMENT FUNCTION. A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION WILL BE CREATED AT EACH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THE CAC IS TO PERMIT THE COORDINATION, INTEGRATION AND CONTINUATION OF ACTION BY CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT EACH LEVEL OF CIVIL DEFENSE AND TO PROVIDE TO THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES THE NECESSARY CIVIL AND MILITARY INFORMATION SO THAT THE AUTHORITIES CAN PLAN AND CARRY OUT NECESSARY JOINT CIVIL DEFENSE PROJECTS.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CAC ARE:

A. THE PRODUCTION OF INTELLIGENCE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT INTEGRATED OPERATIONS IN A MANNER WHICH AVOIDS DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND IN SUCH A MANNER THAT MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF FORCES WILL TAKE PLACE DURING EACH OPERATION.

B. THE COORDINATION OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE MEASURES AT ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

C. THE MAINTENANCE OF A DAILY SITUATION MAP AT EACH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.

D. THE COORDINATION OF PREVENTATIVE DEFENSE MEASURES.

E. THE FORMULATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS AT EACH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.

F. THE COORDINATION AND CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC MEDIA THROUGH WHICH AUTHORIZED INFORMATION CAN BE DISSEMINATED TO THE PUBLIC.

G. TO SOLVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

H. TO MAINTAIN LIAISON BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL CAC AND ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT LEVELS SO THAT MAXIMUM COORDINATION TAKES PLACE IN THE UTILIZATION OF ALL SECTORS WHICH INFLUENCE CIVIL DEFENSE.

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I. TO DEVELOP PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE.

J. TO COORDINATE ALL FORCES WHICH AFFECT THE CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM.

K. TO COORDINATE ALL SOCIO-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF ALL SECTIONS WHICH INFLUENCE CIVIL DEFENSE AT ALL LEVELS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: OCHOA WILL RUN CAC AS HE WANTS WITH LITTLE OR NO OPPOSITION FROM THE DEPARTMENT GOVERNOR. THE GOVERNOR IS AN ELDERLY GENTLEMAN WITH LITTLE INTEREST IN POLITICS AND CAN BE EASILY CONTROLLED BY OCHOA.)

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