

## SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF ARIEL JESÚS MALDONADO LEZA

1. My name is Ariel Jesus Maldonado Leza. I am over 21 years of age and the following is based on my personal and direct knowledge. I am a duly licensed attorney at law, and I have been practicing law since 1989.

2. I provide this supplemental declaration freely and openly. I also provide permission to publish this statement in all media, newspapers, news and communication and by any other means necessary.

3. I worked for the Mexican government from 1993 until 1997, in the following positions, among others:

- a. Coordinator of Advisors of the Comptrollership of the Procuraduria General de la Republica [*Attorney General's Office of the Republic*] ("PGR");
- b. Subdelegate of National Security of the Centro de Investigación y Seguridad Nacional [*Center of Investigation and National Security*] ("CISEN") for the State of Puebla;
- c. Chief of Coordination of the South-Southeast Operation of the Directorship of Investigation of the CISEN (the [Operation] to which the state of Chiapas belonged).
- d. Director General of Inter-institutional Coordination of the PGR.

4. During that time and in connection with the performance of said positions, I heard of the Chiapas Campaign Plan 1994. The Chiapas Campaign Plan 1994 was known as the "Chiapas Plan" and [it] allotted resources, implemented strategies, and provided the Mexican army with command and control over the security issues in the State of Chiapas.

5. Even though I did not see the document as such, because I did not have access to military documents, the private conversations with different members of the ...

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...Armed forces which expressly mentioned the Chiapas Plan and made reference to the manner in which the stated Chiapas Plan had affected their way of life, clearly revealed the existence and effect of the same [Chiapas Plan].

6. In the years preceding the massacre of Acteal, [a] period which specifically includes the years of 1995 to 1997 in the performance of my duties as National Security agent, I took different training courses (formation of delegates, intelligence, network management, political negotiation and Certification in political analysis among others) in which the efficacy of the Chiapas Plan was evaluated as part of the training exercises where we practiced alternatives to the responses that had been given during its application.

7. Among the members of the armed forces who I personally heard mention the Chiapas Plan during the cited period were: General Mario Renan Castillo, at that time commander of the military region and a captain trained in the named school of the Americas, whose name I do not remember, but who has the following description: height of 1.75 meters, a light to athletic built, crew cut, light brown complexion, eyes somewhat almond shaped.

8. Some of the meetings of the Chiapas Coordination Group at the Operative Level were held at the headquarters of the military region in Tuxtla Gutierrez, capital of the state of Chiapas, in the format that I had pointed out in my prior declaration, that is, reading of prior minutes of the analysis of the situation in the state and input by the members[. E]ven when no mention was made in these [meetings] of the Chiapas Plan, during informal meetings in restaurants there were comments of how its application had modified the presence and structure of the military in Chiapas, and the presence of the military in the making of decisions.

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9. In the performance of my duties as sub-delegate of National Security in Puebla and as part of the Chiapas Plan, the coordination agreement CISEN/SEDENA was put in motion, which [coordination agreement] was explained to us as consisting of a full exchange of information with the responsible parties of the military demarcations in order to prevent the recurrence of errors committed prior to the Zapatista uprising.

10. In the performance of said program, I had meetings with a colonel in charge of the military detail in Atlixco whose name I do not remember but who had the following personal description: height of 1.70 meters, dark complexion, protruding teeth, black hair and who wore glasses[. I]n addition to a constant interest in our strength, said colonel appeared interested in the activities of the priest Anastasio Hidalgo Miramon and the implications of the Zapatista front in the state.

11. The members of the army shared the vision of the conflict in Chiapas as strictly a military problem and accordingly considered the members of the EZLN as an enemy and felt restrained by the civil authority.

12. During my performance as General Director of Inter-institutional coordination, I was in charge of the designation of the public ministry agents posted in the Mixed Bases of Operation (“BOM”)[. T]he BOM is a mobile base which patrols a portion of highway.

13. They [the BOM’s] were under the command of the army, although formally headed by an agent of the federation’s public ministry, the control and command was exercised by the Chiapas military region.

14. The checkpoint at Polhó (the “Polhó Checkpoint”) was outside the Zapatista zone and obstructed the passage of the BOM’s and this fact was a constant annoyance pointed out by the military.

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I **SWEAR** under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the preceding is true and correct.

August 8, 2012  
Date

Signed – Ariel \*  
ARIEL JESUS MALDONADO LEZA

\*There is a thumb print

Each of pages 1 – 3 has been signed (Ariel) on the right margin and has a thumb print.

**TRANSLATOR'S AFFIDAVIT**

I, MAGDA MEDEL, am fluent in the Spanish and English languages and capable of complete and accurate translation from Spanish into English. I have translated the attached document completely and accurately from Spanish into English. The document is true and faithful translation of the original.

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF:

ARIEL JESUS MALDONADO LEZA

on August 22, 2012.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

*Magda Medel*  
MAGDA MEDEL

State of Florida        )  
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County of Miami-Dade)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME by MAGDA MEDEL, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath, on August 22, 2012.

*Gloria Gross*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA

My commission expires:

