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(U) IR forwards information on the military and security force budget for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1976.

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1. (U) The following budget was approved for the military and security forces for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1976:

ORGANIZATION	IN MILLIONS OF PESOS	% BUDGET	+US \$ EQUIVALENT
Defense	17,984.1	1.1	69,705,814
Army	69,240.4	4.5	268,373,643
Navy	52,160.9	3.4	202,174,031

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Air Force	40,993.3	2.7	158,888,760
Gendarmaria	9,836.6	0.6	38,126,357
Naval Prefectura	<u>10,664.7</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>41,336,046</u>
Total	200,880.0	13.0	778,604,651

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COMMENT: ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ The approved budget took the better part of a year for development and promulgation. For all intents and purposes, it is an after the fact budget since the year had only 5 months remaining following publication. Further, the monies allocated to the departments probably reflect accurate estimates of actual agency operating costs. Of particular note is the increase in percentage of budget for the Security Forces. The proposed budget for 1976 (IR (b)(3):10 USC 424) estimated a percentage of 9.5. The military government, however, increased the amount by 3.5% to a total of 13%. Another interesting point is that the defense budget is normally divided fairly equally between the Army, Navy and Air Force. This was not the case in 1976 since the Army received the trojan share. It has been rumored that an accommodation was reached early this year between the three services which permitted the unequal division due to the subversive problem in Argentina. The Armed Forces were apparently in agreement that the Army would have to bear the brunt of the anti-subversive campaign and therefore, properly funded for it. It is also understood that the distribution system of 1/3 to each service will return once the subversive threat is eliminated. Finally, it is unknown at this time when information on the 1977 budget will be available. Thus far, nothing has been received, although it is quite certain that the government is working on the problem.

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