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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF LABOR ON ILO MEETING

REF: STATE 136696

1. DURING MAY 7 MEETING WITH ARA/PPC ADVISER TONY KERN AND POLOFF, MINLAB MAURICIO GONZALEZ DUBON SAID HE HOPED TO LEAD GOES DELEGATION TO THE ILO CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH, BUDGET RESOURCES PERMITTING. ALREADY, HE STATED, THE GOES HAD RECEIVED EIGHT FORMAL COMPLAINTS FROM THE ILO REGARDING WORKERS' RIGHTS. THE COMPLAINTS RANGED FROM THE OCTOBER 31, 1989 BOMBING OF FENASTRAS HEADQUARTERS TO THE THREE-YEAR LONG STRIKE AT PESCA, S.A. THE GOES STILL HAD SIX CASES PENDING FROM THE DUARTE ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE 1981 KILLINGS OF AIFLD WORKERS HAMMER AND PEARLMAN.

2. IN ADDITION, GONZALEZ STATED, HE HAD RECEIVED COPIES OF COMPLAINTS PRESENTED BY THE LEFTIST LABOR FEDERATIONS FENASTRAS AND FUSS TO THE ILO. THE

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COMPLAINTS INCLUDED PAGES OF "DISAPPEARANCES," DETENTIONS AND KILLINGS ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT. SECURITY FORCE RAIDS AGAINST LABOR FEDERATION OFFICES, SURVEILLANCE OF LABOR LEADERS AND OTHER ALLEGED ABUSES ARE ALSO INCLUDED. GONZALEZ CLAIMED HE HAD ASKED SECURITY FORCES TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION ON THE CASES LISTED IN ORDER TO CONFRONT THESE CHARGES DIRECTLY SHOULD THEY BE RAISED AT THE ILO CONFERENCE.

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3. GONZALEZ HAD A FAIR IDEA ALREADY OF WHO WOULD MAKE UP THE SALVADORAN DELEGATION. THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD BE SELECTED, AS IN THE PAST, BY THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION ANEP. THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVE ROTATED ANNUALLY, ACCORDING TO GONZALEZ, AND THIS YEAR THE GOVERNMENT HAD EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO RICARDO SORIANO OF FESINCONTRANS - SORIANO WOULD HAVE TO FUND HIS OWN TRAVEL HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO GONZALEZ. IN ADDITION, DELEGATES FROM THE NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD ATTEND. INDIVIDUAL LABOR LEADERS, GONZALEZ POINTED OUT, COULD BE INVITED DIRECTLY BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS, AND HE ANTICIPATED SEEING DELEGATES FROM FENASTRAS AND FUSS IN GENEVA.

4. GONZALEZ EXPRESSED PRELIMINARY INTEREST IN MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION IN GENEVA. POST WILL FOLLOW UP ONCE DELEGATION'S TRAVEL PLANS ARE CONFIRMED.

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