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EL SALVADOR: Reaction to Romero's Assassination

Public reaction to Archbishop Romero's assassination is now beginning to develop, but there have been no widespread demonstrations so far. Unless the junta's investigation produces quick results, Salvadorans will be increasingly likely to blame the government. In the meantime, yesterday's sporadic guerrilla bombings in the capital probably will continue throughout the three-day mourning period. [redacted] (b)(3)

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ISRAEL: Energy Minister's Visit

While Israeli Energy Minister Modai is in Washington this week he may try to invoke the US-Israeli oil supply agreement, even though Israel's supply situation is favorable. We believe Israel is afraid that if it waits until a global shortage occurs the US could find it difficult to provide oil. In addition, Modai probably will attempt to obtain several billion dollars in long-term financial and technical assistance for oil exploration and oil shale development. The issue of additional US financial assistance for the construction of oil storage facilities also may arise. [redacted] (b)(3)

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