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SUBJECT: FMLN ATTACKS MILITARY HEADQUARTERS; TWO FMLN

(U) - GROUPS BOMBED

1. (C) SUMMARY: AN OCTOBER 30 FMLN MORTAR ATTACK AGAINST THE MILITARY'S HEADQUARTERS FAILED TO REACH ITS TARGET, BUT DID EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO NEARBY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND KILLED ONE CIVILIAN. THAT WAS FOLLOWED OCTOBER 31 BY TWO EXPLOSIONS AT THE OFFICES OF LEFT-WING FRONT GROUPS. THE 2 AM ATTACK AGAINST COMADRES DID SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE OFFICES

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AND RESULTED IN AT LEAST THREE WOUNDED, INCLUDING ONE
AMCIT (SEPTEL). THE EARLY AFTERNOON ATTACK AGAINST
THE PRO-FMLN LABOR GROUP FENASTRAS LEFT TWELVE DEAD
AND ABOUT 25 WOUNDED. ACCORDING TO OUR INITIAL
INFORMATION, ONE AMERICAN WAS WOUNDED IN THE
FENASTRAS ATTACK (SEPTEL). PRESIDENT CRISTIANI
DENOUNCED THE OCTOBER 31 BOMBINGS; THE AMBASSADOR
ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING ALL THREE ATTACKS. WE
WE UNDERSTAND THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT (SIU) IS
INVESTIGATING THE FENASTRAS AND POSSIBLY THE COMADRES
ATTACKS. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) THE OCTOBER 30 MORNING ATTACK ON THE ESTADO
MAYOR MILITARY HEADQUARTERS BY THE FMLN MARKED THE
BEGINNING OF A WAVE OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS NOT BEEN
SEEN SINCE THE MARCH 1989 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.
ONE CIVILIAN DIED, SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE INJURED, AND

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AT LEAST TWO BUSINESSES WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED AS
HOMEMADE MORTARS PLACED IN TWO TRUCKS PARKED IN THE
PARKING LOT OF A COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER FELL
INDISCRIMINATELY ON THE HEAVILY TRAVELLED AREA NEAR
THE ESTADO MAYOR. [REDACTED] AND LEADING
POLITICIANS, INCLUDING [REDACTED] CONDEMNED THE
ATTACK. [REDACTED] TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE MORTARS
WERE THE SAME KIND THAT THE FMLN HAD TRAINED WITH IN
NICARAGUA RECENTLY.

3. (U) AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE, INCLUDING ONE FOUR
YEAR OLD CHILD AND ONE AMCIT, WERE INJURED WHEN A
BOMB RIPPED THROUGH THE OFFICES OF THE "MONSIGNOR
OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO" COMMITTEE OF MOTHERS (COMADRES)
AT APPROXIMATELY 0200 OCTOBER 31. THE BLAST BLEW OUT
ALL THE WINDOWS IN THE OFFICE AND TORE DOWN THE
OFFICE'S PROTECTIVE GRILL. INSIDE, BROKEN GLASS,

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LITERATURE, AND BLOOD LITTERED THE FLOOR. POLOFFS SAW ONE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED MAN STILL AT THE OFFICE. NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK. THE AMCIT WAS TAKEN TO A NEARBY HOSPITAL FOR A CUT ON HER FACE.

4. (U) A MUCH MORE SERIOUS ATTACK AGAINST FENASTRAS EARLY THE SAME AFTERNOON LEFT TWELVE DEAD AND ABOUT 25 INJURED, ACCORDING TO SURVIVING FENASTRAS MEMBERS INTERVIEWED BY POLOFFS JUST AFTER THE EXPLOSION. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE FRONT SECTION OF THE OFFICE BUILDING, WHERE MOST OF THE WOUNDED, ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, HAD BEEN LUNCHING AS PART OF A SUBSIDIZED MEAL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE LABOR ORGANIZATION. BOTH STORIES OF THE BUILDING SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. ACCORDING TO FENASTRAS MEMBERS, UNIDENTIFIED PERSONNEL DROVE UP TO THE BUILDING AND LEFT A LARGE SUITCASE AT THE BUILDING'S ENTRANCE (INSIDE THE ENTRANCE GATE BUT OUTSIDE THE MAIN BUILDING). THE POLICE REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THE EXPLOSION MAY HAVE OCCURRED ACCIDENTALLY WITHIN THE BUILDING. A DS/PLD/MST MTT AND POLCOUNS WENT TO

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THE SITE AND FOUND THAT DAMAGE WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE FENASTRAS ACCOUNT OF THE LOCATION OF THE EXPLOSIVE,

5. (U) AMONG THOSE REPORTED DEAD WAS (##) SEVERAL FMLN ORGANIZATIONS AND FRONT GROUPS, RECENTLY DEPICTED IN A SERIES OF NTI-FMLNRTTLEVISIO COMMERCIALS AS AN "ENEMY" OF THE NATION. GERARDO HENRIQUEZ, FENESTRAS SECRETARY GENERAL AND ALSO AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE PRO-FMLN UNTS, WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY KILLED. ONE AMCIT WAS REPORTED WOUNDED.

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6. (U) PRESIDENT CRISTIANI REPORTEDLY HAS CONDEMNED

THE OCTOBER 31 BOMBINGS. THE AMBASSADOR RELEASED A

STATEMENT OCTOBER 31 CONDEMNING ALL THREE ATTACKS.

THE NATIONAL GUARD IS INVESTIGATING THE ATTACKS, AND

WE UNDERSTAND THE SIU HAS BEEN CALLED IN ON THE

FENASHRAS BOMBING. WE HAVE URGED THE GOES TO

INVESTIGATE FULLY AND QUICKLY.

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(U) 7. ~~(C)~~ COMMENT: THESE EVENTS MARK A DISTURBING INCREASE IN URBAN VIOLENCE. IT IS UNCLEAR WHO CARRIED OUT THE COMADRES AND FENASTRAS ATTACKS. OBVIOUSLY WE CANNOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT EXTREMIST ELEMENTS REACTED TO FMLN VIOLENCE.

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FBIHQ ADDENDUM:
ON 11/2/89 FBIHQ CONTACTED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, GENERAL LITIGATION AND ADVICE SECTION WAS ADVISED OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THIS BOMBING; [REDACTED]

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