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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. NORWAY'S SMALL BUT INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS NEWSPAPER,
"NORGES HANDEL-OG SJOFARTS TIDENDE" (NHST), NOTED IN A FEBRUARY 5
ARTICLE FROM EL SALVADOR THAT "POLITICAL CIRCLES" IN EL
SALVADOR HAVE NOTED THE PRESENCE OF A GROUP OF 10-15

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JOURNALISTS--SOME FROM NORWAY--WHO GATHER IN SAN SALVADOR EVERY TIME THE GUERRILLAS PLAN SOMETHING SPECTACULAR. THE NEWSPAPER SAYS ITS POLITICAL SOURCES CONCLUDE THAT SOMEBODY IS PAYING THESE "JOURNALISTIC MERCENARIES" WHO SPECIALIZE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. A FEBRUARY 8 ARTICLE IN NHST REPORTS ON AN INTERVIEW WITH SALVADORAN BISHOP MARCO RENE REVELO

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WHO EXPRESSED: SUPPORT FOR THE BANKING AND LAND REFORMS; SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTION PROCESS; FEARS OF THE GUERRILLAS; AND CRITICISM OF MANY WITHIN THE WEST WHO APPARENTLY BELIEVE THAT THE GUERRILLAS REPRESENT THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE.

3. THE USG IS TAKING A DAILY DRUBBING IN THE NORWEGIAN PRESS FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE DUARTE GOVERNMENT. THERE IS STRONG POLITICAL BIAS IN MUCH OF THIS REPORTING. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TO SAY SO CAN BE SENSITIVE. NONETHELESS, SOME OF THE NORWEGIAN MEDIA WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO FACTS ABOUT THE WAY THE CIVIL WAR IS CONDUCTED AND REPORTED. THE NHST SERIES OF REPORTS IS A FIRM INDICATOR THAT THERE ARE INDEED PARTS OF THE NORWEGIAN PRESS AND PUBLIC STILL OPEN TO FACTS AND OPINIONS ON EL SALVADOR. WE WOULD WELCOME STILL MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR AS IS AVAILABLE AND COULD BE USEFUL IN SCANDINAVIA, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE WAY THE TRAGEDY IS BEING TREATED BY THE WORLD'S PRESS.

4. THIS IS A JOINT ICA/STATE MESSAGE.
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