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PASS: HQS - I/FPCU; FLU, OLIA; EXPLOSIVE UNIT, LABORATORY DIVISION; GU, CS, CID (INFO).

SUBJECT: CHANGED TITLE. REQUEST FOR BUREAU ASSISTANCE IN BOMBING OF <sup>(P)</sup>FENASTRAS BUILDING, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, 10/31/89; FPC - GENERAL CRIMINAL; OO: FBIHQ.

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TITLE CHANGED TO MORE CORRECTLY REFLECT LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVE INCIDENT. (U)

RE TELCAL SSA [redacted] FBIHQ AND LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

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12/6/89  
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Bombing of  
FenAstnas Building  
10/31/89  
San Salvador, EL Salvador  
OLIA - Hotel FPC

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11/3/89, LEGAT PANAMA TELCAL [REDACTED] FBIHQ, 11/7/89,

LEGAT, PANAMA TELCAL SSA [REDACTED] FBIHQ, 11/13/89. (U)

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FOR INFORMATION NEW HAVEN, BUREAU ASSISTANCE REQUESTED ABOVE  
MATTER BY PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI, EL SALVADOR, THROUGH  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE CABLE TO FBIHQ DATED 11/3/89. (U)

FENASTRAS IS ACRONYM FOR FEDERACION NACIONAL SINDICAL DE  
TRABAJADORES SALVADORENOS, A LEFTIST LABOR ENTITY IN EL SALVADOR.  
FENASTRAS HEADQUARTERS IN SAN SALVADOR SUFFERED AN EXPLOSIVE  
ATTACK AT APPROXIMATELY 12:40PM 10/31/89, WHEREIN 9 INDIVIDUALS  
WERE KILLED, INCLUDING FEBE ELIZABETH VELASQUEZ, A FENASTRAS  
LEADER, AND 45 WOUNDED, INCLUDING [REDACTED] AN  
AMERICAN CITIZEN PRESENT IN THE FENASTRAS BUILDING AT THE TIME OF  
THE EXPLOSION. A SECOND AMERICAN [REDACTED] A JOURNALIST,  
ALSO PRESENT IN THE BUILDING WAS NOT INJURED IN THE EXPLOSION.  
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LEGAT, PANAMA AND SSA [REDACTED] EXPLOSIVES UNIT,  
FBIHQ, TRAVELLED TO SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, 11/5/89, AND WERE  
INTRODUCED TO PRESIDENT CRISTIANI BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN THE COMPANY OF GENERAL MAXWELL THURMAN,  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND, ON 11/6/89. ALSO ON  
11/6/89 LEGAT AND SSA [REDACTED] MET WITH THE SALVADORAN MINISTER OF

JUSTICE AND SALVADORAN ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (U)

ON 11/3/89, LEGAT AND SSA [REDACTED] ASSISTED IN THE FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF THE FENASTRAS BUILDING, WHICH EVENT WAS EXTENSIVELY COVERED BY SALVADORAN MEDIA TO INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOTAPE OF BUREAU PERSONNEL AND PUBLICIZED FBI PARTICIPATION IN SAME. (U)

ON 11/10/89, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ~~(U)~~

EXAMINATION OF THE SITE OF THE BOMBING REVEALED THAT THE DEVICE WAS PLACED IN AN AREA BETWEEN A SOLID ENTRANCE GATE HAVING

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AN ENTRY DOOR AND A GRILLED INTERIOR GATE. INDIVIDUALS WERE EATING LUNCH IN A HALLWAY TYPE AREA TO THE INSIDE OF THE GRILLED GATE AND WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VIEW THE LOCATION WHERE THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS PLACED. ANNER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN NO MORE THAN 6 TO 8 METERS FROM DEVICE. (U)

LEGAT CONTACT WITH AN OFFICIAL AT THE U.S. EMBASSY, SAN SALVADOR, DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] U.S. PASSPORT NUMBER [REDACTED] MAY BE CONTACTED AT [REDACTED] WHICH IS RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] FURTHER, THAT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WAS PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED BY SALVADORAN NATIONAL GUARD ON 9/18/89, AT [REDACTED] HOME IN SAN SALVADOR ON SUSPICION OF WORKING WITH A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION. HE WAS RELEASED ON 9/19/89 FROM CUSTODY OF SALVADORAN TREASURY POLICE WITH NO CHARGES PENDING. (U)

LEGAT ALSO DETERMINED THAT U.S. SENATOR CHRISTOPHER DODD, CONNECTICUT, BECAME INVOLVED IN RELEASE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH FACT PUBLICIZED BELIEVED IN HARTFORD "COURANT,"

[REDACTED] IN ARTICLE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (U)

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NEW HAVEN AT GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE EVENTS 10/31/89, AT FENASTRAS HEADQUARTERS WITH VIEW TOWARD DETERMINING PERPETRATORS CAPTIONED BOMBING FROM HIS OBSERVATION OF SCENE BEFORE AND AFTER EXPLOSION. (U)

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SSA [REDACTED] DEPARTED EL SALVADOR 11/10/89 WITH ITEMS FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS. LEGAT, PANAMA WAS REQUESTED TO RETURN TO EL SALVADOR WITH RESULTS BUREAU LABORATORY ANALYSIS BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN MEET U.S. EMBASSY 11/9/89.

LEGAT ADVISED DCM PRIOR TO LEGAT'S DEPARTURE ON 11/11/89 THAT TRAVEL IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH FBIHQ. (U)

LEGAT, PANAMA WOULD NOTE THAT FMLN COMMUNIQUE REGARDING OUTBREAK OF MAJOR FIGHTING EL SALVADOR 11/11/89 ESSENTIALLY ADVISES HOSTILE RESPONSE TO DEATH FEBE VELASQUEZ IN ABOVE CAPTIONED BOMBING. (U)

LEGAT WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES THIS MATTER AND AWAITS RESULTS LABORATORY ANALYSIS AND NEW HAVEN INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE THIS MATTER. (U)

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