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1. SUMMARY OF NEWSPAPERS:

-- WASHINGTON POST --

EL SALVADOR: CHRISTOPHER DICKEY FRONT PAGE FROM SAN SALVADOR (JOB ON LINE FOR DURABLE SALVADORAN) CONSIDERS HOW DEFMIN JOSE GUILLERMO GARCIA HAS BECOME THE "STANDARD-BEARER FOR US POLICY IN EL SALVADOR" DURING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PAST YEAR, THROUGH HIS "DEFT POLITICAL MANEUVERING" AND WHAT WAS CONSIDERED A MAJOR VICTORY OVER THE GUERRILLAS IN JANUARY, 1981. "NOW, THE GENERAL IN WHOM THE US HAS INVESTED ITS CONFIDENCE AND MILITARY AID LOOKS SEVERELY THREATENED BY A MUTINY INVOLVING SOME OF HIS MOST EFFECTIVE OFFICERS." DICKEY SAYS THAT BY CONTRASTING HIMSELF TO ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON, GARCIA "HAS SEEMED TO EMERGE AS THE MODERATE SOUGHT BY THE US OFFICIALS HERE WHO CONSISTENTLY PURSUE THE GOAL OF CREATING A 'CENTRIST' GOVERNMENT." STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS, HE SAYS, HAVE INSISTED THAT WHATEVER GARCIA'S PAST, HE HAS LEARNED THE NEEDS AND PREJUDICES OF AMERICAN POLICY, FOUND THEY CONFORMED WITH HIS OWN NEEDS AND AMBITIONS, AND THEN

BECAME IN EFFECT THE KEY TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION HERE. DICKEY NOTES THAT GARCIA HAS GENERALLY SIDESTEPED EVEN INDIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEVERAL SENSATIONAL MURDERS COMMITTED BY HIS MEN WHILE HE WAS CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHILE HE HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR SUCH INVESTIGATIONS AS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. GARCIA'S MOST FUNDAMENTAL ASSET WAS THE SEEMING ABILITY TO KEEP THE ARMED FORCES UNITED AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS, DICKEY SAYS, BUT NOW TWO OF HIS TOP, HAND-PICKED COMMANDERS, THE HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE AND THE COMMANDER OF THE 1ST BRIGADE, HAVE SIDED WITH THE REBELLION. THE SITUATION WITH COL. OCHOA IN CABANAS PROVINCE REMAINED STALEMATED, ALTHOUGH THE ARMY CUT OFF COMMUNICATIONS TO OCHOA'S HEADQUARTERS.

DICKEY REVIEWS GARCIA'S PAST, HOW HE WAS "A LATECOMER" TO THE YOUNG OFFICERS MOVEMENT THAT OVERTHREW A REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT IN 1979, AND HOW EVEN THE NOMINAL LEADER OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT, COL. MAJANO, SAID GARCIA SEEMED "MUCH MORE EVOLVED" THAN OTHER OFFICERS OF HIS GENERATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJANO IS NOW IN EXILE, "FORCED OUT OF THE COUNTRY BY THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND." DICKEY SAYS THAT GARCIA PUT HIS FRIENDS AND SCHOOLMATES IN POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE ARMED FORCES, AND DURING 1980 MOVED TO CRUSH THE SAME "MILITARY YOUTH" THAT HAD OPENED HIS WAY TO POWER. CHRISTIAN DEMS CALLED FOR HIS OUSTER, BUT THE JANUARY, 1981, GUERRILLA OFFENSIVE CAME AND GARCIA EMERGED WITH HIS POWER INTACT. AT THE SAME TIME, DICKEY SAYS, AMERICAN POLICY WAS SHIFTING GEARS AS THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO OFFICE, WITH AN INCREASING EMPHASIS ON US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO STOP MARXIST ADVANCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA. "AT THE SAME TIME, GARCIA WAS INCREASINGLY CREDITED WITH IMPLEMENTING POLICY GOALS ADVOCATED BY WASHINGTON. GARCIA HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR PUSHING AHEAD AND GUARANTEEING THE PROGRESS OF ELECTORAL POLITICS IN EL SALVADOR AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE CLAIMED TO BE MAKING THE ARMY A 'NEUTRAL' POLITICAL FORCE INTERESTED ONLY IN COMBATTING THE GUERRILLAS." DICKEY NOTES THAT MUTINY NOW UNDERWAY IS SUPPORTED BY OFFICERS PERSONALLY CLOSE TO D'AUBUISSON, BUT ALSO BY FORMER "MAJANISTAS."

IN THE PAST, DICKEY SAYS, US OFFICIALS HAVE SAID FIGURATIVELY THAT "GARCIA SPEAKS OUR LANGUAGE." BUT WITH THE DEFENSE MINISTER INCREASINGLY DISCREDITED BY THE ENDURANCE OF THE MUTINY, THERE IS A GROWING CHANCE THAT THE ENTIRE HIGH COMMAND WILL BE RESHUFFLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. "THE EMBASSY, WHICH ACTIVELY AND OVERTLY SUPPORTED THE DEFENSE MINISTER IN A SERIES OF POLITICAL SHOWDOWNS WITH D'AUBUISSON BEGINNING IN APRIL, NOW MAINTAINS A STUDIED NEUTRALITY TOWARD WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A 'STRICTLY INTERNAL' CONFLICT OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED

FORCES. WHILE GARCIA IS NOT EXPECTED TO STEP DOWN IMMEDIATELY, THE GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID FOR HIM TO LEAVE HIS COMMAND AS SOON AS HE CAN DO SO WITH SOME FACESAVING FOR HIMSELF AND THE MILITARY HIERARCHY." THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD COME IN FEBRUARY OR SOON AFTER, SAYS DICKEY, SINCE GARCIA WILL END HIS 30TH YEAR OF SERVICE, A TIME WHEN SALVADORAN OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO RETIRE. "THE QUESTION ALREADY BEING ASKED IS WHO MIGHT REPLACE HIM."

EL SALVADOR: CHRISTOPHER DICKEY HAS SECOND STORY PAGE 25 FROM SAN SALVADOR (SLAIN NUN'S BROTHER ASKS EL SALVADOR TO WIDEN INVESTIGATION), IN WHICH HE SAYS THAT WILLIAM FORD, A NEW YORK LAWYER IS THE BROTHER OF ONE OF THE FOUR NUNS MURDERED IN EL SALVADOR TWO YEARS AGO, HAS REQUESTED A JUDGE IN ZACATECOLUCA TO PRESS HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE INTO HIGHER-UP INVOLVEMENT. FORD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS. DICKEY SAYS THAT FORD CITED IN HIS FORMAL DECLARATIN AS "AN INJURED PARTY" WHAT HE CALLED "CERTAIN STATEMENTS IN THE (COURT) RECORD AND OTHER FACTS WHICH INDICATE THAT THE FIVE DEFENDANTS WERE ACTING PURSUANT TO SUPERIOR ORDERS OR AT THE DIRECTION OF OTHERS WHO MAY SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CRIME." SINCE THE DAY THE CHURCHWOMEN'S BODIES WERE EXHUMED FROM A SHALLOW GRAVE NEAR ZACATECOLUCA, SAYS DICKEY, "THERE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD SUSPICION, SOMETIMES OPENLY EXPRESSED BY US OFFICIALS, THAT THE KILLING WAS ORDERED HIGH UP IN THE GOVERNMENT OR COVERED UP BY MORE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. BUT IN THE MONTHS SINCE THE FIVE GUARDSMEN WERE ARRAIGNED, US AND SALVADORAN OFFICIALS HAVE INSISTED THAT NO VALID LEADS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO SUPPORT SUCH THEORIES." FORD CITED SEVERAL ISSUES THAT HE SAID COULD BE PURSUED. JUDGE BERNARDO RAUDA MURCIA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IF LEGALLY PRESENTED EVIDENCE ON THESE AND OTHER POINTS IS SUBMITTED, HE WOULD ACCEPT IT. YESTERDAY, DICKEY SAYS, "AN APPEALS COURT ORDERED THE CASE BACK TO THE FIRST PENAL COURT OF ZACATECOLUCA...A MOVE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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DELAYED THE TRIAL FOR AT LEAST A MONTH."

FALKLANDS: NEWS BRIEF IN "AROUND THE WORLD" COLUMN PAGE 27 FROM STANLEY (THATCHER JABS AT ARGENTINA) SAYS PM THATCHER ACCUSED ARGENTINA OF FAILING TO HONOR ITS WAR DEAD AND SAID BRITAIN MIGHT REBURY ENEMY SOLDIERS IN A "SUITABLE AND FITTING CEMETARY" ON THE FALKLANDS. DURING THE 74-DAY WAR, THE DEAD WERE BURIED IN TEMPORARY GRAVES, AND THATCHER SAYS ARGENTINA HAS NOT PROVIDED FOR PERMANENT BURIAL OF ITS MEN.

-- WASHINGTON TIMES --

EL SALVADOR: UNBYLINED STORY FROM ZACATECOLUCA, PAGE 6 (VICTIM'S KIN FEARS SALVADOR COVERUP) NOTES WILLIAM FORD PLEA TO SALVADORAN COURT TO INVESTIGATE HIGHER-UP INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER AND THREE OTHER CHURCHWOMEN. ITEM ALSO MENTIONS OCHOA REBELLION AND SAYS OCHOA SAYS HE WILL MEET WITH GARCIA, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE IS WILLING TO GIVE UP HIS DEMAND THAT GARCIA RESIGN. ON THE WAR FRONT, NOTES ITEM, LEFTIST REBELS KICKED OFF A NEW OFFENSIVE THIS WEEK.

EL SALVADOR: ROGER REED HAS Q AND A FORMAT INTERVIEW WITH ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON ON PAGE 3C OF "COMMENTARY" SECTION (VIOLENCE STILL SALVADOR'S BIGGEST PROBLEM). STORY HAS FRONT PAGE TEASER HEAD, "D'AUBUISSON SAYS SALVADOR CAN MAKE IT WITHOUT THE US." D'AUBUISSON SAYS SALVADOR'S BIGGEST PROBLEM RIGHT NOW IS THE VIOLENCE, BUT THAT THE DAMAGE TO THE ECONOMY IS IMPORTANT TOO, AND FOR THAT REASON THE WAR MUST BE WON QUICKLY IN ORDER TO REBUILD THE ECONOMY. IF THE US WERE TO ABANDON EL SALVADOR, HE SAYS, "WE HAVE SURVIVED WITHOUT US AID FOR MANY YEARS. US AID CAME TO US WHEN THE USG GOT US INTO THIS PROBLEM -- THAT IS, TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO...EL SALVADOR CAN SURVIVE AND MOVE FORWARD WITH OR WITHOUT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HELP OF THE US." D'AUBUISSON SAYS THE US IS GIVING "MAGNIFICENT AID" NOW, AND THE COUNTRY IS GRATEFUL TO THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, ESPECIALLY THE PRESIDENT. "BUT UNFORTUNATELY WITHIN THE STATE DEPT. THERE ARE STILL PERSONS WITH A CARTERITE MENTALITY. THERE ARE ALSO CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WHO DO NOT KNOW, IN DEPTH, OUR SITUATION, AND THEY CONTINUE PUTTING CONDITIONS ON THE AID. THEY CONTINUE THREATENING TO CUT OFF AID FOR ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WITHOUT SEEING THE GLOBAL FOCUS, THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WAR IN EL SALVADOR."

IF US AID WERE CUT OFF, SAYS D'AUBUISSON, ALL THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR WOULD FIGHT, NOT ONLY THE ARMED FORCES. HE INSISTS THIS IS NOT A CIVIL WAR, HOWEVER, BUT "CASTRO-TERRORIST AGGRESSION, WITH THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF NICARAGUA." HE SAYS THE GUERRILLAS CANNOT WIN MILITARILY, "BECAUSE SUBVERSION CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL WHEN THE PEOPLE SUPPORT IT. IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT SUPPORT A GUERRILLA WAR, IT WILL NOT TRIUMPH. AND THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE REPUDIATE THE GUERRILLAS." D'AUBUISSON DISMISSES AS "ABSOLUTELY FALSE" CHARGES THAT IF HIS PARTY, ARENA, WERE IN CHARGE, IT WOULD TRY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE

GUERRILLAS THROUGH INDISCRIMINATE SLAUGHTER, KILLING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND THAT IN THE END THE GUERRILLAS WOULD WIN ANYWAY. HE SAYS IF INTELLIGENCE IS GOOD, THE WAR CAN BE WON WITHOUT THE DEATH OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

THE GUERRILLAS ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE COUNTRY ECONOMICALLY, AND HAVE NO INTEREST IN NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAYS. "WHAT THEY CAN'T WIN ON THE BATTLEFIELD, THEY WANT TO WIN AT A NEGOTIATING TABLE. BUT IN THE END THEY WIND UP TAKING POWER." HE USES EXAMPLES OF VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA, CUBA AND NICARAGUA. BUT HE SAYS HIS PARTY IS UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKING TO PASS AN AMNESTY LAW, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK TO THE GUERRILLAS ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN ELECTIONS. "IF THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE DEMOCRATICALLY, LET THEM RUN CANDIDATES UNDER ANY PARTY THEY WANT. BUT THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. THEY BELIEVE IN A TOTALITARIAN SYSTEM. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TALK ABOUT WITH A MAN WHO HAS A MACHINE GUN IN HIS HANDS?" HE DENIES THAT ARENA IS THE PARTY OF THE RICH OLIGARCHS, POINTING OUT THAT THE PARTY GOT HALF A MILLION VOTES IN THE ELECTION, AND SAYS 90 PERCENT OF ITS SUPPORT COMES FROM "LA GENTE HUMILDE." HE SAYS AMB. WHITE'S ACCUSATION THAT HE IS A "PSYCHOPATHIC KILLER" IS "HIS WAY OF GETTING EVEN WITH ME FOR THE FAILURE THAT HE EXPERIENCED. I ATTACKED HIM RATHER A LOT, PUBLICLY, AS AN INTERVENTIONIST. HE HAD LOTS OF CONNECTIONS WITH THE GUERRILLAS. HE SYMPATHIZES WITH THE GUERRILLAS...SO IDEOLOGICALLY WE ARE ON OPPOSITE SIDES." D'AUBUISSON ALSO DISMISSES CHARGES THAT HE WAS INVOLVED WITH DEATH SQUADS AND THE MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO, SAYING THAT CHARGE WAS ALSO MADE BY AMB. WHITE, WHO HAS NEVER PRESENTED ANY EVIDENCE FOR HIS ACCUSATIONS.

-- WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: LYNDA SCHUSTER FROM MEXICO CITY INSIDE SECOND SECTION PAGE 33 (MEXICO CONTENDS IT CAN SERVICE DEBT) SAYS MIGUEL MANCERA, DIRECTOR OF MEXICAN CENTRAL BANK INSISTS THAT MEXICO WILL DEFINITELY MAKE THE DOLS 90 MILLION PAYMENT OF INTEREST OWED TO FOREIGN BANKS BY PRIVATE COMPANIES THAT IS DUE THE END OF THIS MONTH. MANCERA ALSO SAID MEXICO WOULD HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH DOLLARS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR TO COVER ALL INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE COUNTRY'S DOLS 80 BILLION FOREIGN DEBT. COMMENTS CAME IN AN 11-PAGE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM THE WSJ.

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-- NEW YORK TIMES --

EL SALVADOR: SECOND OF FOUR EDITORIALS ("HOW TO REWARD 'PROGRESS' IN SALVADOR" P. 22) STATES THAT "A CYNICAL ASSUMPTION UNDERLIES A PROVINCIAL WARLORD'S REBELLION IN EL SALVADOR: THAT AMERICAN AID WILL CONTINUE TO FLOW NO

MATTER HOW INSOLENT THE MILITARY'S BEHAVIOR. LAMENTABLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SEEMS EAGER TO PROVE COLONEL OCHOA RIGHT. EVEN AS HE WAS THREATENING WAR AGAINST HIS OWN GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT INSISTED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS ABOUT TO CERTIFY THAT EL SALVADOR IS 'MAKING PROGRESS' ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL REFORMS AND THUS REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR AMERICAN AID.

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"THIS TIME, CONGRESS SHOULD REJECT THAT FINDING. IT IS THE ONLY REBUKE THAT MAY REGISTER ON RIGHT-WING OFFICERS WHO NOW SCORN THE AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT ALVARO MAGANA AND DEFENSE MINISTER JOSE GUILLERMO GARCIA. UNDENIABLY, THE RESULTING CUTOFF IN AID (DOLS 126 MILLION THIS YEAR) MIGHT WEAKEN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEFTIST GUERRILLAS, BUT THAT WAR WON'T BE WON IF FIELD COMMANDERS FEEL FREE TO DEFY AND VILIFY SUPERIORS.

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LIEUT. COL. SIGIFREDO OCHOA PEREZ'S POSITION IS INDEFENSIBLE. EMBROILED IN POLITICS, HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIGHTIST ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT, ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON, WHO TRIED TO PLANT HIM IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. COLONEL OCHOA WAS THEN ORDERED TO URUGUAY AS A MILITARY ATTACHE. INSTEAD HE PLUNGED INTO REBELLION, A HANGING OFFENSE IN WARTIME.

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"HIS ARROGANCE FOLLOWS IN THE WORST SALVADORAN TRADITIONS. FOR HALF A CENTURY SOLDIERS BECAME USED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER. TYPICALLY, NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST OFFICERS IMPLICATED IN THE 1981 KILLING OF TWO AMERICAN LAND REFORM EXPERTS AND A PEASANT LEADER. THAT HAS LED THE AFL-CIO TO OPPOSE CERTIFICATION, A SIGNIFICANT DEFECTION.

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"PRESIDENT MAGANA AND GENERAL GARCIA HAVE INSISTED THAT AMERICAN AID IS AT RISK UNLESS EL SALVADOR TAKES SERIOUSLY THE REVOLUTION ELSEWHERE OVER A MURDEROUS AND SPOILED OFFICER CORPS. BUT THEY WON'T BE BELIEVED UNTIL CONGRESS SAYS, 'ENOUGH.'"

NICARAGUA: UPI REPORT FROM MANAGUA ("HARSH NICARAGUAN ATTACK ON US REPORTED REJECTED AT CONFERENCE" P. 4) NOTES THAT INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE "CONFERENCE OF NATIONS PROFESSING TO BE NONALIGNED" HAVE REJECTED NICARAGUA'S HARSH CRITICISM OF THE US, ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO THE CONFERENCE.

NICARAGUA MADE PUBLIC ON MONDAY A REVISED VERSION OF ITS "MANAGUA COMMUNIQUE," DELETING ALL MENTION OF AN EARLIER CALL FOR THE EXPULSION OF THE US FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. SOURCES SAID THAT INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND SOME OTHERS "HAD DEMANDED THAT THE NEW DOCUMENT BE REVISED AGAIN...A THIRD VERSION OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS

ALREADY UNDER WAY."SOURCES SAID THE FINAL DECLARATIONS ON CENTRAL AMERICA WOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO A FORMAT DEVELOPED JUST BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BY MEXICO, VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND PANAMA. MEETING THE WEEKEND BEFORE, THE FOUR COUNTRIES SAID THE US SHOULD "NOT RESORT TO THREATS OR THE USE OF FORCE IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS" IN CENTRAL AMERICA, "AN ALLUSION TO CHARGES BY NICARAGUA'S SANDINIST REGIME THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BACKING NICARAGUAN REBELS OPERATING FROM HONDURAS." THE MEETING IN MANAGUA HAS BEEN LIMITED SO FAR TO ISSUES AFFECTING LATIN AMERICA, AND IS ALSO LIKELY TO SUPPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ARGENTINE CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS VIS-A-VIS BRITAIN OVER THE FALKLANDS.

EL SALVADOR: RICHARD MEISLIN REPORTS FROM ZACATECOLUCA ("US LAWYERS TASTE SALVADOR'S SYSTEM: VISIT OVER TECHNICALITY IN CASE OF SLAIN US CHURCHWOMEN" P. 8) THAT "THREE NEW YORK LAWYERS, ONE OF THEM THE BROTHER OF A MARYKNOLL NUN WHO WAS KILLED HERE TWO YEARS AGO, LEARNED FIRSTHAND TODAY THAT EL SALVADOR'S LEGAL SYSTEM IS NOT LIKE THE ONE THEY ARE USED TO." WM. P. FORD, ONE OF THE THREE, MADE THE VISIT TO MAKE A FORMAL DECLARATION THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY INJURED BY THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER, ITA FORD. FORD'S LAWYERS, MICHAEL H. POSNER AND R. SCOTT GREATHEAD OF THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS, SAID THEY HAD BEEN TOLD ALMOST ACCIDENTALLY THIS WEEKEND THAT SUCH A STATEMENT WAS NECESSARY. MEISLIN WRITES THAT JUDGE BERNARDO RAUDA MURCIA "WAS UNRESPONSIVE TO SUGGESTIONS THAT HE SEEK EVIDENCE THAT HIGHER OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED IN THE CASE. THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR POINT PURSUED BY THE FAMILIES...." POSNER QUOTED THAT "HE HAS A VERY NARROW VIEW OF THE CASE....THE FAMILIES HAVE A BROADER VIEW. THEY FEEL THAT OTHERS WERE INVOLVED AND THEY WANTED TO GET THAT POINT ACROSS. IS IT GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?" HE ASKED. "NO."

EL SALVADOR: LYDIA CHAVEY CONTRIBUTES A PROFILE ON OCHOA FROM SAN SALVADOR AND NOTES THAT WHILE HE CRITICIZES GARCIA AS "CORRUPT, ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS", WHEN SPEAKING BEFORE PUBLIC GROUPS, GENERAL GARCIA IS SPOKEN OF RESPECTFULLY AS "SEÑOR MINISTRO." CHAVEZ ALSO WRITES THAT "CAUTION IN DEALING WITH THE GOVERNMENT, ONE COMMANDER SAID, HAS BEEN COLONEL OCHOA'S TRADEMARK." UNCLASSIFIED

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AFTER THE 1979 COUP, OCHOA WAS DISPATCHED TO PANAMA AS MILITARY ATTACHE, SHE CONTINUES, "REPORTEDLY BECAUSE HE WAS CONSIDERED TOO FAR TO THE RIGHT BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HE RETURNED IN 1981 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE

WESTERN PROVINCE OF SANTA ANA."

-- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

ARGENTINA: SPECIAL TO THE MONITOR ("ARGENTINA RESTOCKS ARSENAL WITH TIP-TOP FIGHTERS, MISSILES" P. 4) NOTES FOREIGN MILITARY EXPERT ESTIMATES THAT ARGENTINA LOST ABOUT DOLS 800 MILLION WORTH OF EQUIPMENT DURING THE FALKLANDS AND IS NOW "RAPIDLY REPLACING MILITARY EQUIPMENT...AND IS INVESTING IN NEW WEAPONRY THAT BATTLE EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN TO BE INDISPENSABLE IN MODERN WARFARE." THIS INCLUDES FOUR LOCKHEED ELECTRA AIRLINERS FROM THE US FOR CONVERSION INTO MARITIME PATROL PLANES ("IT WAS ABLE TO DUCK UNDER THE US BAN ON ARMS SALES TO ARGENTINA (THE 1977 HUMPHREY-KENNEDY AMENDMENT) BECAUSE THE FOUR-ENGINED TURBO-PROP ELEDTRAS ARE CLASSIFIED AS CIVIL AIRCRAFT"); A NEW LOCKHEED C-130 HERCULES CARGO PLANE FROM THE US TOWARD THE END OF 1982; IT REPORTEDLY HAS PURCHASED 10 MORE MIRAGE 111S FROM PERU AND 24 ISRAELI-BUILT DAGGERS (AN ISRAELI VERSION OF THE MIRAGE). THE STORY STATES THAT "US ARMS SALESMEN ARE TRYING TO INTEREST ARGENTINA IN THE F-5G TIGERSHARK FOR DELIVERY ONCE THE ARMS BAN IS LIFTED." IN 1983 ARGENTINS IS DUE TO GET THE FIRST OF FOUR FRIGATES BEING BUILT IN WEST GERMANY AND THE FIRST OF TWO SUBMARINES. MORE SUBMARINES AND SIX MEKO 130 CORVETTES ARE REPORTEDLY BEING BUILT IN ARGENTINA WITH WEST GERMAN HELP. FRANCE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SHIPPED NINE SUPER ETENDARD NAVAL ATTACK AIRCRAFT AND THEIR COMPLEMENT OF EXOCET ANTI-SHIP MISSILES LAST NOVEMBER.

NICARAGUA: ROBERT AMBROSE, REPORTING FROM MANAGUA UNCLASSIFIED

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("VITAL NICARAGUA HARVEST UPSET BY REBEL RAIDS: SANDINISTAS CALL ON MILITIAS, STUDENTS TO PICK EXPORT CROP" P. 6), WRITES THAT THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THE COFFEE FARMS HAVE EXPERIENCED A SEVERE LABOR SHORTAGE. "IRONICALLY, THE LAND REFORM PROGRAM -- ONE OF THE MAJOR PROGRAMS PROMISED BY THE SANDINISTAS -- HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROBLEM. THE PROGRAM HAS GIVEN THOUSANDS OF FORMERLY LANDLESS PEASANTS THEIR OWN PLOTS OF LAND, EFFECTIVELY PULLING THEM FROM A TRADITIONALLY LARGE HARVEST LABOR POOL." NOTING THAT UNIONS, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND STUDENTS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO PICK COFFEE, THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES THAT MANY OBSERVERS "SAY THE

BIG RESPONSE TO THE SANDINISTA CALL FOR ASSISTANCE...INDICATES THE GOVERNMENT STILL ENJOYS STRONG SUPPORT, DESPITE THE NATION'S SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND GROWING WARFARE WITH COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES." IN 1981 COFFEE ACCOUNTED FOR DOLS 137 MILLION OR 27 PERCENT OF EXPORT EARNINGS -- KEY TO SECURE DOLLARS TO SERVICE ON THE MOUNTING DOLS 2.5 BILLION FOREIGN DEBT.

-- BALTIMORE SUN --

BRITAIN/ARGENTINA: WIRESERVICE REPORTS FROM STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS NOTE THAT PM MARGARET THATCHER YESTERDAY ACCUSED ARGENTINA OF FAILING TO HONOR ITS WAR DEAD AND SAID BRITAIN MIGHT REBURY ENEMY SOLDIERS IN A "SUITABLE AND FITTING CEMETERY" ON THE FALKLANDS. A SPOKESMEN SAID THE GOVT. HAD NO IDEA HOW MANY ARGENTINE SOLDIERS HAD BEEN BURIED IN TEMPORARY GRAVES ON THE ISLANDS.

EL SALVADOR: WIRESERVICE REPORTS FROM EL SALVADOR ("SALVADOR ISOLATES REBELLIOUS OFFICER" P. 4) NOTES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GOVT. HAS CUT OCHOA'S TELEPHONE LINES TERDAY FOR THE SECOND DAY, AND ALL MILITARY COMMANDERS EXCEPT OCHOA MET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT HIS MUTINY. "A WELL-PLACED MILITARY SOURCE SAID COLONEL OCHOA COULD COUNT ON NO MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE ARMY TO SUPPORT HIM IN A SHOWDOWN AND PREDICTED HE WOULD GIVE UP BY TODAY."

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF T.V. NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS JANUARY 11:

NO ARA TOPICS DISCUSSED.

3. PREPARED GUIDANCES FOR NOON BRIEFING JANUARY 12:

-- EL SALVADOR: CHURCHWOMEN --

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS FROM SAN SALVADOR (WASHPOST/NYTIMES) THAT WILLIAM FORD, BROTHER OF SLAIN MARYKNOLL NUN ITA FORD, HAS ASKED THE COURT TO AIDEN ITS INVESTIGATION INTO HIGHER-UP INVOLVEMENT?

A: AS WE HAVE STATED ANUMBER OF TIMES, NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN BROGHT FORWARD TO ESTABLISH HIGHER-LEVEL INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMISSION OF THIS CRIME. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE UNWILLING TO PURSUE ANY FURTHER LEADS. TO THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE PUBLICLY COMMITTED OURSELVES TO PURSUE ALL CREDIBLE ALLEGATIONS IN THIS CASE, NO MATTER WHERE THEY MAY LEAD.

- WE ARE PLEASED THAT MR. FORD AND HIS ATTORNEYS HAVE INVOLVED THEMSELVES IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS TAKING PLACE IN EL SALVADOR. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE WOULD BEST BE SERVED BY HAVING A PRIVATE PROSECUTOR ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE PROSECUTION OF THIS CASE, AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF THE FAMILIES, AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SALVADORAN LEGAL SYSTEM PERMITS. WE HOPE HIS PRESENCE MEANS JUST THAT. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH PREVIOUSLY WITH THE FAMILIES ON THIS ISSUE, AND CONTINUE TO BE.

-- REPORTER DETAINED BY SALVADORAN ARMY --

Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT AN AMERICAN AND ANOTHER FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT WERE DETAINED YESTERDAY BY THE SALVADORAN ARMY?

A: TWO REPORTERS - DAVID HELGAR OF PACIFICA RADIO NEWS AND A SWEDISH CORRESPONDENT - WERE BRIEFLY DETAINED BY SALVADORAN ARMY TROOPS IN SAN VICENTE PROVINCE ON JANUARY 11, AND WERE ACCUSED OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS. THE TWO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED BY THE ARMY. AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER HAS SINCE MET WITH HELGAR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH CORRESPONDENTS INTEND TO LEAVE EL SALVADOR SHORTLY.

Q: ARE THEY BEING DEPORTED?

A: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF A FORMAL ORDER OF DEPORTATION BUT BOTH REPORTERS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL LEAVE EL SALVADOR.

4. SUMMARY OF NOON BRIEFING JANUARY 12 (ROMBERG):

- ASKED WHETHER HE HAD ANY COMMENT ON REPORTS OF A U.S. JOURNALIST (PACIFICA NEWS) WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED AND ORDERED EXPELLED FROM EL SALVADOR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INCIDENT, AND THEN WENT ON TO USE THE GUIDANCE. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING NEW ON THE GARCIA-OCHOA STANDOFF AND NO COMMENT ON THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL RECOMMENDING AGAINST UNCLASSIFIED

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CERTIFICATION ON EL SALVADOR.

NOTE: ADDITION TO JANUARY 10 BRIEFING SUMMARY: SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED IF THERE WAS A U.S. REACTION TO THE THATCHER VISIT TO THE FALKLANDS AND IF THE U.S. VIEWED IT AS A PROVOCATION. SPOKESMAN RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NO COMMENT ON EITHER QUESTION. SHULTZ

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