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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
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1. FULL PAGE AD FROM OPPOSITION NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
MOVEMENT (MNR) APPEARED IN JUNE 27 EDITION OF OPPOSITION
NEWSPAPER "LA CRONICA DEL PUEBLO". AD "PUBLICLY DENOUNCED
THREATS RECENTLY MADE AGAINST VARIOUS MNR MEMBERS,
SPECIFICALLY DR. LUIS ALONSO POSADA, MEMBER OF MNR
POLITICAL COMMISSION (REFTEL), AND DAGOBERTO VEGA CEA,
MEMBER OF MRN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THREATS HAD

TAKEN FORM OF "WHITE HANDS" AND SLOGANS "THIS IS A SUBVERSIVE" PAINTED ON HOUSES OF MRN MEMBERS. AD CLAIMED THAT MNR HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN "SUSPICIOUSLY" BROKEN INTO ON JUNE 8 WITH SOME DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY AND A TYPEWRITER STOLEN.

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2. AD COMMENTED THAT "STATE OF SIEGE, SUPPOSEDLY DECREED TO COMBAT TERRORISM, HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CONDUCT WITH TOTAL IMPUNITY A CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AND MASSACRE, DIRECTED PARTICULARLY AGAINST TEACHERS, LABOR LEADERS, AND COMPESINOS." AD GOES ON TO SAY THAT UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF STATE OF SIEGE, IT "IS EVIDENT THAT MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY GROUPS HAVE COME INTO BEING THAT THE OFFICIAL POLICE EITHER SUPPORTS OR APPROVES SINCE IT HAS NOT IN THE LEAST WANTED TO CONTROL OR EVEN INVESTIGATE THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS." THESE INCIDENTS "CONFIRM THE PERMANENCE OF THOSE ANTIDEMOCRATIC AND REPRESSIVE METHODS THAT TRY TO IMPEDE THE LEGITIMATE EXERCISE OF THOSE HUMAN RIGHTS THAT SHOULD BE GUARANTEED TO SALVADORANS; ALL THIS IS OCCURRING DESPITE GOVERNMENT PROMISES AD WORDS CONCERNING DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL WELFARE."

3. AD CLOSES BY STATING THAT "CONSIDERING THE GRAVITY OF THE INCIDENTS OCCURRING, THE MNR HAS RESOLVED TO SEND TO THOSE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS -- PARTICULARLY THE OAS AND UN - CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS, A STRONG DENUNCIATION OF THE ACTIONS CONDUCTED AGAINST MRN MEMBERS."

4. ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTING ASPECTS OF AD WAS NOTE ATTACHED TO IT STATING THAT THE MNR HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PLACE THE AD IN "LA PRENSE GRAFICA", "EL DIARIO DE HOY", "EL DIARIO LATINO", AND "EL MUNDO". NOTE COMMENTED THAT "SELF-CENSORSHIP OF THESE PAPERS ONLY PERMITS THE EXPRESSION OF THE MOST RABID AND IRRATIONAL COMMUNISM, THE SAME ENGAGED IN BY SOMOZA...THESE ARE THE CONDITIONS

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UNDER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL FORUM, WITH PRIVATE MACHINATIONS, THAT IMPEDE A TRUE FACE-TO-FACE DIALOGUE AMONG THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE."

5. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A STRONG

DENUNCIATION OF UNWILLINGNESS OF OTHER NEWSPAPERS TO
ACCEPT MNR ADS HAS APPARED ALONG WITHAD ITSELF.
NOTE ALSO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF OCCASION TO TAKE SWIPE
AGAINST GOES-SPONSORED NATIONAL FORUM. COPY OF AD
WILL BE POUCHED TO SALVADORAN DESK AND TO D/HA.
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