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1. (U) ON NOVEMBER 9 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS PRINTED A PRESS
RELEASE FROM THE COMITE DE PRENSA DE LA FUERZA ARMADA
(COPREFA) CONCERNING THE EIGHT FDR/FMLN MEMBERS WHO WERE
RECENTLY ARRESTED. FOLLOWING IS A COMPLETE INFORMAL
UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT.

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BEGIN TRANSLATION:

- AS PREVIOUSLY MADE KNOWN, EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CLANDESTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS THAT FORM PART OF THE

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FDR/FMLN HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. THESE CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE CAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE, THE KILLINGS, THE KIDNAPPINGS, AND THE SABOTAGE. THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE AND STATE PROPERTY AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHAOS IN ALL LEVELS OF SALVADORAN SOCIETY. IN FACT, AN INVESTIGATING COMMISSION CAPTURED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

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- (1) JORGE ALBERTO HERRERA MARTINEZ: SECGEN OF THE MNR AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT ORGANIZATION IN THE FDR/FMLN. PSEUDONYM: ALEX. FICTITIOUS NAME: RAUL MURILLO. FORMER MAYOR OF SAN MARCOS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SAN SALVADOR. FORMER WORKER AND LEADER OF THE UNION IUSA. HERRERA SAID THAT THE POLITICAL/MILITARY ALLIANCE FDR/FMLN, WORKING THROUGH THE MNR, HAS GOTTEN ECONOMIC AID AND POLITICAL SUPPORT IN SOME COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA. THIS AID INCLUDES MEDICINE, FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. THE AID WAS CHanneled THROUGH NICARAGUA AND WAS PICKED UP IN EL SALVADOR BY VARIOUS CLANDESTINE MEANS IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE TERRORIST GROUPS. HERRERA ALSO SAID THAT SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE BEING FOOLED BY THE FDR/FMLN, WHICH REQUESTS AID FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THEN USES IT TO CREATE COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTINUE THE VIOLENCE. AMONG THESE GROUPS ARE: CEDAL (CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS DEMOCRATICOS DE AMERICA LATINA), BASED IN COSTA RICA AND FUNDED BY THE FRIEDREICH EBERT FOUNDATION, AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WEST GERMANY; AND COPPAL (COMITE PERMANENTE DE PARTIDOS POLITICOS DE AMERICA LATINA), BASED IN MEXICO. HERRERA ALSO SAID THAT THE SEARCH FOR A DIALOGUE OR NEGOTIATIONS IS A POLITICAL/MILITARY MANEUVER BY THE FDR/FMLN TO BUY TIME, REORGANIZE THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE, RESUPPLY THEMSELVES LOGISTICALLY,

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AND PLAN A GREATER EFFORT TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF THE MASSES FOR THE SUBVERSIVE STRUGGLE.

- (2) CARLOS ALBERTO MOLINA OSEGUEDA: ECONOMIST, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTOR OF MIPTES (MOVIMIENTO INDEPENDIENTE DE PROFESIONALES Y TECNICOS DE EL SALVADOR), WHICH

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HAS FORMED A PART OF THE FDR/FMLN SINCE 1980. MOLINA REPRESENTS MIPTES IN THE FDR/FMLN DIRECTORATE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. HE HAS TRAVELED TO MEXICO AND COSTA RICA TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE FDR/FMLN. HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNAL DIRECTORATE OF THE FDR/FMLN HAVE BEEN MEETING IN THE UCA (UNIVERSIDAD CENTROAMERICANA) AND IN THE CONDOMINIUM CUSCATLAN, WHERE THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY HAS OFFICES. THE GROUP HAS ALSO MET AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN THE CAPITAL IN ORDER TO PLAN THE POLITICAL/MILITARY STRUGGLE THAT WAS INITIATED ON JANUARY 10, 1981.

- (3) LUIS ANTONIO MENJIVAR RIVERA: MEMBER OF THE MPSC (MOVIMIENTO POPULAR SOCIAL CRISTIANO) WHICH IS A PART OF THE FDR/FMLN. PSEUDONYM: ROBERTO. HE ALSO USES THE NAMES ROBERTO ARGUELLO AND ROBERTO MENA. HE HAS BEEN IN HONDURAS ON MISSIONS OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR THE FDR/FMLN. THE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN HONDURAS. LATER MENJIVAR WAS SENT BY THE DIRECTORATE OF THE FDR/FMLN IN NICARAGUA TO CUBA IN MARCH OF 1982 TO PARTICIPATE IN A COURSE ON PERSONAL SECURITY AND USE OF FIREARMS. HE FLEW ON THE CUBAN AIRLINE AND WAS RECEIVED BY A CUBAN ARMY MAJOR NAMED REYES. HE SAID THAT OTHER SALVADORAN MEMBERS OF THE FDR/FMLN ALSO TOOK PART IN THE COURSE, WHICH WAS GIVEN IN A MILITARY CENTER ON THE NORTH COAST OF CUBA. THE INSTRUCTORS WERE A CUBAN

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MAJOR WHO USED THE PSEUDONYM MARTINEZ AND OTHER INSTRUCTORS FROM CUBAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. THE COURSE LASTED ONE MONTH, AFTER WHICH MENJIVAR RETURNED TO NICARAGUA. FROM NICARAGUA HE FLEW TO GUATEMALA AND THEN RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR BY LAND. HE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE INTERNAL DIRECTORATE OF MPSC AT THE FDR/FMLN LEVEL. THE GROUP HAS MET AT THE UCA AND IN OTHER AREAS TO PLAN WORK FOR THE FDR/FMLN. HE HAS ALSO MET WITH MONSIGNOR RIVERA Y DAMAS AT THE ARCHBISHOPRIC TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE POLITICAL/MILITARY STRUGGLE OF THE FDR/FMLN, SPECIFICALLY FOR PROPAGANDA CONCERNING DIALOGUE.

- (4) DAVID GUADRON VALENCIA: MNR MEMBER. PSEUDONYM: ELISEO. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN POLITICAL IDEOLOGY ORIENTATION AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF FIREARMS AT THE DOMUS

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MARIA RETIREMENT CENTER IN MEJICANOS. RECENTLY GUADRON WAS COLLECTING FUNDS, DISTRIBUTING PROPAGANDA, AND ORGANIZING COLLECTIVES AS A MEMBER OF THE REGROUPING (REAGRUPAMIENTO) COMMISSION OF THE FDR/FMLN. HE HAS TRAVELLED TO COSTA RICA ON MISSIONS FOR THE FDR/FMLN.

- (5) MAURICIO ANTONIO DOMENECH VELASQUEZ: MANAGER OF CELCO (CELULOSAS Y COLORANTES DE EL SALVADOR). HE BELONGS TO THE MNR. PSEUDONYM: JOAQUIN. CURRENTLY SERVES AS A COURIER FOR THE FDR/FMLN. HE ALSO NEGOTIATES THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICAL AND MEDICAL PRODUCTS FOR THE CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FDR/FMLN. HE HAS ALSO CARRIED OUT OTHER MISSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONTACT AND PROPAGANDA.

- (6) VICTOR MANUEL ZELAYA JOVEL: MEMBER OF THE RN/FARN. PSEUDONYM: DANIEL. ZELAYA RECRUITS WORKERS FOR THE FDR/FMLN. HE WAS FORMERLY A FAPU ACTIVIST. IN JUNE OF 1981 HE TRAVELLED TO CUBA VIA NICARAGUA AND PARTICIPATED IN THE RN/FARN CONGRESS.

- (7) JULIO CESAR SARAVIA AVALOS: WORKER AND MEMBER OF MPSC. PSEUDONYM: MAURICIO. HE WAS RECRUITED BY

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ING. JORGE VILLACORTA AND NOW FORMS PART OF THE REGROUP-
ING COMMISSION OF THE FDR/FMLN. HE WAS ALSO IN CUBA
WITH LUIS ANTONIO MEJIVAR RIVERA WHERE THEY ATTENDED THE
SAME COURSE.

- (8) BERTA ALICIA COSME ESCOTO: SEAMSTRESS. MEMBER
OF THE RN/FARN. PSEUDONYM: BERTA. FORMERLY A MEMBER
OF FAPU. BERTA HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH RECEIVING INFORMA-
TION FROM THE TERRORIST GROUPS IN ORDER TO TRANSMIT IT TO
THE DIRECTORATE OF THE FDR. SHE WAS TRAINED IN MEXICO

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IN THE UNIVERSITY LOMBARDO TOLEDANO IN THE ORGANIZATION
OF UNIONS AND MASSES.

- ALL OF THESE LEADERS OF THE TERRORIST ACTIVITY WHICH
AFFLICTS THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE WERE CAPTURED WHILE
ENGAGING IN CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES TO DESTROY OUR COUNTRY.
THEY WERE APPREHENDED AND TREATED WITH RESPECT BY PER-
SONNEL THAT CLEARLY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES. IN THESE TIMES
THE HEROISM AND SACRIFICE OF THE ARMED FORCES FIND
SUPPORT AMONG THE PEOPLE BUT ARE REJECTED BY THOSE THAT
HAVE CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY COLLABORATED IN OR
SPOKEN FOR THE INDISCRIMINATE CRIMES AGAINST THE
FATHERLAND.

- IT WOULD BE GOOD IF ALL THE VEHEMENCE AND INTEREST
DEMONSTRATED FOR THESE REPRESENTATIVES OF VIOLENCE COULD
BE USED TO CONVINCE THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
TERRORIST LEADERS TO DESIST THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST EL
SALVADOR. HERE THEY WILL NEVER FIND THE INDISPENSABLE
AND NECESSARY SUPPORT TO CRIPPLE A PEOPLE WHO IN MANY
OCCASIONS HAVE SHOWN THEIR COURAGE, THEIR HEROISM, AND
THEIR HUMANISTIC FAITH.

- ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DETAINEES HAVE BEEN PUT
AT THE ORDER OF THE CORRESPONDING MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

- SAN SALVADOR, 8 NOVEMBER 1982.

END TRANSLATION.

2. ~~(S)~~ ON NOVEMBER 8 NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF COLONEL
LOPEZ NUILA TOLD POLOFF THAT THE EIGHT DETAINEES WERE
FORMALLY REMANDED TO THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL ON NOVEMBER 6

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ND WERE PHYSICALLY REMANDED ON NOVEMBER 8. THE MEN
WILL BE HELD IN MARIONA PRISON AND THE WOMAN WILL BE HELD
AT THE WOMEN'S PRISON IN ILOPANGO.
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