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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: COMPOSITION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SIX-MAN COMMISSION
TO INVESTIGATE IRREGULARITIES IN THE ARMED FORCES.

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TEXT: 1. COLONEL ADOLFO O. ((BLANDON)), COMMANDER OF THE
FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE, SAID ON 4 FEBRUARY 1983 THAT
PRESIDENT ALVARO ((MAGANA)) APPOINTED A COMMISSION ON 2 FEBRUARY
OF SIX SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES TO
INVESTIGATE THE EARLY JANUARY REBELLION OF LTC. SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA))
PEREZ IN SENSUNTEPEQUE, DEPARTMENT OF CABANAS, AND OTHER
DISCREPANCIES THAT EXIST IN THE ARMED FORCES. BLANDON EXPECTS
THE FINAL REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS TO BE READY IN
15 DAYS.

2. THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE: GENERAL CARLOS
EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL GUARD;
COL. CARLOS ((LOPEZ)) NUILA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL

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POLICE; COL. JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)), COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE; COL. ADOLFO O. BLANDON; COL. MARIO ADALBERTO ((REYES)) MENA, COMMANDER OF THE SECOND INFANTRY BRIGADE; AND LTC. RAFAEL HUMBERTO ((LARIOS)), HEAD OF THE ARMED FORCES MILITARY ACADEMY.

3. BLANDON AND BUSTILLO WERE NOT TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH PRESIDENT MAGANA'S APPOINTMENT OF THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THEY CLAIMED THAT THE FOUR ARE SUPPORTERS AND CLOSE FRIENDS OF GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)), THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE OBJECTIVE IN THEIR JUDGMENT OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE ARMED FORCES. BLANDON, HOWEVER, SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD PROBABLY OVERCOME THIS OBSTACLE.

4. COL. BLANDON SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. THE LTC. OCHOA PEREZ REBELLION;
- B. THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR;
- C. ADMINISTRATIVE IRREGULARITIES IN THE SALARIES AND PROMOTION OF SENIOR OFFICERS;
- D. FAVORITISM.

BLANDON ALSO SAID THE COMMISSION PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE VIABILITY OF THE 15 OCTOBER 1979 PROCLAMATION AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ARMED FORCES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE REFORMS DECREED IN THE PROCLAMATION.

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