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COUNTRY: (U) EL SALVADOR (ES).

SUBJ: [REDACTED] EL MOZOTE AFTER TEN YEARS (U)

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DOI: (U) 911211.

REQS: (U) [REDACTED] (b)(3):10 USC 424

SOURCES: (U) // [REDACTED] (b)(3):10 USC 424

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SUMMARY: (C/NF) ON 911211 [REDACTED] (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

[REDACTED] THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ALLEGED
EL MOZOTE MASSACRE. [REDACTED] HAS LITTLE DOUBT CIVILIANS
WERE KILLED, THE 1,100 FIGURES STRAINS CREDIBILITY. THE
BURDEN IS ON THE GOES/ESA. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

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TEXT: 1. (C/NF) ON 911211, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE TENTH
ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE EVENT, ORGANIZED BY
VARIOUS FRONT AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS.

2. (C/NF) THE EVENT, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 1300 HOURS, [REDACTED] (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)
WAS LATE IN GETTING STARTED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERE WERE
ONLY APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE GATHERED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE 500, PERHAPS THIRTY
WERE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. ANOTHER 150
(APPROXIMATELY) APPEARED TO BE "INTERNATIONALISTS"

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[REDACTED] MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "PEACE BRIGADES" -- A RADICAL SUPPORT GROUJP), HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVERS, AND FRONT GROUP ORGANIZERS. IN OTHER WORDS, IN A REMOTE AREA, STILL WITH THOUSANDS OF PEASANTS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE, ORGANIZERS COULD ONLY PRODUCE APPROXIMATELY 300 INTERESTED LOCALS. THE CROWD WAS TO LATER SWELL TO APPROXIMATELY 1,500 AS BUSES BROUGHT IN A MIX OF SEGUNDO MONTES [REDACTED] REPATRIATES AND OUTSIDERS. THE SAME PROPORTION OF PRESS, "INTERNATIONALISTS", HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVERS, AND FRONT GROUP ORGANIZERS GREW WITH THE SWELLING CROWD.

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3. (C/NF) THE STORY OF THE ALLEGED MASSACRE HAS PASSED INTO LEFT-WING FOLKLORE. GUITARISTS PLAYED SONG AFTER SONG RECOUNTING THE ALLEGED EVENT. AND EVERYONE HAD A VERY CONVINCING VERSION OF THE "MASSACRE"; ONLY, EVERY VERSION RECOUNTED DIFFERED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM EVERY OTHER VERSION. SOME OF THE APPARENT LOCALS RELATED THAT 700 PEASANTS HAD BEEN MASSACRED; OTHERS THAT UP TO 1100 WERE SLAIN. THE ONLY PURPORTED EYEWITNESS TO THE EVENTS OF TEN YEARS AGO SUPPORTED THE 1100 FIGURE AND RECOUNTED THAT THE ESAF HAD ROUNDED UP THE PEASANTS, SEPARATING THE MEN FROM THE WOMEN. MANY VICTIMS WERE BEHEADED ACCORDING TO HER ACCOUNT; AND UP TO 500 OF THE VICTIMS WERE CHILDREN. THIS "EYEWITNESS" WAS ACTUALLY RATHER CONVINCING -- IN A WELL REHEARSED SORT OF WAY.

4. (C/NF) EL MOZOTE ITSELF IS INDEED A "GHOST TOWN". THE VAGUE TOWN SQUARE HAS EVIDENCE OF FOUR STRUCTURES, WHILE ANOTHER FOUR ABANDONED STRUCTURES DEFINE THE OVERGROWN "MAIN STREET". OUTSIDE OF THESE, THERE IS NO FURTHER EVIDENCE OF A TOWN PROPER. ONLY ONE STRUCTURE IN THE SQUARE SHOWED EVIDENCE OF THE BATTLE WHICH PROBABLY TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER OF 1981.

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[REDACTED] THAT SAME STRUCTURE SHOWS EVIDENCE OF TWO POSSIBLE ROCKET HITS, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS .50 CALIBER AND 7.62MM HITS.

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5. (C/NF) PEASANTS DIGGING THROUGH THE RUBBLE OF THE STRUCTURE, PRODUCED A SIZEABLE BONE FRAGMENT OF UNKNOWN SPECIES. FURTHERMORE, THEY POINTED OUT CLUMPS OF "HAIR"

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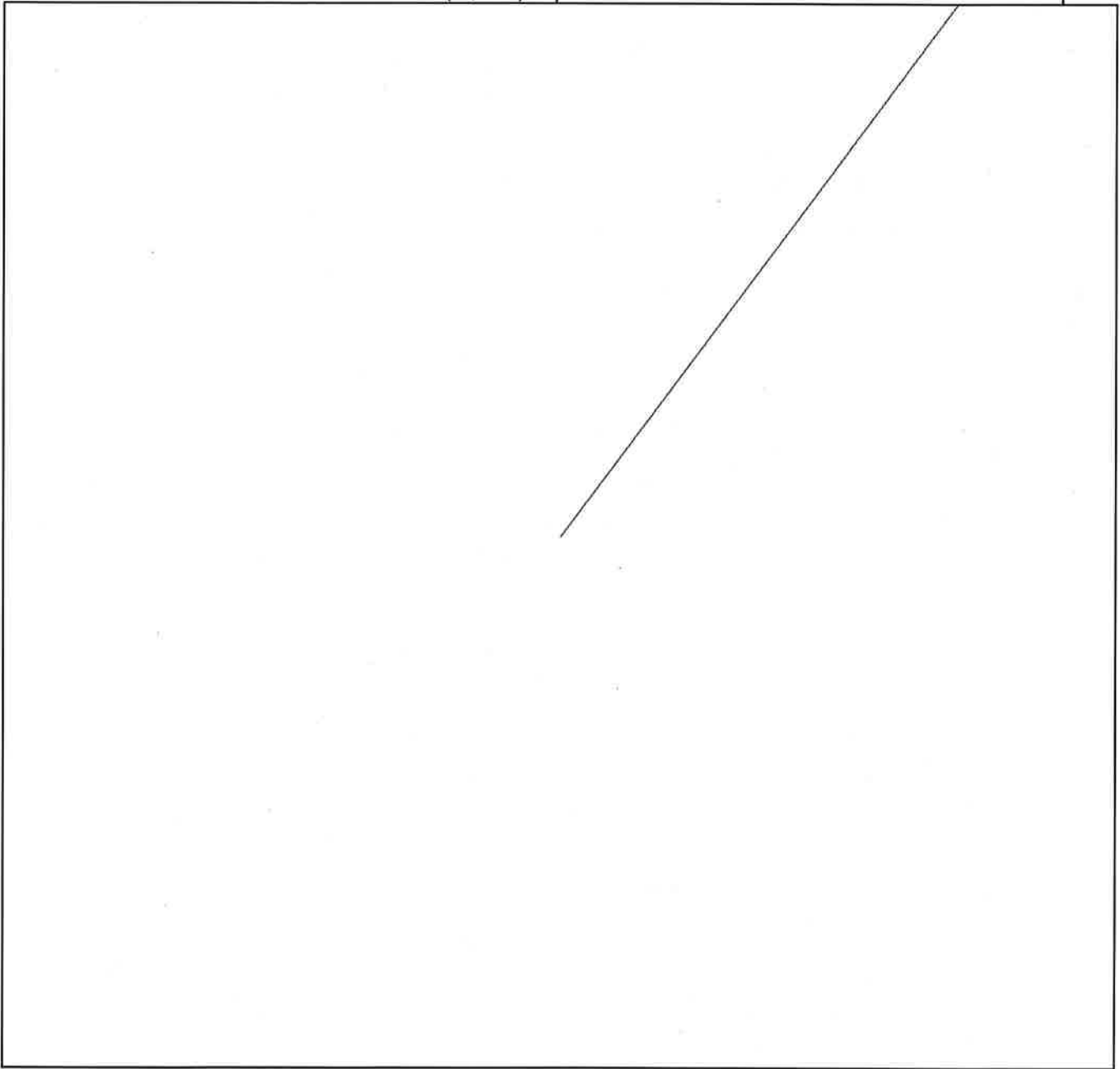
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PURPORTED TO BE FROM THE VICTIMS. (AMEMBASSY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO HAVE A QJANTITY OF THE "HAIR" ANALYZED). ALL OF THIS WAS DONE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. OTHERWISE, THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO POINT OUT A MASS GRAVE OR ANY BURIAL SITES. IN FACT NO ONE HAD ANY CONCRETE IDEA OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE BECOME OF 1100 BODIES.

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