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1. PRESS SUMMARY OF MARCH 21, 1985:

NEW YORK TIMES --

LIBERATION THEOLOGY: E.J. DIONNE JR, FRONT PAGE FROM
ROME, 3/20 ("VATICAN CRITICIZES BRAZILIAN BACKER OF NEW
THEOLOGY; CONDEMNATION OF 'LIBERATION' DOCTRINE SAYS AN

ATTACK ON HIERARCHY IS A THREAT") REPORTS THAT A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH SAYS THAT "THE REV. LEONARDO BOFF'S SHARP CRITIQUE OF THE HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COULD LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE AUTHENTIC SENSE OF THE SACRAMENTS AND OF THE WORD OF FAITH."

NICARAGUA: LARRY ROHTER, P. 3 FROM MANAGUA, 3/20 ("SANDINISTA IS PRESSING PEACE PLAN"): "NO SOONER HAD DANIEL ORTEGA SAAVEDRA FINISHED ATTENDING FUNERAL SERVICES FOR KONSTANTIN U. CHERNENKO IN MOSCOW LAST WEEK THAN THE NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT WAS BACK ON AN AIRPLANE. BUT INSTEAD OF HEADING HOME, HE WAS WINGING HIS WAY TO BRASILIA FOR THE INAUGURATION OF BRAZIL'S NEW CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE START OF A WEEKLONG VISIT."

THE TRIP "IS PART OF A DRIVE TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE PROPOSAL HE FIRST MADE PUBLIC LATE LAST MONTH..." AND TO "...STOP WHAT IN RECENT MONTHS HAS APPEARED TO BE AN EROSION IN SUPPORT FOR THE SANDINISTAS IN LATIN UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE.

"DIPLOMATS HERE ATTRIBUTE THAT EROSION ABROAD TO WHAT THEY SAY ARE SIGNS OF A NICARAGUAN 'TILT' TOWARD CLOSER TIES WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC AND RADICAL THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SUCH AS LIBYA AND IRAN. OFFICIAL PRESSURES ON THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE ALSO CITED.

"ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATS HERE, THE POOR TURNOUT FOR MR. ORTEGA'S OWN INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT IN JANUARY ALERTED THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT TO ITS DECLINE IN INTERNATIONAL STANDING." A EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT CALLS THE TURNOUT "A DISASTER..."

"THE DIPLOMATS SUGGESTED THAT THE SANDINISTAS SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER LOST GROUND WHEN PRES. REAGAN AND OTHER SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS RECENTLY EXPRESSED HARSH CRITICISM OF NICARAGUA.

"THE SANDINISTA CREDO HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT YOU USE ANY PLATFORM OFFERED TO YOU,' SAID A EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT HERE. 'AND THE BIGGER THE PLATFORM, THE MORE YOU USE IT.'" THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN LATIN AMERICA, BUT NICARAGUANS HAVE ALSO TRY TO "SHORE UP FLAGGING SUPPORT" IN WESTERN EUROPE.

BOLIVIA: LYDIA CHAVEZ, P. 3 FROM LA PAZ, 3/20 ("TROOPS ARE CALLED OUT IN BOLIVIAN STRIKE"): "PRES. HERNAN SILES ZUAZO DEPLOYED TROOPS AND RIOT POLICE IN THE CAPITAL TODAY TO MAINTAIN ORDER AS A GENERAL STRIKE ENTERED ITS 13TH DAY.

"IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE LEFTOF-CENTER GOVERNMENT HAD MOBILIZED TROOPS FOR SUCH DUTY. IT WAS UNCLEAR HOW MANY SOLDIERS HAD BEEN DEPLOYED, BUT THE NUMBER APPEARED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE WELL UNDER 2000."

SILES ZUAZO REPEATED HIS REFUSAL TO ACCEDE TO DEMANDS FOR INFLATION-ADJUSTED 400-500 PCT PAY INCREASES. THE STRIKE HAS CRIPPLED INDUSTRY AND LOST THE COUNTRY MORE THAN \$110 MILLION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS.

BRAZIL: ALAN RIDING, P. 4 FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, 3/20 ("BRAZIL CHIEF HAS NEW OPERATION"): "BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT-ELECT, TANCREDO NEVES, UNDERWENT NEW ABDOMINAL SURGERY TODAY JUST FIVE DAYS AFTER AN EMERGENCY OPERATION FOR AN INTESTINAL INFLAMMATION PREVENTED HIM FROM TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE." HIS CONDITION WAS REPORTED TO BE GOOD.

ARGENTINA: CLYDE H. FARNSWORTH, P. 5 FROM WASHINGTON, 3/20 ("ARGENTINE WARNS CONGRESS ABOUT DEBT CRISIS"): "PRES. RAUL ALFONSIN OF ARGENTINA TOLD A JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS TODAY THAT THE DEBT CRISIS OF LATIN AMERICA THREATENED PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

"AT THE SAME TIME HE URGED AMERICANS TO RECOGNIZE 'THE CONVERGENCE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND OUR COMMON INTERESTS.'"

REPORTS CONFIRMED BY BANKING OFFICIALS SAY ARGENTINA IS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN SEPTEMBER WITH THE IMF, WHICH "COULD LEAD TO A NEW FINANCIAL CRISIS..."

WASHINGTON POST --

MEXICO/NARCOTICS: MARY THORNTON, "FEDERAL REPORT" PAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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19, ("U.S. DRUG AGENTS ABROAD WIELD NO REAL AUTHORITY; COUNTRIES THAT ACCEPT DEA AGENTS COULD IN RETURN SEND THEIR OWN DRUG AGENTS TO THE U.S."), PROMPTED BY THE CAMARENA KIDNAP/MURDER CASE, WRITES ON DEA AGENTS STATIONED IN 61 CITIES ABROAD.

"IN THE PAST, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OFTEN ALLOWED DEA AGENTS TO ACCOMPANY THEM ON RAIDS OF SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKERS. IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE CAMARENA INVESTIGATION, AGENTS REGULARLY PROVIDED INTELLIGENCE TO THE MEXICANS AND THEN WENT ALONG ON THE RAIDS.

"BUT AFTER US AGENTS STARTED COMPLAINING THAT THE MEXICANS WEREN'T ACTING UNTIL AFTER SUSPECTS ESCAPED THAT COOPERATION BEGAN TO VANISH. AND SINCE CAMARENA'S BODY WAS FOUND ON MARCH 6, ALONG WITH THE BODY OF A MEXICAN PILOT WHO SOMETIMES FLEW MISSIONS FOR THE DEA, COOPERATION HAS CEASED."

BRAZIL: JACKSON DIEHL, P. 23 FROM RIO DE JANEIRO: ("BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS SECOND OPERATION; NEW GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO MOVE AHEAD") IN A STORY ON NEVES' CONDITION, SAYS "POLITICAL OBSERVERS HERE AND IN THE

CAPITAL SAID THAT A CONTINUED DETERIORATION OF NEVES' HEALTH COULD PROVOKE A MAJOR POLITICAL CRISIS IN HIS DELICATELY CONSTRUCTED GOVERNING COALITION." VP SARNEY MIGHT BE OPPOSED AS PERMANENT PRESIDENT BY SECTORS OF NEVES' PARTY.

ARGENTINA: JOHN M. GOSKO, P. 24 ("ARGENTINE LEADER SAYS LATIN SOLUTION MUST BE BASED ON NONINTERVENTION; ALFONSIN ADDRESSES JOINT MEETING OF HOUSE AND SENATE"): "ARGENTINE PRES. RAUL ALFONSIN TOLD CONGRESS YESTERDAY THAT A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA MUST BE BASED ON NONINTERVENTION BY OUTSIDE POWERS AND RESPECT UNCLASSIFIED

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BY COUNTRIES OF THE REGION FOR THE RIGHTS OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND THEIR NEIGHBORS."

"...ALFONSIN APPEARED TO BE DISTANCING HIMSELF FROM WHAT MANY LATIN AMERICANS REGARD AS EXCESSIVE US EMPHASIS ON MILITARY SOLUTIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. BUT HIS WORDS ALSO APPEARED TO IMPLY CRITICISM OF CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION FOR ATTEMPTING TO SOW DISCORD IN THE REGION AND OF THE SANDINISTAS FOR FAILING TO PERMIT DEMOCRACY IN NICARAGUA."

NICARAGUA/HONDURAS: : AP/MIAMI, 3/20 ("SANDINISTA FOES BLAME U.S. FOR OUSTER FROM HONDURAS"): "MEMBERS OF AN AMERICAN PARAMILITARY GROUP THAT LATER TRAINED ANTI-SANDINISTA REBELS SAY THEY WERE OUSTED FROM HONDURAS, AND THEY BLAME THE USG.

"CIVILIAN-MILITARY ASSISTANCE... HAD BEEN TRAINING MISKITO INDIANS TO FIGHT THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT IN THEIR NATIVE NICARAGUA.

"BUT CMA REPRESENTATIVES SAID THE US EMBASSY IN HONDURAS HAS ACCUSED THEM OF CROSSING THE BORDER TO TAKE ARMED ACTION AGAINST THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT. 14 CMA MEMBERS WERE EXPELLED SATURDAY FROM HONDURAS AFTER BEING GIVEN A LETTER BY MEN WHO SAID THEY WERE FROM THE US EMBASSY..."

STORY QUOTES THE LETTER, "WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN COMBAT OPERATIONS IN NICARAGUA RISKS PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THE SANDINISTAS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A PROPAGANDA WINDFALL."

NICARAGUA: UPI, SAME PAGE ("WHITE HOUSE CLARIFIES TALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF 'CONTRAS") NOTES WH SPOKESMAN SPEAKES' CLARIFICATION THAT "CONTRA" FORCES HAVE 2 1/2 TIMES AS MANY FIGHTERS AS THE SANDINISTAS HAD IN 1979. HE SAID, "THIS GOVERNMENT REQUIRES 10 TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN POWER. THEY HAVE AN EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE ARMED FORCE AS OPPOSED TO THE ARMED FORCE OF THE 'EVIL' SOMOZA GOVERNMENT."

BOLIVIA: "AROUND THE WORLD" BRIEF, P. 26: ("TROOPS USED IN BOLIVIA").

BRAZIL: : SAME COLUMN FROM SAO PAULO: ("3500 INMATES REBEL IN BRAZIL") NOTES CENTRAL PRISON RIOT.

ARGENTINA: SAME COLUMN NOTES CHARGES AGAINST NINE FORMER MILITARY COMMANDERS.

CHILE: JOHN M. GOSHKO AND DON OBERDORFER, P. 29 ("HOUSE PANEL ENDORSES SANCTIONS AGAINST CHILE; 'DETERIORATION' IN HUMAN RIGHTS CITED"): "A HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE, OVER OBJECTIONS FROM THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, YESTERDAY ENDORSED NEW US ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SANCTIONS AGAINST CHILE BECAUSE OF THE 'MARKET DETERIORATION' IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE."

AMONG SUGGESTED SANCTIONS WOULD BE "US VOTES AGAINST LOANS AND GRANTS TO CHILE LBY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND AN END TO ALL US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILE, INCLUDING CASH SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES."

DAS MICHEL TOLD THE HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL THAT "THE SITUATION IS FAR TOO COMPLEX AND OUR INTERESTS TOO IMPORTANT" IN CHILE FOR "RIGID POSITIONS" TO BE DESIRABLE OR EFFECTIVE. THE ADMINISTRATION, MICHEL SAID, SHARES THE GOAL OF RESTORING DEMOCRACY, BUT THE RESOLUTION WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE "LITTLE BEARING ON SUPPORTING THE RETURN TO DEMOCRACY." STATE DEPT SOURCES SAID IT WOULD LIKELY HARDEN PINOCHET'S ATTITUDE.

STORY ALSO REPORTS THAT "SENATE CONSERVATIVES ARE SEEKING TO BLOCK THE NOMINATION OF HARRY G. BARNES JR, SECSTATE

SHULTZ'S CHOICE TO BE US AMBASSADOR IN SANTIAGO." HE MIGHT BE SENT TO VENEZUELA INSTEAD.

"SUCH A SWITCH WOULD BE A BLOW TO SHULTZ'S POLICY AND PRESTIGE, ESPECIALLY IF FORCED ON HIM BY CONSERVATIVES IN CONGRESS.

"ADMINISTRATION SOURCES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT STRONG CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LED BY SEN. JESSE HELMS (R-NC) HAS PERSUADED THE WHOUSE TO HOLD UP BARNES' NOMINATION AND TO CONSIDER NOMINATING SMEONE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO CONSERVATIVES. SOURCES CLOSE TO THE CONSERVATIVES SAID THEY HAVE ASKED THE WHOUSE TO GIVE THE JOB TO THOMAS ARANDA JR, A PHOENIX LAWYER NOW AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY..."

"DEPT SPECIALISTS ON LATIN AMERICA SAID THAT, WHILE SUCH A SWITCH MIGHT BE A FACE-SAVING COMPROMISE FOR SHULTZ, IT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE IN POLICY TERMS."

HONDURAS: JACK ANDERSON COLUMN, P. DC13 ("PENTAGON PROBES HONDURAN MURDERS") REPORTS A SECRET DOD INVESTIGATION OF "THE DISTURBING POSSIBILITY THAT DOZENS OF SUSPECTED LEFTISTS WERE MURDERED BY HONDURAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN A US-FUNDED PROGRAM" THOUGH THERE IS NO EVIDENCE US OFFICIALS WERE AWARE OF THE EXECUTIONS.

THE PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN TEGUCIGALPA, WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPOSED TO CURB THE ARMS FLOW TO SALVADORAN REBELS. THERE WERE SEVERAL CASES OF "DISAPPEARANCES" OF LEFTISTS AFTER DETENTION BY HONDURAN OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM.

A HONDURAN SOURCE "EMPHATICALLY ABSOLVED US MILITARY ADVISERS OF COMPLICITY... THOUGH THE AMERICANS SOMETIMES JOINED IN THE INTERROGATIONS, HE SAID, THEY WERE INTENTIONALLY KEPT IGNORANT OF THE ILLEGAL EXECUTIONS."

ANDERSON CONCLUDES, "MOST OBSERVERS ON THE SCENE AGREE THAT THE ARMS-INTERDICTION PROGRAM IN HONDURAS HAS SUCCEEDED. AS EARLY AS 1982, SOURCES SAID, ARMS SHIPMENTS HAD SHRUNK TO A TRICKLE. THIS WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS CHANGED ITS STRATEGY AND DEMANDED THAT THE SANDINISTAS CRY 'UNCLE'

"THE ARMS-INTERDICTION JUSTIFICATION MAY NO LONGER EXIST."

WALL STREET JOURNAL -

BOLIVIA: FRONT-PAGE "WHAT'S NEWS--" NOTES TROOP MOBILIZATION.

HONDURAS/NICARAGUA: SAME COLUMN NOTES OUSTER OF THE US

PARAMILITARY GROUP.

TURKS AND CAICOS: SAME COLUMN NOTES SAUNDERS RESIGNATION FOLLOWING INDICTMENT IN MIAMI.

ARGENTINA: LETTER FROM PRAVIN BANKER, P. 31, NOTES PARALLEL MARKET ECONOMY.

NICARAGUA: ALEXANDER COCKBURN (THE NATION), "VIEWPOINT," SAME PAGE ("WEINBERGER PRACTICES THE DARK ARTS OF MISREPRESENTATION"): "...AMID THE LARGER RED SCARE-- UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT THE SUPPOSED IMMINENCE OF A SOVIET ATTACK-- WHICH IS A PERMANENT FIXTURE OF THE LANDSCAPE, A SMALLER RED SCARE IS NOW IN FULL SWING, AIMED AT PERSUADING THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL AND CONGRESS IN PARTICULAR THAT NICARAGUA STANDS POISED TO ANNEX THE REST OF CENTRAL AMERICA TO THE SOVIET EMPIRE AND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO COUNTER THIS THREAT TO US SECURITY IS TO RELEASE, FOR OPENERS, \$14 MILLION TO THE 'CONTRAS.'

"NO WEAPON HAS BEEN SPURNED BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IN THIS CAMPAIGN... CASPAR WEINBERGER AND GEORGE SHULTZ HAVE BEEN PRACTICING THE DARK ARTS OF MISREPRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS." HE CRITICIZES A "WHITE PAPER" DRAFT FOR MISREPRESENTING A LETTER FROM SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO TO GRENADA PM BISHOP.

USA TODAY --

BOLIVIA: P. 7 SPECIAL: ("ARMY DISPELS STRIKE MOB IN BOLIVIA").

PERU: "WORLD" BRIEF, SAME PAGE (NO CIVIL RIGHTS IF WAGE STRIKE CONTINUES): "THE GOVERNMENT THREATENED WEDNESDAY TO SUSPEND CIVIL RIGHTS AND DECLARE A NATIONWIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS A STRIKE BY 400,000 ENTERED ITS THIRD WEEK."

BRAZIL: SAME COLUMN: ("NEVES UNDERGOES MORE SURGERY").

BALTIMORE SUN --

NICARAGUA: "IN THE WORLD" BRIEF, P. 4: ("US SETS RECORD STRAIGHT ON ESTIMATE OF FORCE SIZE").

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ARGENTINA/NICARAGUA: SAME COLUMN: ("ALFONSIN DECLINES TO TAKE US OR NICARAGUAN SIDE").

ARGENTINA: SAME COLUMN: ("9 EX-LEADERS CHARGED WITH

RIGHTS VIOLATIONS").

BOLIVIA: SAME COLUMN: ("ARMY DRIVERS PROTESTERS OFF STREETS; STRIKE GOES ON").

ARGENTINA: WAYNE S. SMITH (ARGENTINE STUDIES, JOHNS HOPKINS SAIC) PIECE, P. 11 ("TO AVOID ANOTHER WAR") DISCUSSES THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS DISPUTE. HIS SOLUTION "WOULD BE ONE IN WHICH ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY WAS

RECOGNIZED BUT THE ISLANDS WERE DESIGNATED A SEMI-AUTONOMOUS, SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY. ARGENTINE SENSIBILITIES WOULD BE ASSUAGED, BUT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE, THE ISLANDERS WOULD RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS. THEY COULD CERTAINLY REMAIN BRITISH SUBJECTS." HE RECOMMENDS THE US ACT AS MEDIATOR TO GET THE TWO COUNTRIES TO RESUME TALKS, AND THEN TO GUARANTEE ANY AGREEMENT.

BRAZIL: AP/BRASILIA, P. 14: ("BRAZIL LEADER'S PROGNOSIS 'GOOD' AFTER SURGERY").

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

EL SALVADOR: CHRIS NORTON, FRONT PAGE FROM TEJUTLA ("SALVADOR COLONEL RUNS PROVINCE AS A WARLORD") WRITES ON THE ROLE OF COL. SIGIFREDO OCHOA PEREZ IN CHALATENANGO PROVINCE. OCHOA TELLS VILLAGERS "THAT THE ARMY HAS CHANGED. THE PEOPLE CAN NOW TRUST THE ARMED FORCES. THERE HAVE BEEN ABUSES IN THE PAST, BUT ANY NEW ABUSES WILL BE PUNISHED... COL. OCHOA IS CAREFUL TO ADD THAT THE ARMY DOESN'T SUPPORT ANY OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES-- THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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IT SUPPORTS THE 'DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.'

"OCHOA-- PART WARLORD, PART POLITICIAN-- GIVES THE SORT OF PERFORMANCE THE SALVADOREAN HIGH COMMAND NOW EXPECTS OF ITS COMMANDERS. OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE MILITARY HAS SHIFTED TO PLACING A HIGH EMPHASIS ON PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL WARFARE, IN ADDITION TO MILITARY MEANS, TO FIGHT THE NATION'S CIVIL WAR."

NORTON NOTES THAT "OCHOA IS CONSIDERED A HARD-LINE RIGHTIST AND SPOKE OUT STRONGLY AGAINST THE GUERRILLA-DECLARED CHRISTMAS TRUCE, WHICH DUARTE INITIALLY SAID HE SUPPORTED," MENTIONS HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO D'AUBUISSON AND HIS DEFIANCE OF DEFMIN GARCIA IN 1983.

ARGENTINA: "NEWS IN BRIEF," P. 2: "ARGENTINE PRESIDENT URGES US ROLE IN HEMISPHERE STABILITY").

BOLIVIA: SAME COLUMN: ("TROOPS CALLED OUT TO CONTROL

BOLIVIAN FOOD AND FUEL RIOTS").

TURKS AND CAICOS: SAME COLUMN: ("CARIBBEAN OFFICIAL RESIGNS AFTER FACING US DRUG CHARGES").

PANAMA: JAMES NELSON GOODSSELL, P. 13 FROM PANAMA CITY ("PANAMA CIVILIANS WORRY THAT GENERALS ARE ABOUT TO TAKE

POWER") SEES ARDITO BARLETTA'S HOLD ON POWER AS TENUOUS, AS THE MILITARY QUESTIONS HIS ABILITY TO RUN THINGS, AND HE BECOMES INCREASINGLY ISOLATED.

"ALONG AVENIDA CENTRAL AND IN THE SHOPS..., IT IS HARD TO UNCLASSIFIED

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FIND ANYONE WHO EXPECTS ARDITO BARLETTA TO BE IN OFFICE AT YEAR'S END. INSTEAD, THE BETTING IS THAT THE MILITARY WILL SOON TAKE POWER AGAIN..." HIS MAIN PROBLEM MAY BE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, WHOSE LEADERSHIP DOES NOT LIKE THE POPULAR DISCONTENT CAUSED BY RECENT BUDGET CUTS.

BRAZIL: WAYNE A. SELCHER (SCHOLAR-ANALYST FOR STATE ON US-BRAZIL RELATIONS) OP-ED, P. 16 ("BRAZIL -- ISSUES FOR AN EMERGING DEMOCRACY"; BOX: "INSTITUTIONAL CHOICES MADE NOW, AND THE REACTIONS TO THEM, WILL SHAPE BRAZIL'S POLITICAL EVOLUTION FOR YEARS.") CONCLUDES: "BRAZIL'S EXPERIMENT IN DEMOCRACY AROSE LARGELY FROM INTERNAL FORCES AND CANNOT BE TRANSPLANTED ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA. IT IS RARE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD FOR AN AUTHORITARIAN REGIME TO TURN OVER POWER GRADUALLY AND STABLY TO A DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED SUCCESSOR, AS HAPPENED IN BRAZIL. SHOULD BRAZIL, WITH ITS 130 MILLION INHABITANTS, DEVELOP A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, IT WOULD BE THE THIRD MOST POPULOUS DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD... AS PART OF A DEMOCRATIC TREND IN LATIN AMERICA, IT IS QUIET SUCCESSES LIKE THIS ONE THAT FIT AMERICAN PURPOSES OF ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF FREEDOM IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE BRAZILIAN EXPERIMENT DESERVES OUR SUPPORT."

WASHINGTON TIMES -

NICARAGUA/COSTA RICA: GLENN GARVIN, FRONT PAGE FROM SANTA ROSA, COSTA RICA ("NICARAGUAN REFUGEES FLOOD COSTA RICA"): "THOUSANDS OF NICARAGUAN REFUGEES, FLEEING A STEPPED-UP MILITARY DRAFT..., ARE SWEEPING INTO COSTA RICA IN A HUMAN TIDAL WAVE THAT THREATENS TO SWAMP THIS LITTLE REPUBLIC."

PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER PIZA SAYS 3000 ARRIVED IN THREE DAYS LAST WEEK. THE RED CROSS IS TRYING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF 20,000, BUT PIZA ESTIMATES ANOTHER 80,000 UNCLASSIFIED

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NICARAGUANS MAY BE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT FORMALLY DECLARING THEMSELVES.

CUBA: JOHN LOFTON COLUMN, FRONT PAGE ("RATHER LETS CASTRO OFF HOOK IN DRUG INTERVIEW") ACCUSES CBS'S DAN RATHER OF BEING MANIPULATED BY CASTRO. "...MR. RATHER'S DISGRACEFUL INTERVIEW OF FIDEL CASTRO IS CERTAINLY AN ASTONISHING EXAMPLE OF THE SUPPRESSION OF A MAJOR

COMMUNIST PLOT TO USE DRUGS TO DESTROY AMERICA."

TURKS AND CAICOS: BOB ROBINSON, P. 3: ("TURKS AND CAICOS' MINISTER TO QUIT, BUT LETTER STILL SEALED").

BRAZIL: "AMERICAS" BRIEF, P. 5: ("NEVES UNDERGOES 2ND OPERATION").

GUYANA: SAME COLUMN ("CHURCHES ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY") NOTES STATE-RUN BROADCASTING COMPANY CHARGES AGAINST A COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DOCUMENT CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

CHILE: ROGER FONTAINE, SAME PAGE ("CHILE TAKES CALCULATED AVENUE TO DEMOCRACY") INTERVIEWS AMBASSADOR TO THE US HERNAN FELIPE ERRAZURIZ, WHO SAID THAT "HIS GOVERNMENT WILL RETURN TO DEMOCRACY ON SCHEDULE IN 1989, AND WARNED WITH HINTS THAT RECENT US EFFORTS TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS WILL NOT SUCCEED."

BOLIVA: AP/LA PAZ, SAME PAGE: ("BOLIVIA USES ARMY AGAINST STRIKERS"); BOX: "IT WAS THE FIRST TIME MR. SILES ZUAZO CALLED OUT THE MILITARY SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE").

ARGENTINA: THOMAS D. BRANDT AND BILL OUTLAW, P. 8:
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("ALFONSIN ASKS END TO MILITARY INTERVENTION").

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TV NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS, MARCH 20, 1985:

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS

ALFONSIN VISIT (TOM BROKAW) ARGENTINA'S PRESIDENT ALFONSIN IS A FRIEND OF THE U.S., BUT HE DID NOT ENDORSE THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IN CENTRAL AMERICA TODAY WHEN HE ADDRESSED A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS. HE SAID THERE MUST BE REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN THE REGION AND HE SAID OTHER COUNTRIES MUST NOT INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS.

CBS EVENING NEWS

CAMARENA CASE (DAN RATHER) - IN MEXICO CITY TODAY, SEVEN

POLICE OFFICERS BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAP AND KILLING OF DEA AGENT ENRIQUE CAMARENA. EACH OF THE SEVEN TOLD CBS NEWS TODAY THE SAME STORY. EACH TO A MAN CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OR CONTACT WITH THE SLAIN AMERICAN. EACH TO A MAN CLAIMED THAT THEY ONLY SIGNED CONFESSIONS AFTER FOUR STRAIGHT DAYS OF SEVERE TORTURE. THEY DID NOT, THEY SAY, NOW WHAT THEY WERE SIGNING.

GUADALAJARA"-MISSING AMERICAN (MIKE O'CONNOR, GUADALAJARA) - ENRIQUE CAMARENA IS NOT THE ONLY AMERICAN TO TURN UP MISSING IN MEXICO. THERE ARE SEVEN OTHER AMERICANS STILL MISSING SOUTH OF THE BORDER. NOT KNOWING WHETHER YOU CAN TRUST THE POLICE TO HELP FIND THEM IS PAINFUL.

A SCHOOL TEACHER FROM MINNESOTA IS TRYING TO DETERMINE IF SHE IS A WIDOW. EVE WALKER'S HUSBAND DISAPPEARED 50 DAYS AGO TODAY. SHE IS TRYING TO PRESSURE THE GUADALAJARA UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICE INTO SOLVING THE CASE. POLICE SAY THEY HAVE NO LEADS, BUT RECENT ARRESTS OF POLICE LINKED TO GANGSTERS MAKE HER WONDER (FOOTAGE OF EVE WALKER: "YOU DON'T KNOW IF THE PERSON WHO SAYS THEY'RE HELPING YOU FIND YOUR HUSBAND IS IN FACT INVOLVED IN HIS DISAPPEARANCE OR IF HE'S GENUINELY TRYING TO HELP YOU.") JOHN WALKER IS OR WAS A WOUNDED VIETNAM VETERAN LIVING ON A DISABILITY PENSION TRYING TO BE AN AUTHOR. HE AND ANOTHER AMERICAN DISAPPEARED AFTER VISITING GUADALAJARA BARS, ONE REPORTEDLY OWNED BY A DRUG LORD. TO FURTHER COMPLICATE EVEN WALKER'S PROBLEMS, LAST WEEK THE POLICE ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE OF FINDING THE MISSING AMERICAN DIED WHILE BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT POLICE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CAMARENA MURDER. GETTING COOPERATION HAS NOT BEEN EASY. AFTER MANY EMPTY PROMISES EVE WALKER FINALLY GOT THE REPORT OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATION LATE YESTERDAY. SHE IS DETERMINED TO PUSH THE POLICE UNTIL THERE IS A RESOLUTION.

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT

MURDER TRIAL/MEXICO (JOHN QUINONES, GUADALAJARA) - THERE ARE THE THREE MEXICAN STATE POLICE OFFICERS SHWO WILL GO ON TRIAL FOR THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF THE AMERICAN DRUG AGENT AND HIS MEXICAN PILOT. FEDERAL POLICE SAY THE MEN HAVE CONFESSED TO THEIR ROLES IN THE MURDER. BUT EARLIER THIS WEEK THE SUSPECTS COMPLAINED THAT THEY WERE TORTURED AND FORCED TO SIGN CONFESSIONS. THEY APPEARED BRUISED AND SCARED.

ACCORDING TO THE SUSPECTS, AFTER THEY KIDNAPPED CAMARENA, HE WAS BEATEN TO DEATH BY RAPHAEL CARRO CONTERO--THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKER NOW WANTED FOR MURDER. UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUR OTHER SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN THE CASE, ALSO STATE
POLICE OFFICERS, HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH COCAINE AND
MARIJUANA TRAFFICKING AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS. SHULTZ

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