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1. ~~(C)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. (U) IN A FULL PAGE AD APPEARING IN EL INDEPENDIENTE MAY 16, FAPU PUBLICLY DENIES RUMORS IT IS PROMOTING A CONFLICT WITH THE BPR. FAPU SAYS THE "ETERNAL ENEMIES" OF THE PEOPLE HAVE CIRCULATED RUMORS THAT FAPU IS SUPPORTING A "POSSIBLE IMPERIALSIT COUP," HAS "FLED COMBAT", AND "IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE JUNTA" FOR THE PURPOSE OF (A) GENERATING CONFLICTS AMONG THE "REVOLUTIONARY AND DEMOCRATIC ORGANIATIONS," (B) CREATING DOUBT AND CONFUSION AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND (C) GENERATING LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN FAPU'S MILITANCY. FAPU
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CONDEMNS THE ATTITUDE OF THE "POLITICALLY IMMATURE AND THE DISHONEST" WHO ARE GIVING ECHO TO SUCH RUMORS.

2. (U) FAPU EXPLAINS THAT THE DECLARATION IS TO AVOID DISTRACTION FROM THE TASKS AT HAND WHICH ARE "THE PREPARATION OF A GENERA STRIKE THAT WILL END IN POPULAR INSURRECTION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, THE STRENGTHENING OF THE POPULAR MILITIAS, AND INTENSIFICATION OF THE TEACHING AND HANDLING OF ARMS FOR OUR PEOPLE." IT FURTHER STATES THE ORGANIZATION IS WORKING ON THE PROPOSALS MADE LAST MONTH TO THE COORDINADORA REVOLUCIONARIA DE MASAS (CRM) FOR THE CREATION OF A "PROVISIONAL GOVERNING JUNTA AND LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK." THE AD CONCLUDES WITH THE ADMONITION TO THE SALVADORAN PUBLIC TO BE ALERT TO THE CALL "WE WILL MAKE AT ANY MINUTE."

3. (LOU) COMMENT: THE WORDING OF THE AD APPEARS TO GIVE SOME SUBSTANCE TO THE REPORTS OF DISSENSION IN THE RANKS OF THE CRM. IT IS WRYLY HUMOROUS THAT FAPU HAS TO RESTATE IS MILITANCY; IT APPARENTLY FEELS IT SUFFERES FROM THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM THAT IT AMONG THE POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS IS THE MOST REASONABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO A DIALOGUE. IT IS IRONIC THAT FAPU RETAINS THIS REPUTATION DESPITE ALL ITS EFFORTS TO THE CONTRARY.

4. ~~(C)~~ FAPU AND ITS LABOR AFFILIATE FENASTRAS ARE SPEAKING FREQUENTLY NOW OF PREPARATION OFOR A GENERAL STRIKE. THEIR MOST RECENT EFFORT TO CONDUCT A GENERAL STRIKE ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE. HOWEVER, THEY DO CONTROL THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNION WHICH PRESUMABLY CAN --IF DETERMINED--TURN OFF THE ELECTRICITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, BRINGING IT TO A STANDSTILL.

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