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COUNTRY EL SALVADOR

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SUBJECT ASSERTION BY JORGE SCHAFIK HANDAL, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF EL SALVADOR, THAT THERE IS NO EXTREME LEFTIST TERROR/ST THREAT IN EL SALVADOR

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SOURCE [redacted]

1. [redacted] JORGE SCHAFIK <sup>EL. SAL.</sup> H A N D A L ,  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF EL SALVADOR (PCES),

TOLD SALVADORAN PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES THAT TERRORISM BASED ON POLITICAL MOTIVES DID NOT REPRESENT ANY THREAT IN EL SALVADOR. HANDAL CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE NO GUERRILLAS IN EL SALVADOR, CONTRARY TO OCCASIONAL POLICE AND PRESS REPORTS.

(HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: [redacted])

[redacted] THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR AND THE PCES HAVE HAD A MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION PACT SINCE AUGUST 1973.)

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2. THE PCES LEADER ASSERTED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO PROOF, THE ACTS OF VIOLENCE DURING RECENT MONTHS IN EL SALVADOR ATTRIBUTED TO EXTREME LEFTIST TERRORISTS OR GUERRILLAS WERE NOTHING MORE THAN THE WORK OF GANGSTERS AND DELINQUENTS. HE ADDED THAT WHILE SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE VIOLENCE MAY HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED AT SOME TIME WITH A MARXIST GROUP, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THESE ACTS HAD BEEN PLANNED OR DIRECTED BY ANY EXTREME LEFTIST GROUP.

3. HANDAL WENT ON TO SAY THAT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ENAMORED WITH "MAOISM" WERE INDIVIDUAL CASES AND NOT PART OF AN ORGANIZED POLITICAL GROUP OR MOVEMENT. HE CALLED THESE ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS THE PRODUCT OF A PASSING STAGE IN THE FORMATION OF A MARXIST.

4. MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ~~PEOPLE'S~~ REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) AND THE ~~POPULAR~~ LIBERATION FORCES (FPL), HANDAL SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THESE GROUPS WERE FUNCTIONING AT PRESENT. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO WAS EDITING "EL REBELDE," AN OCCASIONAL MIMEOGRAPHED BULLETIN ATTRIBUTED TO THE FPL, AND THAT HE DOUBTED ITS AUTHENTICITY.

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: "EL REBELDE" HAS CREDITED THE FPL AND THE ERP WITH NUMEROUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS. SALVADORAN POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO UNCOVER ANY EVIDENCE LINKING THESE ACTS WITH MILITANT LEFTIST GROUPS.)

6. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE RATHER THAN ANY OPPOSITION GROUP HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1974. [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] DISSEM: EMBASSY, DEFATT AT SAN SALVADOR.

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