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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, PREL, ES, CA
SUBJECT: CANADA AND AMNESTY

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Oscar Olson, Senior Reviewer

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1. C. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AHARON MAYNE FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE CALLED THE EMBASSY APRIL 26. HE WANTED TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THE AMNESTY BILL CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. HE REPORTED THAT A CANADIAN DELEGATION CONSISTING OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS IS STANDING BY TO DISCUSS RESETTLEMENT OF AMNESTY RECIPIENTS NOT ACCUSED OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND WAR ORPHANS IN CANADA. THE DELEGATION PLANS TO TRAVEL TO EL SALVADOR ON OR ABOUT MAY 2, IF THE ASSEMBLY PASSES THE AMNESTY AND IF BY THAT TIME THERE IS AN AMNESTY BOARD OR SOMEONE ELSE IN THE GOVERNMENT WITH DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE. (NOTE: THE ASSEMBLY IS SLATED TO PASS THE AMNESTY ON APRIL 29. SEE REFTEL; BEING REPEATED TO OTTAWA.)

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3. MAYNE SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY TO SET UP A FORMAL OR INFORMAL MEETING WITH DELEGATION MEMBERS. HINTON

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