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

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Oscar Olson, Senior
Reviewer

REF: A) SAN SALVADOR 3684, B) SAN SALVADOR 3970

1. C. ENTIRE TEXT.
2. POLOFF SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH OFFICIAL CANADIAN VISITORS IN SAN SALVADOR TO DISCUSS RESETTLEMENT IN CANADA OF AMNESTY RECIPIENTS NOT ACCUSED OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND WAR ORPHANS. THEY REPORTED THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT TO RESETTLE AN UNKNOWN, BUT PROBABLY SMALL NUMBER OF AMNESTY RECIPIENTS AS SOON AS THE AMNESTY LAW JUST PASSED BY THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY GOES INTO EFFECT (REF B, BEING REPEATED TO OTTAWA). THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT FINAL DECISION ON RESETTLEMENT NOW RESTS WITH THE CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.
3. FOR SAN JOSE: PLEASE SHARE REF B WITH AHARON MAYNE OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY.
4. FOR OTTAWA: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY READOUT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE ON THE RESETTLEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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