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TEXT: 1. [redacted]

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2. [redacted]

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A GROUP OF SENIOR SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICERS ARE WORKING FOR DUARTE'S OUSTER, "ONE WAY OR ANOTHER," BUT ARE PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL MID-JANUARY 1985 TO MAKE THEIR MOVE. [redacted]

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[redacted] THE PLOTTERS HOPE THAT, GIVEN A FEW MORE WEEKS, THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WILL SAVE THEM THE TROUBLE OF MOVING AGAINST DUARTE BY LEGALLY REMOVING THE PRESIDENT FROM OFFICE OVER HIS PARTIAL VETO OF THE ELECTORAL LAW. [redacted] COMMENT: WITH ALL

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THE SIDES IN THE ELECTORAL LAW DISPUTE APPEARING TO CLAIM THAT THE CONSTITUTION FAVORS THEIR PARTICULAR VIEW, THE "LEGALITIES" IN ANY IMPEACHMENT OR OTHER PARLIAMENTARY POWER PLAY ARE

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UNCLEAR. THE EVENING OF 28 DECEMBER DUARTE MADE AN UNSCHEDULED ADDRESS ON SALVADORAN NATIONAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATING THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO HAVE A NEW DIALOGUE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO ACHIEVE A COMPROMISE SATISFACTORY TO ALL ON THE ISSUE OF THE ELECTORAL LAW. DUARTE SAID THIS MANNER OF RESOLUTION IS PREFERABLE TO REFERRING THE CONTROVERSY TO THE SUPREME COURT.)

3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE KEY MILITARY PLOTTERS AGAINST DUARTE AS:
COLONEL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)), COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE;
COLONEL ADOLFO ONECIFERO ((BLANDON)), CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF; LIEUTENANT COLONEL MIGUEL ANTONIO ((MENDEZ)), COMMANDER OF THE THIRD BRIGADE; LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE; LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERTO MAURICIO ((STABEN)), COMMANDER OF THE ARCE BATTALION, AND MAJOR JOAQUIN EDUARDO ((ZACAPA)), EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE FIRST BRIDAGE.

4. THE PLOTTERS SAY THAT THEIR MAIN MOTIVE FOR THE COUP ATTEMPT IS THEIR OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT DUARTE'S PLAN TO PROMOTE THE VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC SECURITY COLONEL CARLOS REYNALDO ((LOPEZ)) NUILA, TO GENERAL RANK AND/OR TO HAVE HIM REPLACE MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA WHEN THE LATTER RETIRES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOPEZ WILL

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NOT BE PROMOTED TO GENERAL RANK WHEN THE NEW GENERAL ORDER IS RELEASED ON OR ABOUT 31 DECEMBER. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE PLOTTERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN EXPECTED LEVELS OF SUPPORT IN THE OFFICER CORP TO MOVE AGAINST DUARTE.)

5. [REDACTED]

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