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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CEN DIRECTOR ROMERO

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: AMGT ES
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. OFFICIAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR
DECLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "WE HAVE
RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT THE FEBRUARY 9 FIREBOMBING OF
THE SALVADORAN OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER, 'EL DIARIO LATINO'
WAS CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE FMLN WHO WERE WORKING
FOR THE PAPER AS PART OF A PLAN TO BLAME THE SALVADORAN
GOVERNMENT AND TO PROVOKE PROTEST AGAINST THE SUPPOSED
INCIDENT OF REPRESSION."

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2. WE REQUEST AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS NOT LATER THAN MONDAY MARCH 25 ON THE IDEA OF USING THIS STATEMENT ON THE RECORD WITH PRESS AND OTHERS.

3. WE PROPOSE TO PITCH IT BY SAYING THAT, AS IN THE CASE OF THE AYUTUXTEPEQUE MASSACRE, ONE SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY ACCEPT OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT THE GOES, ESAF OR RIGHTISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE.

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