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E.O. 12065: GDS 1/28/86 (DEVINE, FRANK J) OR-M
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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. POLOFF MET JAN 24 WITH SECRETARIES GENERAL OF FAPU AND ITS UNION AFFILIATE FENASTRANS, JOSE ALBERTO RAMOS AND HECTOR BERNABE RECINOS RESPECTIVELY, WHO HAD REQUESTED MEETING TO DISCUSS APLAR CASE. RAMOS AND RECINOS WERE SEEKING EMBASSY AND USG ASSISTANCE IN PERSUADING MANAGEMENT

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TO KEEP FACTORY OPERATING. THEY SAID WORKERS'D PREFERENCE IS THAT BECKMAN INSTUMENTS CONTINUE OPERATNG PLANT AS IN PAST, BUT IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT SALVADORAN WORKERS AND TECHNICIANS BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS UNDER CONTRACT WITH BECKMAN. RAMOS AND RECHOS SAID THEY WOULD GUARANTEE STABLE AND RESPONSIBLE WORK FORCE IF MANAGEMENT WERE TO REACH AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED OPERATION.

3. POLOFF RESPONDED THAT NEITHER EMBASSY NOR USG COULD INTERVENE IN MATTER NOR IN ANY WAY REPRESENT OR NEGOTIATE FOR COMPANY. HE SAID PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF COMPANY UNDER LAWS OF EL SALVADOR. HE DID POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT BECKMAN RELUCTANCE TO CONINUE OPERATION WAS UNDERSTANDABLE IN VIEW OF KIDNAPPING OF TWO OF THEIR U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY OF COUNTRY, FOR WHICH ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH RAMOS AND RECINOS ARE ASSOCIATED HAD TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY. THEY RESPONDED THAT THEY HAD IMPRESSION BECKMAN WAS WILLING TO CONINUE OPERATION AFTER KIDNAPPINGS AND IN SPITE OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY, BUT WHAT COMPANY HAD BEEN UNWILLING TO ACEEPT WAS UNIONIZATION OF ITS WORKERS.

4. RAMOS AND RECINOS WENT ON TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN OVER LARGE-SCALE UNEMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER LOSSES OF JOBS. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THEIR ORGANIZATIONS ARE OPPOSED TO DESTRUCTION OF FACTORIES, BURNING OF BUSES, DISRUPTION OF HARVEST, ETC. SUCH ACTIONS, THEY SAID, ARE SENSELESS AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE.

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5. COMMENT: RAMOS AND RECINOS THUS JOINED UDN SECRETARY GENERAL MARIO AGUINADA CARRANZA AND UDN-AFFILIATED UNION LEADERS IN OFFERING RESPONSIBLE, STABLE WORK FORCES IN RETURN FOR U.S. FIRMS' AGREEMENTS TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED TO EXTENT THAT MANAGEMENT HAS NOT SEEN FIT

TO RISK TAKING THEM UP ON THEIR OFFER.
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