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1. (U) THE WATERS AUTHORITY (ANDA) EMPLOYEES STAGED A FOUR-HOUR WORK STOPPAGE ON MARCH 30, A FEW DAYS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANDA WORKERS UNION (SETA) BY THE NATIONAL POLICE ON STILL UNSPECIFIED CHARGE. MEANWHILE, THE CTS-LED WORK STOPPAGE (REFTEL A) CONTINUES.
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2. (C) THE FOUR-HOUR ANDA STOPPAGE WAS CALLED AS A PROTEST AGAINST MANAGEMENT'S FAILURE TO PAY WORKERS' SALARIES IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, THE ARREST OF SETA SEC GEN CARLOS ERNESTO VASQUEZ PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO SETA'S DECISION TO INITIATE A STOPPAGE. ANDA WORKERS HAVE NOW RETURNED TO WORK, BUT VOWED TO RESUME THE STOPPAGE ON MARCH 31 TO PROTEST THE FACT THAT (AS THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED) THEIR SALARIES WILL NOT BE PAID UNTIL APRIL 5.

3. (C) FORMER CTS SEC GEN JOSE LUIS GRANDE PREZA TOLD LABOFF ON MARCH 28 THAT HE HAD VISITED CTS HEADQUARTERS RECENTLY TO TRY TO DISSUADE HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES FROM CONTINUING STRIKE ACTIVITIES DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD. GRANDE PREZA SAID HE NOTICED THE PRESENCE OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE LEFTIST-LED MUSYGES LABOR CONFEDERATION IN THE CTS HEADQUARTERS. HE IS AFRAID THAT THESE LEFTIST LABOR LEADERS -- WHOM HE KNOWS VERY WELL -- MAY BE TRYING TO INJECT POLITICAL CONTENT INTO THE UPD-LINKED CTS STRIKE OVER ECONOMIC GRIEVANCES. GRANDE SAID HE WILL NOTIFY THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT LABOR CONFEDERATION OF LATIN AMERICA (CLAT) OF THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS. (NOTE: THE CTS IS AFFILIATED TO THE CLAT.)

4. (C) IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON MARCH 29, FORMER LEFT-IST LABOR LEADER JULIO CASTRO BELLOSO TOLD LABOFF THAT HE SEES THE HAND OF ACOPAI PRESIDENT JORGE CAMACHO IN THE CTS STRIKE. BELLOSO SUSPECTS THAT CAMACHO HAS ABETTED LEFTIST INVOLVEMENT IN THE CTS STRIKE IN ORDER TO LEND SUBSTANCE TO RIGHTIST CHARGES OF UPD/PDC COLLUSION WITH THE LEFT (REFTEL B). ACCORDING TO BELLOSO, CAMACHO HAS SURREPTITIOUS LINKS TO ARENA. BELLOSO BELIEVES CAMACHO'S PURPOSE IS TO DISCREDIT THE UPD/PDC PACT AND
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RENDER IT A LESS EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN TOOL FOR THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RUNOFF.

5. (C) COMMENT. THE CONTINUING ANDA CONFLICT IS SERIOUS. POORER SECTIONS OF SAN SALVADOR HAVE REMAINED WITHOUT WATER SINCE THE ORIGINAL WORK STOPPAGE, WHILE SERVICE HAS

UNACCOUNTABLY DETERIORATED EVEN AFTER WORK RESUMED EARLIER THIS MONTH. CASTRO BELLOSO'S SUGGESTION OF THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF AN UNDERHANDED SCHEME BY BOTH THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT TO REAWAKEN THE ANDA PROBLEM MAY BE CORRECT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE WEARY RANK AND FILE MAY NOT BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC TO RENEW A SERIES OF WORK STOPPAGES AS ARE THEIR LEFTIST LEADERS. END COMMENT. PICKERING

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