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MRN: [79 SAN SALVADOR 6031](#)
Date/DTG: Oct 19, 1979 / 190000Z Oct 79
From: AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE *ROUTINE*
E.O.: Unknown
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, PINT, ES, REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE
Reference: 79 SAN SALVADOR 6021
Subject: SITREP NO. 9 AS OF 1600 HOURS, 10/19/79

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INFO OCT-01 ADS-00 SSO-00 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00
ICAE-00 INRE-00 SY-05 SYE-00 PM-06 H-01 INR-10
L-03 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 OC-06 CCO-00 MCT-02 OPR-02
A-02 HA-05 AID-05 OMB-01 TRSE-00 EB-08 ACDA-12
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O P 192230Z OCT 79
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5014
INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY MEXICO PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA PRIORITY
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E.O. 12065: N/A
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1. IN ACTION ATTRIBUTED TO EXTREME LEFTIST TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF PEOPLE (ERP), AT LEAST
FIVE BUSES WERE BURNED IN SAN SALVADOR DURING MORNING OF

OCTOBER 19.

2. IN ACTION ATTRIBUTED TO EXTREME LEFTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN),

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SAN SALVADOR RADIO STATION WAS TAKEN OVER FOR BRIEF PERIOD AT 1230 HOURS ON OCTOBER 19. MESSAGE WAS BROADCAST STATING THAT "PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS JUNTA, WHICH SAYS IT IS REVOLUTIONARY, IS BEING BROUGHT ABOUT TO SUFFOCATE SALVADORAN PEOPLE'S HOPES FOR LIBERTY."

3. IN BROADCAST AT 1330 HOURS ON OCTOBER 19, REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA GOVERNMENT (JRG) CONCEDED "GENERAL AMNESTY" TO EXILES AS WELL AS POLITICAL PRISONERS, CALLING ON "POLITICAL AND UNION LEADERS THAT ARE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTRY, TO COME BACK TO EL SALVADOR WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL GUARANTEE THEIR ACTIVITIES NOT ONLY AS CITIZENS BUT ALSO IN THEIR CIVIC EFFORTS."

4. ON OCTOBER 17, IN PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (UCA), ROBERTO CASTELLANOS OF SALVADORAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCES) STATED THAT THOSE "COMPANEROS WHO SEE ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE ONLY WAY OF GAINING POWER MUST PUT ASIDE THIS ATTITUDE AND HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF UNDERSTANDING TO SEE IF PROMISES BROUGHT FORTH BY COUP ARE COMPLIED WITH." (MORE DETAILED CABLE SEPTTEL).
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