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1. SECRET/NOFORN - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. RESPONSES TO REF A (PARA THREE) ARE CONTAINED IN PARAS THREE TO 33 BELOW. RESPONSES TO REF B NAMES ARE EITHER INCLUDED IN THOSE PARAS OR SEPARATELY IN PARA 34. [REDACTED]

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3. CRIME STATS: EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED INFO ON CRIME STATISTICS FROM THE PN, PNC, AND THE GREEN CROSS, AND WE WILL FORWARD THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, THIS MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS.

4. TUTELA LEGAL REPORTS: WE ARE WORKING TO GET TUTELA LEGAL REPORTS REGULARLY AND WILL POUCH THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. PRTC VICTIMS/TIES: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING TIES OF

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PRTC VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE TO FMLN URBAN COMMANDOS.

6. EX-ESAF OFFICERS: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ONLY OCCASIONAL REPORTS ON THE WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE MORE THAN 100 ESAF OFFICERS WHO WERE DISMISSED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AFTER BEING CITED BY EITHER THE AD HOC (AHC) OR TRUTH COMMISSION (TCR). MOST OF THOSE DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE RECEIVED EXTREMELY GENEROUS SEPARATION PAYMENTS WHICH HAVE PERMITTED MANY OF THEM TO RETIRE IN COMFORT OR ESTABLISH BUSINESSES. UNLIKE SOME LATIN AMERICAN MILITARIES, THE ESAF DOES NOT HAVE A TRADITION OF RETIREES MAINTAINING STRONG TIES ONCE THEY HAVE LEFT THE SERVICE. THE MILITARY FRATERNITY OF EL SALVADOR (FRAMIDES) IS THE ONLY INSTITUTIONAL FORCE THAT BRINGS RETIREES TOGETHER, BUT THIS LACKS FUNDS AND INTEREST AMONG EX-ESAF OFFICERS.

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7. ALTHOUGH "TANDA" TIES ARE VERY STRONG DURING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE, THESE MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS BONDS DO NOT NORMALLY CARRY OVER INTO RETIREMENT. EVEN MEMBERS OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED HIGH COMMAND, COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF THE SAME (1966) CLASS, THE POWERFUL "TANDONA," HAVE NOT MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT SINCE LEAVING THE SERVICE. FORMER VICE CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. MAURICIO VARGAS TOLD POLOFF THAT HE HAS SPOKEN TO HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES -- GENERALS PONCE, ZEPEDA, AND RUBIO -- ONLY INFREQUENTLY IN RECENT MONTHS. NEVERTHELESS, THE ESAF'S CASTE SYSTEM LENDS ITSELF TO CREATING NATURAL ALLIANCES WITH COLLEAGUES THAT ARE OFTEN MAINTAINED AFTER RETIREMENT. THUS IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE IF CLIQUES EXIST AMONG EX-ESAF OFFICERS AND, IF SO, WHO BELONGS TO THEM AND WHAT IS THEIR NATURE. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE MORE PROMINENT EX-ESAF OFFICERS. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY EMBOFFS IN THE COURSE OF CONTACT WORK IN RECENT MONTHS.

8. FORMER DEFENSE GENERAL RENE PONCE CURRENTLY ENJOYS A STATE SINECURE, SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY (ANTEL). RUMORS THAT PONCE INTENDED TO ENTER POLITICS HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HE HAS MAINTAINED A LOW PUBLIC PROFILE.

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9. FORMER VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL JUAN ZEPEDA CURRENTLY RUNS A TEXTILE MAQUILADORA, OF WHICH HE IS A MINORITY OWNER, NEAR ILOPANGO AIRPORT. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HE BUILT A SCHOOL IN HIS NATIVE DEPARTMENT OF CHALATENANGO, WHERE HE IS SAID TO BE LOOKING INTO A SIMILAR BUSINESS VENTURE NEAR LA PALMA. ZEPEDA REPORTEDLY HAS DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM BOTH HIS FORMER TANDONA COLLEAGUES AND HE HAS NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN POLITICS AS MANY OBSERVERS HAD

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10. FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL GILBERTO RUBIO [REDACTED] HAS RETIRED TO HIS DAIRY FARM IN SONSONATE DEPARTMENT. RUBIO KEEPS A LOW PROFILE AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO MAINTAIN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES.

11. GENERAL VARGAS, PRESENTLY SERVING AS A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON LAND TRANSFER, IS THE MOST VISIBLE MEMBER OF THE PREVIOUS HIGH COMMAND. AS THE ESAF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, VARGAS IS WIDELY VIEWED BY FORMER TANDONA MEMBERS AS THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OFFICER CORPS PURGE THAT RESULTED FROM THE AHC AND TCR. THIS VIEW IS REINFORCED BY THE FACT THAT VARGAS WAS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE HIGH COMMAND NOT CITED BY EITHER THE AHC OR TCR.

12. COLONELS FRANCISCO ELENA FUENTES AND ROBERTO MAURICIO STABEN ARE BOTH REPORTEDLY PURSUING PRIVATE BUSINESS INTERESTS. STABEN HAS BEEN WORKING WITH A LOCALLY BASED SPANISH BUSINESSMAN, WHILE ELENA FUENTES HAS BEEN TRYING TO ORGANIZE A TRADING COMPANY

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13. COLONEL OSCAR LEON LINARES IS REPORTEDLY PURSUING  
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(UNDEFINED) BUSINESS INTERESTS.

14. COLONEL ROBERTO PINEDA GUERRA HAS LARGE LANDHOLDINGS IN EL  
SALVADOR AND IS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN CATTLE RANCHING. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

PINEDA GUERRA HAD A MAJOR FALLING OUT WITH THE TANDONA PRIOR TO  
BEING CASHIERED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HIS CONTACTS  
WITH OTHER EX-ESAF OFFICERS.

15. GENERAL JUAN RAFAEL BUSTILLO HAS DISAPPEARED FROM PUBLIC  
VIEW FOLLOWING HIS DRAMATIC WITHDRAWAL AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
OF THE NATIONAL CONCILIATION PARTY (PCN). [REDACTED]

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16. FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER CARLOS VIDES CASANOVA LIVES IN  
FLORIDA AND VISITS EL SALVADOR ON OCCASION. HE IS DISTANTLY  
RELATED TO PRESIDENT CRISTIANI AND REPORTEDLY ADVISED PRESIDENT  
CRISTIANI ON HOW TO MANAGE FALLOUT FROM THE AHC PURGE.

17. RICARDO PENA ARBAIZA IS EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF "SPIRIT OF  
CENTRAL AMERICA," A SECURITY FIRM THAT PROVIDES GUARDS, ARMS,  
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES (INCLUDING POLYGRAPHS), AND SECURITY  
TRAINING. PENA OWNS 40 PERCENT OF THE COMPANY, AND A U.S.

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CITIZEN [REDACTED] OWNS 60 PERCENT. APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT OF THE COMPANY'S AGENTS ARE EX-ESAF, ABOUT HALF OF WHOM SERVED UNDER PENA AT THE FIRST BRIGADE DURING THE WAR. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THEY RECRUIT EX-ESAF BECAUSE OF THEIR ARMS TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE, BUT AVOID HIRING EX-NATIONAL GUARD (GN) OR TREASURY POLICE (PH) BECAUSE THEY HAVE HAD DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS WITH THEM. THE COMPANY DOES HAVE A FEW FORMER NATIONAL POLICE (PN), PRIMARILY SERVING AS INVESTIGATORS. EMBASSY RECENTLY COMPLETED A BLUE LANTERN CHECK ON THE COMPANY (SAN SALVADOR 1528), INCLUDING A SITE VISIT AND NAME CHECKS. BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THESE CHECKS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN AMMUNITION SALE.

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18. NELSON IVAN LOPEZ Y LOPEZ OWNS AND RUNS (WITH HIS WIFE) A SECURITY AGENCY CALLED "SERVI SEGURIDAD SALVADORENA." THE MAIN OFFICE IS IN SAN MIGUEL CITY, WHERE HE COMPLETED HIS CAREER AS COMMANDER OF THE THIRD BRIGADE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FOLLOWING A CLOSER INVESTIGATION OF LOPEZ Y LOPEZ, INCLUDING CHARGE'S DIRECT QUERY OF A MEMBER OF THE AHC, THE EMBASSY TURNED UP NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OR OTHER SERIOUS ABUSES. ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACTS, LOPEZ Y LOPEZ WAS REPORTEDLY CITED BY THE AHC FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER DEROGATORY INFORMATION, EMBASSY RECOMMENDED GRANTING THESE LICENSES (93 SAN SALVADOR 9693 AND 8634).

19. COLONEL (RET.) SIGIFREDO OCHOA PEREZ IS SERVING AS  
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AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA. THE OUTSPOKEN OCHOA WAS SENT INTO POLITICAL EXILE LAST YEAR AFTER HE STRONGLY CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CRISTIANI AND OTHER ARENA LEADERS FOR TRYING TO "PROTECT" CERTAIN TANDONA MEMBERS (GEN. PONCE, ZEPEDA, ET AL.) IN THE AD HOC PROCESS. OCHOA RECENTLY RETURNED TEMPORARILY TO EL SALVADOR IN A FAILED ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE HIMSELF AS A CANDIDATE FOR ARENA IN THE EASTERN DEPARTMENT OF SAN MIGUEL, WHICH WAS HIS TRADITIONAL AREA OF POLITICAL SUPPORT.

20. GENERAL (RET.) ADOLFO O. BLANDON, A SENIOR PCN MEMBER, WAS SELECTED TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FROM CUSCATLAN. HOWEVER, HE DROPPED OUT OF THE PARTY AT THE SAME TIME THAT GEN. BUSTILLO WITHDREW AS THE PCN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

21. CIVILIAN ULTRA-RIGHTISTS: EL SALVADOR'S ULTRA-RIGHT IS LEADERLESS AND IN DISARRAY, A CONDITION CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF

ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON AND THE DOMINANCE OF MODERATES IN ARENA'S LEADERSHIP. MANY ULTRA-RIGHTISTS REMAIN IN SELF-IMPOSED EXILE, MOSTLY IN MIAMI OR GUATEMALA, RETURNING ON OCCASION TO EL SALVADOR. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT ULTRA-RIGHTISTS WHO LIVE IN EL SALVADOR HAVE ANY REGULAR TIES TO EITHER ACTIVE-DUTY OR RETIRED ESAF OFFICERS.

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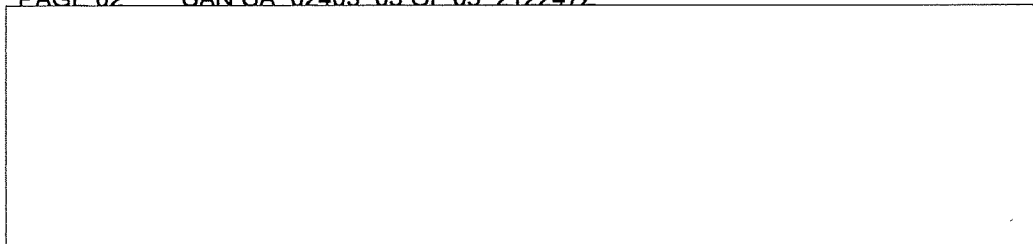
22. AT PRESENT, NO ONE ON THE FAR RIGHT APPEARS CAPABLE OF PLAYING THE PIVOTAL ROLE PLAYED BY D'AUBUISSON [REDACTED]

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23. THE RIGHT-WING INSTITUTE FOR LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY (ILYD), RUN BY DR. KIRIO WALDO SALGADO, IS VIRTUALLY THE ONLY ORGANIZED FORUM IN WHICH ULTRA-RIGHTISTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL POLITICAL DEBATE. THE ILYD SEEMED TO REACH ITS HIGHWATER MARK LAST YEAR WHEN IT BECAME THE RALLYING POINT FOR DISAFFECTED ULTRA-RIGHTISTS WHO WERE SEEKING A FORUM TO VENT THEIR SPLEEN OVER THE AHC AND TCR. AT THAT TIME WE HEARD RUMORS THAT SEVERAL WEALTHY ULTRA-RIGHTISTS, AND REPORTEDLY THE TANDONA-CONTROLLED HIGH COMMAND, WERE PROVIDING A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO THE ILYD. SINCE MID-1993, HOWEVER, THE ILYD HAS BEEN LESS ACTIVE. RECENTLY IT RAN AFOUL OF THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL (TSE), WHICH FINED THE ILYD AND CENSORED ITS TV ADVERTISEMENTS WHICH DEPICTED WAR ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE FMLN.

24. THE WORLD OF THE ULTRA-RIGHT REMAINS MURKY AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO SORT OUT LINKS WITHIN THIS DIVERSE GROUP. THE ULTRA-RIGHT, HOWEVER, IS NOT MONOLITHIC. IT IS DIVIDED BY PROFOUND IDEOLOGICAL, PERSONAL, AND SOCIOECONOMIC DIFFERENCES. THE END OF ARMED CONFLICT AND THE LACK OF A CHARISMATIC LEADER WHO CAN PULL TOGETHER THE DIVERSE ACTORS HAVE REDUCED THE ULTRA-RIGHT TO A SMALL, BUT VOCAL AND STILL POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS MINORITY. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THERE ARE MANY DISAFFECTED ULTRA-

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RIGHTISTS STILL SEEK TO SETTLE SCORES WITH THE LEFT. SOME ULTRA-RIGHTISTS HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO EMPLOY FREE-LANCE THUGS TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE, BUT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THESE EXTREMISTS ARE DOING SO. IN FACT, THEY APPEAR TO LACK THE STRUCTURE THAT MADE DEATH SQUADS A VIRTUAL INDUSTRY DURING THE WAR. ALSO, ULTRA-RIGHTISTS CAN NO LONGER DEPEND ON THE ESAF AND SECURITY FORCES TO COVER UP FOR POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS.

25. SINCE THE PEACE ACCORDS WERE SIGNED, EMBOFFS HAVE HAD INTERMITTENT CONTACT WITH SOME ULTRA-RIGHTISTS, A FEW OF WHOM HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REPAIR RELATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BASED ON THESE CONTACTS AND ON INCIDENTAL INFORMATION PICKED UP CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE ULTRA-RIGHT.

26. HECTOR "TITO" REGALADO, SECURITY CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HIRED BY D'AUBUISSON, MADE A BRIEF SPLASH WHEN HE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 1993 THAT HE WAS GIVING UP HIS CLANDESTINE LIFE TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT-WING POLITICAL INSTITUTE. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, REGALADO HAS DISAPPEARED FROM PUBLIC VIEW. WE HAVE HEARD THAT HE CONTINUES TO LIVE IN SEMI-EXILE IN GUATEMALA, RETURNING AT TIMES TO EL SALVADOR. REGALADO IS REPORTEDLY WORKING ON A BOOK WHICH HE HOPES WILL GENERATE ROYALTIES TO SUPPLEMENT HIS MEAGER INCOME.

27. ORLANDO DE SOLA, A WEALTHY OLIGARCH, HAS RETURNED "TENTATIVELY" FROM EXILE (MIAMI AND GUATEMALA) TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE WILL REMAIN IN EL SALVADOR. DE SOLA FLED EL SALVADOR IN 1989, FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF TWO PROMINENT RIGHT-WING IDEOLOGUES. DE SOLA CAME TO THE EMBASSY IN NOVEMBER 1993 TO DENY CHARGES MADE BY FMLN LEADER JOAQUIN VILLALOBOS THAT DE SOLA WAS  
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FINANCING DEATH SQUADS. HE IS ALSO PURSUING A LIBEL SUIT AGAINST VILLALOBOS FOR DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER. DE SOLA OCCASIONALLY WRITES COLUMNS FOR THE CONSERVATIVE "DIARIO DE HOY," AND IS A FREQUENT PARTICIPANT IN ILYD CONFERENCES. ALTHOUGH HIS TIES TO ILYD CHIEF SALGADO SEEM STRAINED, DE SOLA WAS REPORTEDLY PROVIDING SOME FUNDS TO THIS INSTITUTE LAST YEAR.

28. FERNANDO "NEGRO" SAGRERA HAS BEEN SEEN ON OCCASION AT ARENA EVENTS. HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN OSTRACIZED BY ARENA LEADERS, MUCH LIKE ANTONIO CORNEJO, ONE OF SAGRERA'S ASSOCIATES. ARENA LEADERS ACCUSED CORNEJO OF MOUNTING AN ULTRA-RIGHTIST DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN AIMED AT SABOTAGING THE PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRATIONS OF ARMANDO CALDERON SOL. LIKE SAGRERA, CORNEJO IS PERSONA NON GRATA WITHIN ARENA LEADERSHIP CIRCLES. CORNEJO DIVIDES HIS TIME BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND FLORIDA, WHERE HE OWNS A COCONUT PLANTATION DESTROYED BY HURRICANE ANDREW.

29. JORGE VELADO IS THE ONLY ULTRA-RIGHTIST WHO RETAINS A POST WITHIN ARENA, SERVING AS PARTY GENERAL MANAGER. ACCORDING TO ARENA INSIDERS, PRESIDENT CRISTIANI PUT VELADO IN THIS POSITION, OVER THE STRONG OBJECTIONS OF CALDERON SOL, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF DISTANT FAMILY LINKS. CALDERON SOL TRIED TO HAVE HIM ASSIGNED AS

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AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA, AND VELADO'S FORTUNES WITHIN ARENA SEEM TO WAX AND WANE. HIS POST ENTAILS RUNNING DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS AT ARENA HEADQUARTERS. THIS POSITION COULD ENABLE VELADO TO BE  
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IN CONTACT WITH PARTY FRINGE ELEMENTS, SUCH AS SAGRERA AND CORNEJO.

30. RAUL GARCIA PRIETO, HEAD OF THE LAND REFORM FINANCING AGENCY (FINATA), HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ACCUSED BY FMLN LEADERS OF SUPPORT TO DEATH SQUADS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN RECENT MONTHS, GARCIA PRIETO HAS ATTEMPTED TO REPAIR FRAYED RELATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY. HE IS CURRENTLY RUNNING ARENA'S CAMPAIGN IN SAN MIGUEL DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH HE HAS A (SELF-ACKNOWLEDGED) STRAINED RELATIONSHIP WITH ARENA'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (COENA).

31. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT: BASED ON OUR LIMITED CONTACTS WITH THE OIE [REDACTED]

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WE BELIEVE THAT THE OIE HAS BEEN MAKING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE SPECIFIC CASES OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE WHEN TASKED. THESE EFFORTS ARE HAMPERED BY THE OIE'S LIMITED CAPABILITIES. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, OIE HAS NOT INVESTIGATED SERIOUSLY THE PUTATIVE  
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"FRS" OR THE "MAXIMILIANO HERNANDEZ BRIGADE."

32. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (PNC/CID), DR. JOSE MAURICIO PAREDES, IS HONEST AND COMMITTED TO ENSURING PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS. HE HAS BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD WITH EMBOFFS, AND HIS ANALYSIS OF CASES REFLECTS HIS MODERATE CONSERVATISM. HE IS NOT AN ARENA PARTISAN. WE BELIEVE THAT UNDER PARADES THE PNC/CID HAS BEEN MAKING A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO SOLVE ALLEGED DEATH SQUAD CASES. THE PNC/CID SOLVED THE OCTOBER 1993 MURDER OF ERP COMMANDER HELENO CASTRO ("CARMELO") AND THE FEBRUARY 1993 COMADRES MURDERS (JUAN CARLOS GARCIA PANAMENO, AND MANUEL JESUS DE PANAMENO GARCIA). WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY INDICATIONS THAT PAREDES HAS TRIED TO COVER UP FOR THE ESAF. UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS SIU CHIEFS, PAREDES IS A CIVILIAN AND APPEARS COMMITTED TO MAKING THE PNC/CID A TRULY CIVILIAN POLICE FORCE. [REDACTED] HE IS ABOUT TO START THE PROCESS OF DILUTING THE PN PRESENCE WITHIN THE CID BY BRINGING IN MID- AND SENIOR-LEVEL PNC GRADUATES TO HEAD HIS OPERATIONAL UNITS. SIMILARLY, HE WANTS TO TERMINATE THE ESAF PENSION SYSTEM WHICH STILL COVERS THE EX-PN PERSONNEL AND REPLACE IT WITH A CIVILIAN PENSION SYSTEM.

33. THE FMLN HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "CARMELO" WAS KILLED BY JUAN ARNOLDO GARCIA AMAYA, WHOM THEY ALSO CONCEDE IS A VIOLENT CRIMINAL. HOWEVER, THE FMLN REFUSES TO RULE OUT A POSSIBLE POLITICAL MOTIVE UNTIL GARCIA IS ARRESTED AND QUESTIONED. ON DECEMBER 27, RELATIVES OF GARCIA CONTACTED ERP CHIEF JOAQUIN VILLALOBOS TO EXPLAIN THAT THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MURDER. THEY TOLD VILLALOBOS WHERE GARCIA WAS HIDING AND ASKED FOR PROTECTION, FEARING THAT GARCIA MIGHT KILL THEM IN REVENGE.  
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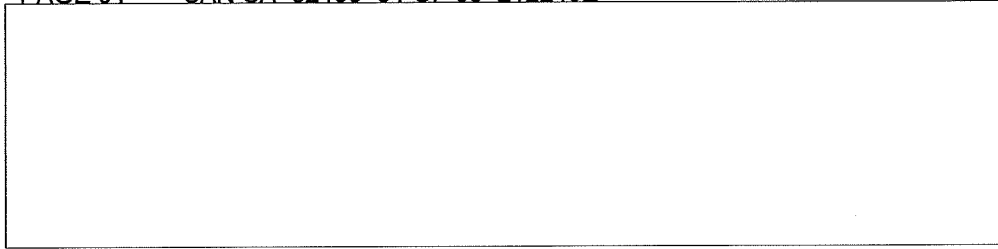
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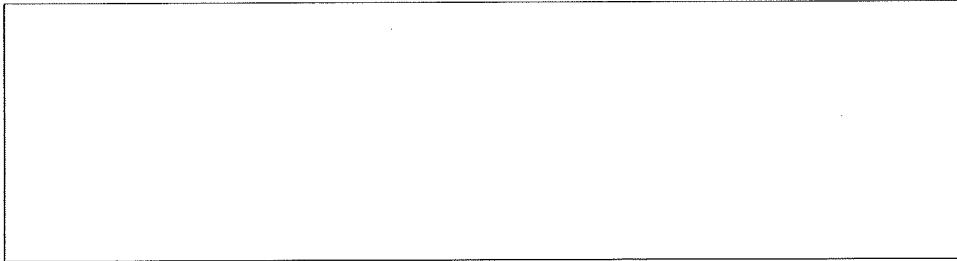
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34. SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN REF B [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MAY BE AMCITS AND MANY MAY ALSO BE RESIDING IN THE  
UNITED STATES. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BASED ON A REVIEW OF  
POST FILES AND CONVERSATIONS WITH CONTACTS:

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