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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) EL SALVADOR (ES).
SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] SPEAKS
OUT ON SEVERAL ISSUES PRIOR TO 18 MONTH DEPARTURE FOR
VENEZUELAN STAFF COLLEGE/(111)(U)
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DOI: (U) 900824.
REQS: (U) [REDACTED]
SOURCES: (U) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EXPRESSED OPINIONS ON ISSUES SURROUNDING
NEGOTIATED GOES/FMLN SETTLEMENT, THE JESUIT CASE, ESAF
MENTORS, AND USG/GOES RELATIONS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FOR 18 MONTHS AT VENEZUELAN STAFF COLLEGE.

TEXT: 1. (C/NF) AT A SOCIAL GATHERING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXPRESSED A WIDE VARIETY OF OPINIONS PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE IN [REDACTED] FOR THE [REDACTED]

2. (C/NF) [REDACTED] EXPRESSED HIS DOUBTS THAT THE ESAF
WOULD ACCEPT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH THE FMLN

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CONCERNING FMLN ENCLAVES OR AREAS WHERE THE FMLN COULD EXERCISE TERRITORIAL CONTROL. [] STATED IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF ESAF PRIDE AND HONOR THAT WOULD PREVENT THIS FROM BEING AN ACCEPTABLE NEGOTIATION CONCESSION. THOUGH [] EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT THE DIALOGUE PROCESS, HE DID NOT SEE THE HOPED FOR MID-SEPTEMBER CEASE-FIRE AS BEING A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY. [] COMMENT-- [] [] HAS INDICATED THAT THE HIGH COMMAND WOULD SUPPORT A TEMPORARY ENCLAVE PARADIGM FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN A CEASE-FIRE AND FMLN INTEGRATION, ASSUMING UN FORCES SUPERVISED THE AGREEMENT.)

3. (C/NF) THE JESUIT CASE.

- A. REGARDING THE PROSECUTION OF THE JESUIT CASE, [] STATED THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF PUNISHING ALL THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, REGARDLESS OF RANK, IF FOUND GUILTY.

- B. [] MADE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING COL BENAVIDES, HIS ROLE IN THE JESUIT CASE AND HOW THE CASE COULD TERMINATE. [] MADE THE ANALOGY BETWEEN [] AND THE [] AND THAT OF OLIVER NORTH AND THE IRAN-CONTRA CASE. WHETHER DIRECT ORDERS WERE GIVEN, OR STATEMENTS MISINTERPRETED IS NOT IMPORTANT, THE TRUTH IN EITHER CASE WILL SIMPLY NOT BE KNOWN. ALTHOUGH THIS ANALOGY HAS BEEN MADE MANY TIMES, [] STATED, IT IS STILL APPROPRIATE IN THAT IF COL BENAVIDES DOES NOT SAY ANYTHING MORE, THE CASE COULD END. [] POINTED OUT THAT UNDER SALVADORAN LAW EVIDENCE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR A CONVICTION IS INSUFFICIENT.

3. (C/NF) [] LISTED SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICERS AS [] THAT HE FELT WERE GOING TO BE IMPORTANT LEADERS IN THE FUTURE TO INCLUDE DM-3 COMMANDER COL JULIO CESAR ((GRIJALVA)), ARTILLERY COMMANDER COL CARLOS ROLANDO ((HERRARTE)), C-III COL ROMAN ((BARRERA)) AND DM-7 COMMANDER COL HUMBERTO ((CORADO)) FIGUEROA.

4. (C/NF) ON CONTINUED U.S. AID AND THE FUTURE FOR GOES/USG RELATIONS, [] EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE LONG-RANGE USG COMMITMENT. HE STATED THAT USG INTERESTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, PANAMA, AND NICARAGUA, PLUS THE NEGATIVE IMAGE THE ESAF HAS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, COULD WORK AGAINST CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO GOES.

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5. (C/NF) AS A FINAL COMMENT, [] EXPRESSED A PRIORITY TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR THE MILITARY. HE STRESSED A PAST ESAF FAILURE HAS BEEN IN RETRAINING UNITS THAT SPEND SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF TIME IN THE FIELD. HE DETAILED HOW PERISHABLE INFANTRY SKILLS SUCH AS MAP READING, SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS, AND CALL FOR FIRE PROCEDURES, ARE NOT REINFORCED WHEN UNITS ARE IN THE CUARTELS.

COMMENTS: 1. (C/NF) FIELD COMMENTS. []
[] HE IS HIGHLY THOUGHT OF AND APPEARS TO HAVE A SOLID FUTURE.

2. (C/NF) []
HIS COMMENTS WERE MADE JUST AS HE WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR [] INTENTION WAS TO AIR SOME MID-LEVEL ESAF OPINIONS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

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