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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) EL SALVADOR (ES).

SUBJ: [REDACTED] PART 40 IN JESUIT SERIES -

SENATORS ROBB AND MCCAIN MEET WITH COL PONCE, TANDONA
MEMBERS AND OTHERS/(431)(U)

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DOI: (U) 900920.

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCES: (U) [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: (U) CODEL CONSISTING OF SENATORS MCCAIN AND
ROBB, PLUS THREE, MET WITH ESAF LEADERSHIP AND TANDONA
MEMBERS, AND ALSO VISITED TWO JESUIT CASE SUSPECTS, TO
DELIVER MESSAGE FROM CONGRESS.

TEXT: 1. (S/NF) ON 900920, THE FOLLOWING LISTED CODEL
MET WITH ESAF OFFICERS AND TANDONA MEMBERS--

--SEN JOHN MCCAIN

--SEN CHARLES ROBB

--MR MARK SALTER

--MR JAY WINIK

--CAPT BUD ORR

NO MEMBER OF [REDACTED] OR EMBASSY STAFF WAS PRIVY TO THE
DISCUSSION SINCE CODEL WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT

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IT WAS A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESS.

2. (C/NF) BOTH SENATORS BACKBRIEFED [REDACTED] ON THE
SUBSTANCE OF THEIR TWO MEETINGS, ONE WITH THE EMC AND
THE OTHER WITH TANDONA MEMBERS. [REDACTED] THE
FOLLOWING ESAF OFFICERS BEFORE HAVING TO DEPART THE
AREA--

--COL RENE ((PONCE))
--COL INOCENTE ORLANDO ((MONTANO))
--COL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA))
--COL GILBERTO ((RUBIO))
--COL JUAN CARLOS ((CARRILLO))
LAACOL FRANCISCO ((ELENA)) FUENTES

3. (C/NF) THE CODEL DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESS
(NF) AND STATED THAT THE SESSION WENT WELL. THEY
STATED TO [REDACTED] THAT THEY HAD LEFT SOME IDEAS WITH THE
TANDONA. ONE MEASURE SUGGESTED REMOVING SUSPECTED
OFFICERS FROM POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY OR AUTHORITY
WHILE AWAITING TRIAL [REDACTED]

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4. (C/NF) THEY DEPARTED FROM THEIR SCHEDULE TO VISIT
THE NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO SEE LTC GUILLERMO
((BENAVIDES)) [REDACTED] TO VERIFY
CONDITIONS OF HIS DETENTION. THEY FOUND HIM IN A 2 ROOM
OFFICE/BEDROOM COMPLEX AND INQUIRED ABOUT HIS
RESTRICTIONS. HE STATED THAT HE HAD REFOUND HIS
RELIGION AND WAS READING THE BIBLE A GREAT DEAL. WHILE
IN THE SAME BUILDING, THEY VISITED LT YUSHY ((MENDOZA))
[REDACTED] WHO WAS ACCUSED OF LEADING THE
SOLDIERS WHO ALLEGEDLY MURDERED THE JESUITS AND TWO
OTHERS. HIS REACTION WAS NOT AS SUBDUED AS LTC
BENAVIDES IN THAT HE BOTH DEMANDED JUSTICE AND
PROCLAIMED HIS FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

COMMENTS: (C/NF) [REDACTED] ADMITTEDLY, THIS [REDACTED]
LACKS SUBSTANCE WITHOUT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WITH THE TANDONA. BUT, [REDACTED] TO
REPORT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO (1) CONTINUE THE
CHAIN OF REPORTS ON THE JESUIT CASE AND (2) TO ESTABLISH
THE FACTS, AS KNOWN, REGARDING THIS CODEL MEETING SHOULD
THEIR MESSAGE HAVE IMPACT WHICH MAY REQUIRE FURTHER
FUTURE REPORTING.

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