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BODY
PASS: (U) AM CONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO PASS TO AMBASSADOR
WILLIAM G. WALKER.
COUNTRY: (U) EL SALVADOR (ES).
SUBJ: [redacted] /PART 27 IN THE JESUIT SERIES -
CLOSING RANKS/(431)(U)
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DOI: (U) 900723.
REQS: (U) [redacted]
SOURCES: [redacted]
[redacted] 25X1, E.O.13526

SUMMARY: (S/NF/WN) MURPHY'S LAW APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN
OPERATING IN THE JESUIT CASE. INSTEAD, THE TANDONA HAS
SIMPLY CIRCLED WAGONS TO INSURE THE SLOWEST POSSIBLE
PROGRESS IS MADE.

TEXT: 1. (S/NF/NW) [redacted] INFORMATION
SUMMARIZED IN PARAS 3, 6, 7, 8, AND 9 WAS [redacted] 25X1, E.O.13526

2. (U) ON 900116, COL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)),

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A MEMBER OF THE TANDONA, WAS FORMALLY ACCUSED OF
PLANNING THE JESUIT CASE AND ARRESTED.

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4. (U) ON 900705 LTC CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)), THE
SUBDIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY, ACCUSED OF
DESTROYING EVIDENCE IN THE JESUIT CASE WAS PLACED UNDER
ARREST IN THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN).

5. (S) [REDACTED] -HERNANDEZ, FIRST IN THE 1973
TANDA ORDER OF MERIT LIST, IS A HIGHLY RESPECTED OFFICER
WITHIN THE ESAF AND A PROTEGE OF PONCE.)

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--BY 901001 THE QUESTION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE (SA) TO ES WOULD BE DECIDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

--CONSIDERING THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOES AND FMLN, CONGRESS WILL NOT CUT OFF ALL SA TO THE ESAF.

--THE PERCEPTION OF COLLABORATING WITH JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES MUST BE MAINTAINED AT LEAST UNTIL 901001, BUT NO NEW EVIDENCE CAN BE PRESENTED WHICH WOULD SEVERELY PREJUDICE THE ESAF'S INTERESTS.

--DURING THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS MOST SENIOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICERS IN THE U.S. EMBASSY, INCLUDING THE COM, WILL BE REASSIGNED AND THE MISSION WILL LOSE ITS INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY ON THIS CASE.

--THE STRATEGY MUST BE ONE OF OUT LASTING THESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS SO THAT THE CASE WILL LOSE MOMENTUM AND WITHER.
COMMENTS: 1. (S/NF/WN)

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--WHILE AS YET THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A CONSPIRACY IN PLANNING THE ASSASSINATION OF THE JESUITS, THERE HAS BEEN A MASSIVE COVER-UP OF THE CRIME.

--THE HIGH COMMAND, WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHERS IN THE TANDONA, HAS CLOSED RANKS. LOYALTY TO ONE'S COLLEAGUES CONTINUES TO WIN OUT OVER CONCERNS FOR THE INSTITUTION. THERE IS NO DESIRE TO SEE JUSTICE CARRIED OUT IN THIS CASE.

--DELAYING TACTICS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE ESAF TO SLOW DOWN THE PROCESSING OF THE CASE. THIS WILL CONTINUE.

--PONCE HAS UNDERSTOOD PERFECTLY WELL THE COM'S DEMARCHES ON THE JESUIT CASE [REDACTED] FOR A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIRST). HE SIMPLY HAS DECIDED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

--MURPHY IS NOT THE PROBLEM, RATHER THE SYSTEM.

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ADMIN

PROJ: (U)

INSTR: (U) [REDACTED]

PREP: (U) [REDACTED]

ACQ: (U) EL SALVADOR [REDACTED]

DISSEM: (U) [REDACTED] AMEMBASSY EL SALVADOR.

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