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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: CRISTIANI PROMISES INVESTIGATION INTO ASSASSINATIONS

REF: PA1711002889 PANAMA CITY ACAN SPANISH 162346 -- CRISTIANI  
CONDEMNS KILLING OF JESUITS, ORDERS INVESTIGATION

SOURCE: SAN SALVADOR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH 0335 GMT 18 NOV 89  
TEXT:

//((STATEMENT BY SALVADORAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI IN SAN  
SALVADOR; DATE NOT GIVEN -- RECORDED))

((TEXT)) SALVADORAN PEOPLE: WE HAVE POWERFUL REASONS FOR  
ENSURING THAT JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED IN THIS REGRETTABLE INCIDENT IN  
WHICH FATHER ELLACURIA, OTHER PRIESTS, AND CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. WE  
WANT TO TELL THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO DRAW PREMATURE CONCLUSIONS TO  
ABSTAIN FROM DOING SO; WE URGE YOU TO HEED THE COMMUNITY OF JESUS AND  
THE ARCHBISHOPRIC OF SAN SALVADOR'S CALLS THAT THIS CASE NOT BE  
POLITICIZED OR USED TO GENERATE FURTHER VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY.

WE BELIEVE THAT AN INVESTIGATION MUST BE CONDUCTED; WE ARE  
COMMITTED TO CONDUCTING AN IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION TO PUNISH THE  
PERPETRATORS OF THIS SAVAGE ACTION REGARDLESS OF WHO IS INVOLVED.  
THE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC WILL  
REQUEST HELP TO ENSURE THAT THE SALVADORAN CRIME INVESTIGATION  
COMMISSION WILL BE ADVISED BY EXPERTS IN ORDER TO GET TO THE ROOT OF  
THIS REGRETTABLE INCIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL ASK THE  
UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, AND SPAIN TO HELP US. I MENTION SPAIN  
BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE WHO WERE ASSASSINATED ARE CITIZENS OF THAT  
COUNTRY.

SALVADORAN PEOPLE: WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO CONDUCT  
AN INVESTIGATION AND ENSURE THAT JUSTICE IS SERVED IN REPREHENSIBLE  
ACTIONS LIKE THIS ONE INSTEAD OF POLITICIZING THEM AND GENERATING  
FURTHER VIOLENCE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE ARMED FORCES WILL NEVER  
ALLOW A RETURN TO THE PAST; A RETURN TO THOSE DRASTIC AND  
REGRETTABLE TIMES IN THE COUNTRY WHEN GROUPS WANTED TO FURTHER THEIR  
CAUSE THROUGH VIOLENT ACTS SUCH AS THIS ONE. WE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS  
TO HAPPEN AND WILL PURSUE SUCH GROUPS TO ENSURE THAT THEY FEEL THE  
FULL FORCE OF THE LAW.

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