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SALVADOR: PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED FOR INES DUARTE

EL SALVADOR: RIVERA Y DAMAS ON TALAVERA, DUARTE KIDNAPPING

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SAN SALVADOR RADIO CADENA YSU IN SPANISH 0045 GHT 7 OCT 85

((INTERVIEW WITH MSGR ARTURO RIERA Y DAMAS BY LOCAL AND
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ON OCTOBER IN SAN SALVADOR -- RECORDED))

((TEXT)) ((QUESTION)) MONSIGNOR, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU FLEW IN
THE SAME PLANE TO PANAMA WITH THE CEPEDAS (NOT FURTHER
IDENTIFIED -- FBIS) A FEW DAYS AGO?

((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) YES, THEY WERE ON THE SAME PLANE.

((QUESTION)) WHEN WILL COSTA RICAN JULIO TALAVERA BE
RELEASED? WILL THE CHURCH BE INVOLVED?

((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) THEY HAVE NOT TOLD US ANYTHING; HOWEVER, I
THINK THAT THE DECREE GOES INTO EFFECT 6 DAYS AFTER ITS
PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE, UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS MADE
IN THIS CASE.

((QUESTION)) MONSIGNOR, DOES THE CHURCH HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT
THE BODIES OF TWO WOMEN FOUND IN HUEVA GUADALUPE, SAN MIGUEL
DEPARTMENT ON 31 DECEMBER 1984 ARE THE TWO FIGHTERS THE CHURCH HAS
BEEN TRYING TO LOCATE?

((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) ACCORDING TO REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM
OFFICIAL SOURCES, ONE OF THOSE BODIES IS NOT YANET SAMUR. THIS
HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY A PERSON WHO NOT ONLY HAS THE TECHNICAL
KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE SUCH STATEMENT, BUT WHO IS ALSO A RELATIVE OF THE
VICTIM.

((QUESTION)) MONSIGNOR, ACCORDING TO A RADIO REPORT YESTERDAY,
IT SEEMS THE GOVERNMENT STILL DOES NOT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF
SOME OF THE PERSONS THE REBELS WANT RELEASED; THEREFORE, IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT THE RELEASE OF PRESIDENT DUARTE'S DAUGHTER WILL TAKE
MORE TIME.

((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT I SAID IN THE
HOMILY. I SAID THAT THEY SHOULD ASK FOR THINGS THAT CAN BE GRANTED
IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THE FREEDOM PROCESS. IF WE ASK THINGS THAT
CANNOT BE GRANTED, THEN WE CANNOT TALK ABOUT A REAL DESIRE TO
NEGOTIATE.

((QUESTION)) THEN, ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU HAVE SAID, SOME OF THE
REBELS DEMANDS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO THAT RESULT?

((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD THUS FAR, IN SOME
CASES IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW FOR SURE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE
IN QUESTION.

((QUESTION)) IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE CONTACTS THAT YOU HAVE WITH
THESE CASES, WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED TO YANET AND EFRAIN
VILLALTA?

((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) I THINK THAT YANET IS DEAD, BUT I COULD

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NOT SAY WHO KILLED HER.
(QUESTION) WHAT ABOUT EFRAIN VILLALTA?
(RIVERA Y DAMAS) HE DISAPPEARED AFTER HIS ARREST. I THINK
THERE ARE SOME CASES IN WHICH IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AN
EXPLANATION.
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