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FOR: (DO1: 2 DECEMBER 1980)

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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR
SUBJECT: 1. EXTREME LEFTIST PLANS FOR ARMED ACTIONS ON 3 DECEMBER 1980, TO INCLUDE RIGHT ATTACKS AGAINST ELECTRICITY AND WATER PLANTS AND GOVERNEMENT BUILDINGS (DO1: 2 DECEMBER 1980).

2. EXTREME LEFTIST PLANS TO FORCE WORKERS IN SAN SALVADOR TO JOIN THE 3 DECEMBER 1980 FUNERAL PROCESSION FOR ASSASSINATED LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) (DO1: 2 DECEMBER 1980)

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1. SINCE AT LEAST 30 NOVEMBER 1980, LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FARABUNDO-MARTI FRONT FOR NATIONAL EMANCIPATION (FRENTE) HAVE BEEN MEETING ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL PREPARING FOR ARMED ACTION ON 27 NOVEMBER 1980, THE DAY SET FOR THE FUNERAL OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) WHO WERE ASSASSINATED ON 27 NOVEMBER 1980. ARMED ACTIONS IN THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL ARE ALSO PLANNED. THE FRENTE INTENDS TO SUPPORT THE FUNERAL PROCESSION BY PROVIDING ARMED SECURITY ELEMENTS. A STRONGLY ARMED GROUP WILL PRECEDE THE PROCESSION ON FOOT, WHILE HEAVILY ARMED MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW AROUND THE PROCESSION IN VEHICLES. THE FMLN WILL CONSTRUCT BARRICADES THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL CITY OF SAN SALVADOR AND CARRY OUT A SERIES OF BURNINGS OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND BUSES.

2. ON THE NIGHT OF 3 DECEMBER 1980 THE FMLN PLANS TO CARRY OUT CONCERTED ATTACKS ON ELECTRICITY PLANTS AND AT LEAST ONE WATER PLANT IN ORDER TO DESTROY THESE FACILITIES. ONCE THE CITY HAS BEEN BLACKED OUT, THE FMLN WILL PROCEED WITH COORDINATED ATTACKS AGAINST THE MAJOR GARRISONS IN SAN SALVADOR. THE GARRISONS BEING ATTACKED WILL BE KEPT FROM RECEIVING REINFORCEMENTS THROUGH THE ERUPTION OF MANNED BARRICADES ON STREETS LEADING TO EACH GARRISON. THE FMLN IS CONFIDENT THAT ONCE ITS GROUPS ARE IN PLACE THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO CONTEND WITH GOVERNMENT REINFORCEMENTS. DURING AN EARLIER TEST ATTACK ON 7 NOVEMBER 1980, AGAINST THE SAN CARLOS GARRISON, THE NATIONAL GUARD MADE NO ATTEMPT TO LEAVE ITS OWN AREA. (MAJOR GROUND FORCE GARRISONS IN SAN SALVADOR INCLUDE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, THE NATIONAL POLICE, THE TREASURY POLICE, AND THE ARMY SAN CARLOS FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE.)

3. ON 3 DECEMBER 1980, AND IN DAYS FOLLOWING THE BURIAL OF THE FDR LEADERS, THE FMLN IS PLANNING TO TAKE OVER RADIO STATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MACHINE-GUN EMBASSIES, CONTINUE BURNING BUSINESSES AND BUSES, BOMB BANKS, AND ASSASSINATE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MILITARY OFFICERS, AND POSSIBLY SOME FOREIGNERS. (THESE LATTER PLANS ARE UNCONFIRMED AND NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. IT IS BELIEVED, SPECIFICALLY, THAT THE FMLN PLANS TO EXPLODE AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF BOMBS THROUGHOUT SAN SALVADOR ON THE NIGHT OF 4 DECEMBER 1980.)

4. THE LEADERS AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE FDR ARE PLANNING TO FORCE WORKERS IN SAN SALVADOR TO LEAVE THE FACTORIES AND JOIN THE FUNERAL PROCESSION FOR THE ASSASSINATED LEADERS. ALL MEMBER UNIONS OF THE FDR HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ENSURE ALL FACTORIES CLOSE ON 3 DECEMBER 1980. FACTORIES NOT CLOSING "VOLUNTARILY" WILL HAVE THEIR POWER CUT OFF BY ARMED GROUPS, WHO WILL THEN FORCE THE WORKERS TO MARCH INTO THE STREETS AND TOWARD THE FUNERAL PROCESSION. [REDACTED] (NO TRANSPORTATION PLAN HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED; THE WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO WALK AS FAR AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO JOIN THE PROCESS

5. DELEGATIONS FROM THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES SUPPORTING THE EXTREME LEFTIST MOVEMENT IN EL SALVADOR HAVE BEGUN ARRIVING AND ARE BEING LODGED IN LEFTIST "HOUSES OF THE PEOPLE" THROUGHOUT THE CITY. [REDACTED] (DELEGATIONS FROM COLOMBIA AND PANAMA HAVE BEEN MENTIONED). IN ADDITION TO HAVING THE DELEGATIONS MARCH IN THE PROCESSION THE FDR IS PLANNING TO CARRY AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST FLAG AT THE FRONT OF THE PROCESSION. [REDACTED] (NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THIS FLAG OR ITS SPONSORING ORGANIZATION WAS AVAILABLE). THE FMLN FLAG WILL ALSO BE CARRIED AT THE HEAD OF THE PROCESSION.

6. [REDACTED] (SOME RADIO STATIONS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN OVER TO "CALL THE PEOPLE TO ARMS" AND THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF BUS BURNINGS AND ISOLATED BOMBINGS AND MURDERS, BUT VIOLENCE IN SAN SALVADOR HAS NOT RISE SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LEFTIST LEADERS. THE EXTREME LEFT WILL PROBABLY TRY TO CARRY OUT MANY OF THE ABOVE PLANS, SUCH AS THE CONTINUED BURNING OF BUSES AND ADDITIONAL BOMBINGS, BUT IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PARALYZE THE CITY, AS PLANNED. POPULAR SUPPORT FOR ANY FURTHER ACTIVITIES WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE WILL PREFER TO AVOID THE VIOLENCE WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY THESE ACTS. IT IS DOUBTFUL THE LEFT HAS THE CAPACITY TO FORCEFULLY EMPTEN MORE THAN A FEW FACTORIES. IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE LEFT THAT IT PLANS TO FORCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ITS PROCESSION. UNLESS GOVERNMENT FORCES INTERVENE FORCEFULLY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE FUNERAL, THE MAJOR "WORLD-EVENT" WHICH THE LEFT HAS BEEN HOPING TO ORGANIZE IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR).

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