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2. EL SALVADOR: GUERRILLAS PRESS URBAN ATTACKS

SALVADORAN INSURGENTS ARE CONTINUING URBAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE WAKE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REJECTION OF THEIR PEACE PROPOSAL. THE MILITARY THWARTED AN ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE LAST WEEK, BUT INSURGENTS IN RECENT DAYS HAVE KILLED A GOVERNOR AND ATTACKED ECONOMIC TARGETS AND THE RESIDENCES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE GUERRILLAS ALSO ARE PLANNING STRIKES AND ECONOMIC SABOTAGE THIS WEEK FOR VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE'S VISIT. [REDACTED] INDICATE REBELS MAY BE PLANNING TO ATTACK THE US EMBASSY [REDACTED]

COMMENT: THE REBELS PRESUMABLY HOPE HIGH-VISIBILITY ATTACKS WILL CONVINCE SAN SALVADOR AND INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS THAT THEY REMAIN A VIABLE MILITARY AND POLITICAL FORCE. THE GUERRILLAS PROBABLY ALSO HOPE PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS WILL PROVOKE A VIOLENT RESPONSE THAT WOULD DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT AND INCREASE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON SAN SALVADOR TO CONSIDER THEIR PEACE PROPOSAL. THE INSURGENTS ARE LIKELY TO RESUME ASSASSINATING MAYORS, WHICH THEY HAD PROMISED TO STOP IF THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE PEACE PROPOSAL, AND WILL CONTINUE OTHER ACTIVITIES AIMED AT DISRUPTING THE 19 MARCH ELECTION. [REDACTED]

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