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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

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Venezuela - El Salvador

A Venezuelan special envoy sent to attempt to	nego-
tiate the release of the hostages told the Popular	Revolu-
tionary Bloc yesterday that unless the hostages were	e re-
leased within 72 hours Venezuela would "retaliate,"	but
he did not specify what action would be taken, account	rding
to a press report from El Salvador.	

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Canada

The US Embassy in Ottawa notes in its final prognosis before the national balloting on Tuesday that majority government seems out of reach for either major party, and that developments in the campaign's final hours will determine which party receives a plurality. The Embassy further notes that the outcome will undoubtedly reflect a growing polarization in Canadian politics, with the Liberals largely limited to Quebec and the Conservatives predominant elsewhere.

Cyprus

The US Embassy in Nicosia reported that UN Secretary General Waldheim had some success during the opening session of the talks between Greek Cypriot leader Kyprianou and Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash yesterday. After a difficult opening meeting with both men, Waldheim resorted to shuttle diplomacy between them and developed a list of 10 items to form the basis for the resumption of intercommunal talks. Both sides agreed to study the points, and talks are scheduled to resume this morning.

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