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1. SUMMARY

U.S.-BASED GROUPS ARE PLANNING A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE IN EL SALVADOR IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AIMED AT INCREASING U.S. PUBLIC AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE FMLN-FDR AND PRESSURING CONGRESS TO CUT OFF U.S. AID TO EL SALVADOR. THE GROUPS HOPE THEIR ACTIVITIES WILL OBTAIN PUBLICITY WHICH WILL REFOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE U.S. PUBLIC ON EL SALVADOR. THE TWO MAJOR U.S. GROUPS INVOLVED ARE THE COMMITTEE IN SOLIDARITY WITH

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<> THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR (<><>CISPES<><>) AND MEDICAL AID TO  
 <> EL SALVADOR (MAES). <><>CISPES<><> HAS OPENLY PROCLAIMED ITS  
 SUPPORT FOR THE FMLN-FDR (THE SELF-AVOWED MARXIST-  
 LENINIST GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WHOSE STATED PURPOSE  
 IS TO REPLACE BY FORCE THE DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED  
 GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR WITH A ONE-PARTY COMMUNIST  
 GOVERNMENT). MAES HAS GIVEN FUNDS TO SET UP FMLN  
 MILITARY HOSPITALS IN THE PAST. ITS CURRENT ACTIVITIES  
 SUPPORT THE ARCHBISHOPRIC. THE MOST PROMINENT  
 <> SALVADORAN GROUP WORKING WITH <><>CISPES<><> IS THE NATIONAL  
 UNITY OF SALVADORAN WORKERS (UNTS), A LEFTIST LABOR  
 UMBRELLA GROUP COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF FMLN-CONNECTED  
 UNIONS.

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 <> 2. <><>CISPES<><> IS CO-SPONSORING WITH UNTS A CONFERENCE  
 WHICH WILL KICK OFF NOVEMBER 22 WITH A DEMONSTRATION IN  
 FRONT OF EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR AND END NOVEMBER 24 WITH  
 A PRESS CONFERENCE. MAES HOPES TO AIRLIFT ONE MILLION  
 DOLLARS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO EL SALVADOR ON NOVEMBER 30.  
 CELEBRITIES WILL ACCOMPANY THE AIRLIFT TO DELIVER THE  
 SUPPLIES AND ENSURE PUBLICITY. END SUMMARY.

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 3. UNTS - BACKGROUND  
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UNTS, WHICH IS CO-SPONSORING THE NOVEMBER 22-23 "U.S.-EL  
 <> SALVADOR CONFERENCE IN SEARCH OF PEACE" WITH <><>CISPES<><>, IS  
 A LABOR UMBRELLA GROUP COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF  
 <> FMLN-CONNECTED UNIONS. THOUGH <><>CISPES<><> CLAIMS THAT UNTS  
 IS THE "LARGEST AND MOST REPRESENTATIVE ARRAY OF LABOR  
 AND PEASANT ORGANIZATIONS IN EL SALVADOR'S HISTORY"  
 AND THAT IT HAS 300,000 MEMBERS, UNTS IN REALITY HAS  
 ONLY ABOUT 55,000 MEMBERS. BY CONTRAST, THE DEMOCRATIC  
 LABOR UMBRELLA GROUP, THE NATIONAL WORKERS-CAMPESINOS  
 UNION (UNOC) REPRESENTS BETWEEN 215,000 AND 250,000  
 <> MEMBERS. AS "PROOF" THAT UNTS IS DEMOCRATIC, <><>CISPES<><>  
 EMPHASIZES THAT THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNITY (UPD),  
 WHICH SUPPORTED THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC)  
 IN THE ELECTIONS, BELONGS TO UNTS. IN FACT, THE UPD  
 FORMALLY WITHDREW FROM THE UNTS ON NOVEMBER 16 BECAUSE  
 UNTS "LIMITED THE PLURALISTIC WORK OF THE UPD." IN  
 JUNE 1986, THE CLAT-AFFILIATED SALVADORAN WORKERS  
 CENTRAL (CTS) QUIT UNTS BECAUSE OF "IDEOLOGICAL  
 DIFFERENCES."

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 4. FENASTRAS - BACKGROUND  
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THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN WORKERS (FENASTRAS)  
 IS A LABOR FEDERATION WITH CLOSE LINKS TO THE FAPU/FARN  
 GUERRILLA COMPONENTS OF THE FMLN. FENASTRAS HAS OBSERVER  
 STATUS WITH THE MOSCOW-LINE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE  
 UNIONS (WFTU) HEADQUARTERED IN PRAGUE. FENASTRAS U.S.  
 REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO ACOSTA IS ALSO U.S.

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THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IS ESTABLISHING A NEW SUPPORT NETWORK IN EL SALVADOR AND THE U.S., PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO A PERCEIVED WAVE OF REPRESSION ROCKING THE UNIVERSITY. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE "REPRESSION" MAY ACTUALLY BE THE RESULT NOT OF GOES OR RIGHT-WING ACTIVITY, BUT RATHER OF INTERNECINE WARFARE WITHIN THE LEFT. BUT THE NETWORKING IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF A LARGER MOVE ON VARIOUS FRONTS TO BUILD NEW PRO-FMLN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATIONS TO GIVE FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT NOW THAT THE INSURGENCY IS MOVING TOWARD A STRATEGY OF PROLONGED WAR. THE UNIVERSITY NETWORKING PROVIDES AN INSTRUCTIVE CASE HISTORY IN THE GOALS AND TECHNIQUES USED BY THE LEFT ON OTHER SOLIDARITY FRONTS AS WELL.

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3. POLITICALLY ACTIVE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CONTACTS ARE COMPLAINING THAT A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN OF GOES OR "DEATH SQUAD" REPRESSION (THE SAME THING, IN THEIR MINDS) IS SWEEPING THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. THEY CLAIM THAT SEVERAL RECENT ARRESTS OF STUDENTS (INCLUDING ANTONIO QUEZADA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND A KNOWN MEMBER OF THE FPL GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION), A NON-FATAL SHOOTING OF THE DEAN OF THE HUMANITIES FACULTY, AND AN ALLEGED DEATH THREAT MADE AGAINST HIS SUCCESSOR, ARE PARTS OF A CONCERTED PLAN OF "REPRESSION." SINCE SEVERAL OF THE ARRESTED AND RELEASED STUDENTS REPORTED THAT THEIR QUESTIONING HAD FOCUSED HEAVILY ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY "COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND DIALOGUE," UNIVERSITY ACTIVISTS EXPECT THAT ARRESTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE IMMINENT. (THE "COMMITTEE" ORGANIZED A CONFERENCE LAST FALL THAT SERVED AS A PODIUM FOR A FREE-FOR-ALL ATTACK BY THE LEFT ON THE GOES. SEE SAN SALVADOR 16561 FOR REPORTS ON THE CONFERENCE.)

4. IN RESPONSE TO THE PERCEIVED THREAT, UNIVERSITY ACTIVISTS HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND IN DOING SO, HAVE REVEALED A WELL-ESTABLISHED "SOLIDARITY" SUPPORT NETWORK, BOTH AT THE UNIVERSITY AND IN THE UNITED STATES. THE NETWORK IS LINKED TO, BUT SEPARATE FROM, BETTER-KNOWN FMLN SUPPORTERS SUCH AS THE "COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR" (<><>CISPES<><>), AND IS AIMED AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES. THE UNIVERSITY ACTIVISTS HAVE RAPIDLY GEARED UP A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN TO DENOUNCE ARRESTS OF STUDENT LEADERS AND HAVE ESTABLISHED A NETWORK OF TELEPHONE CONTACTS AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH U.S. "SUPPORTERS." THE U.S. SUPPORTERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE MET DURING A SERIES OF RECENT U.S. SPEAKING TOURS BY RADICAL SALVADORAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

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<> CO-DIRECTOR OF THE <><>CISPES-UNTS<><> CONFERENCE. IN A LETTER INVITING CERTAIN U.S. LABOR LEADERS TO ATTEND FENASTRAS' NOVEMBER 13-15 CONGRESS IN SAN SALVADOR, ACOSTA CALLED FENASTRAS "DEMOCRATIC" IN SPITE OF ITS GUERRILLA AND WFTU CONNECTIONS. ONLY TWO U.S. LABOR OFFICIALS ATTENDED THE CONGRESS. ONE OF THEM, JERRY OLIVEIRA OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS (IAM), ENDORSED FENASTRAS BY ALLOWING HIS NAME TO BE PLACED ON A FENASTRAS NEWSPAPER AD. BRITISH LABOR M.P. JEREMY CORBYN AND FRENCH, AUSTRALIAN, AND SWISS UNION MEMBERS ALSO LENT THEIR NAMES TO THE AD.

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<> 5. <><>CISPES<><> - BACKGROUND

<> <><>CISPES<><> IS A U.S. ORGANIZATION FOUNDED BY THE LEADER OF THE SALVADORAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SHAFIK HANDAL, IN 1980. AT ITS 1985 CONVENTION, <><>CISPES<><> PROCLAIMED THAT ONE OF ITS GOALS WAS TO "PROVIDE POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE FMLN-FDR." IN A 1986 ISSUE OF <><>CISPES<><>' NEWSLETTER "ALERT," <><>CISPES<><> WROTE IT "SEEKS TO EDUCATE AND MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST U.S. INTERVENTION IN EL SALVADOR AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE FMLN-FDR, THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE." <><>CISPES<><> ALSO STATES THAT IT STRIVES TO HAVE ALL U.S. AID TO EL SALVADOR CUT OFF.

<> 6. <><>CISPES<><> ORGANIZING EFFORTS

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<> <><>CISPES<><> ALSO NOTED THAT THE MAY 14 HEARINGS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON "THE AIR WAR AND

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- <> POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EL SALVADOR" WAS A <><>CISPES<><> PROJECT TO PRESSURE CONGRESS.
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- <> 7. <><>CISPES<><> HOPES TO RAISE 250,000 DOLLARS FOR THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN EL SALVADOR (CDHES), WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN
- <> FMLN-FRONT GROUP BY FORMER CDHES LEADERS. <><>CISPES<><> ASKS THAT U.S. TEACHER GROUPS SUPPORT THE SALVADORAN TEACHERS UNION ANDES 21 DE JUNIO AND U.S. STUDENT GROUPS DONATE FUNDS TO AGEUS, AN FMLN-FRONT GROUP AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. MIGUEL CASTELLANOS, AN FPL (ONE OF THE FIVE GROUPS IN THE FMLN) POLITICAL OFFICER WHO DEFECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT, HAS SAID THAT THE FPL CONTROLS ANDES AND THAT ANDES GIVES ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE DONATIONS IT RECEIVES TO THE GUERRILLAS.
- <> <><>CISPES<><> ALSO ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO CHANNEL FUNDS THROUGH THE SALVADORAN MEDICAL RELIEF FUND (SMRF), NEW EL SALVADOR TODAY (NEST), AND MEDICAL AID FOR EL SALVADOR (MAES), ALL OF WHICH ARE U.S.-BASED GROUPS.
- <> 8. <><>CISPES-UNTS<><> CONFERENCE
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- <> <><>CISPES<><> HAS BEEN WORKING ENERGETICALLY WITH UNTS TO SPONSOR A NOVEMBER 22-23 CONFERENCE AT THE JESUIT-RUN CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA) IN SAN SALVADOR. THE CONFERENCE WILL KICK-OFF WITH A DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR AND END WITH A PRESS CONFERENCE.
- <> <><>CISPES<><> CLAIMS A 250-MEMBER DELEGATION OF U.S. LABOR, COMMUNITY, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND MEDIA PERSONALITIES WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ENTITLED "IN SEARCH OF PEACE: A U.S.-EL SALVADOR CONFERENCE." AMONG THOSE <><>CISPES<><> LISTS AS "CURRENT ENDORSERS" OF THE CONFERENCE ARE REV. JESSE JACKSON, DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK, AND AMALGAMATED CLOTHING AND TEXTILE WORKERS UNION INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ED CLARK.
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- <> 9. <><>CISPES<><> CLAIMS THE CONFERENCE WILL "BRING SALVADORAN AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER TO EXPLORE AND PROPOSE CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD PEACE AND TO WORK FOR A
- <> NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE WAR." <><>CISPES<><> STATES IN OTHER PARTS OF ITS LITERATURE, HOWEVER, THAT "JUST
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- <> BOOST TO THE PEOPLE'S WILL TO GO ON." <><>CISPES<><> ALSO SAYS THAT "FOCUSING ON SUPPORT TO THE POPULAR OPPOSITION IN
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EL SALVADOR NOW IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES TO AFFECT THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE THERE AND TO BUILD BROAD UNDERSTANDING HERE ABOUT HOW BANKRUPT THE WHOLE (U.S.) REGIONAL POLICY IS." (NOTE: <><>CISPES<><> REPEATEDLY REFERS TO THE FMLN AS THE POPULAR OPPOSITION.)

10. IN ITS LETTER RECRUITING DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE <><>CISPES<><> STIPULATES THAT EACH DELEGATE "MUST BE RECOMMENDED BY AN ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL ENDORSING THE CONFERENCE AS WELL AS SEND IN A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION CHURCH, UNION, SCHOOL, ETC. THAT THEY WILL BE REPRESENTING AT THE CONFERENCE." DELEGATES MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT AND VISA, ATTEND OR RECEIVE AN ORIENTATION AND "AGREE TO ABIDE BY CONFERENCE REGULATIONS." ONE REGULATION REQUIRES DELEGATES TO ARRIVE IN EL SALVADOR ON NOVEMBER 20 AND DEPART BY NOVEMBER 24. ACCORDING TO <><>CISPES<><>, THIS IS "TO ENSURE THAT OUR DELEGATION IS RESPECTFUL OF AND ACTS RESPONSIBLE TOWARD OUR HOSTS. NO ONE CONNECTED WITH THE CONFERENCE CAN STAY IN EL SALVADOR LONGER THAN THIS TIME PERIOD UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE." A <><>CISPES-CONNECTED<><> ORGANIZATION, TACOMANS FOR PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA (TAPICA), STATES THAT "FOR SAFETY REASONS" PARTICIPANTS CAN ONLY REMAIN FROM NOVEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 25 UNLESS THEY ARE PART OF ANOTHER ORGANIZED DELEGATION.

11. "A MILLION VOICES FOR PEACE"

<><>CISPES<><> WANTS TO OBTAIN PLEDGES FROM ONE MILLION AMERICANS FOR A RESOLUTION TO CUT ALL U.S. AND ECONOMIC AID TO EL SALVADOR AND "SUPPORT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT AMONG THE SALVADORANS." <><>CISPES<><> ADVISES ITS FOLLOWERS TO IDENTIFY AN "INTERNAL ADVOCATE" IN INSTITUTIONS AND GROUPS IT IS TRYING TO CONVINCE TO ENDORSE THE PLEDGES, WHICH ARE TO BE DELIVERED AT THE CONFERENCE. <><>CISPES<><> INCLUDES "HOW-TO'S," A SAMPLE LETTER, AND A "SAMPLE RAP" IN ITS PACKET OF ADVICE ON OBTAINING ENDORSEMENTS. <><>CISPES<><> TELLS ITS MEMBERS TO INFORM AUDIENCES THAT THE DUARTE GOVERNMENT "CONTINUES TO IMPRISON, TORTURE, AND EVEN MURDER TRADE UNIONISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, AND OTHERS WHO SPEAK OUT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE." NOWHERE IN THE PACKET DOES <><>CISPES<><> SAY THAT PROSPECTIVE ENDORSERS OF THE PLEDGE SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT <><>CISPES<><> SUPPORTS THE FMLN-FDR.

12. MEDICAL AID FOR EL SALVADOR - BACKGROUND

MEDICAL AID FOR EL SALVADOR (MAES) WAS FOUNDED IN FEBRUARY 1982. ITS MOST FAMOUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER IS ACTOR EDWARD ASNER. DR. CHARLES CLEMENTS, WHOSE BOOK "WITNESS TO WAR" DESCRIBES A YEAR HE SPENT WORKING WITH FMLN GUERRILLAS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS IN THE GUAZAPA

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VOLCANO AREA, IS ALSO A MAES MEMBER. ACCORDING TO MAES, IT HAS DONATED OVER 750,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF MEDICAL AID WHICH "HAS GONE TO RURAL AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT BOMBARDMENT OF CIVILIAN TARGETS HAS MADE THE NEED FOR HEALTH CARE MOST CRITICAL." MAES ALSO REPORTS THAT IN JANUARY 1983, IT SPENT 80,000 DOLLARS TO TRAIN AND EQUIP 110 MEDICAL "BRIGADISTAS." MAES CLAIMS THAT IN AUGUST 1985, IT GAVE 195,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO A STUDENT-RUN CLINIC AND PHARMACY AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. (NOTE: THEY WERE NEVER ESTABLISHED, AND THE SUPPLIES "DISAPPEARED." PRESUMABLY THEY WERE GIVEN TO THE GUERRILLAS.)

MAES' BIGGEST COUP CAME IN 1985 WHEN IT SENT A SURGICAL TEAM TO EL SALVADOR TO OPERATE ON THE HAND OF NIDIA DIAZ, AN FMLN GUERRILLA COMMANDER WHO WAS WOUNDED AND CAPTURED IN A BATTLE WITH THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES. MAES REFERS TO DIAZ AS A POLITICAL PRISONER AND ITS LITERATURE STATES THE OPERATION TOOK PLACE IN A PRISON <> THOUGH IT OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL. A <><>CISPES<><> ARTICLE WHICH PRAISED THE OPERATION REFERRED TO DIAZ ONLY AS "A PARTICIPANT IN THE LA PALMA PEACE TALKS." BOTH GROUPS UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 SAN SALVADOR 14790

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13. MAES FUNDS HOSPITALS IN CONFLICTIVE ZONES. THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THESE HOSPITALS BY MAES LEADS US TO SUSPECT THESE HOSPITALS TREAT FMLN WOUNDED AS WELL AS CIVILIANS. MAES SAYS THAT THE HOSPITALS MUST BE ABLE TO MOVE CONSTANTLY IN CASE OF MILITARY ATTACKS. ONE HOSPITAL MAES FUNDED WAS ON GUAZAPA VOLCANO AND ANOTHER IS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF LA UNION DEPARTMENT.

14. MEDICAL AIRLIFT TO EL SALVADOR

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 ON NOVEMBER 30, MAES PLANS TO FLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND A 40-MEMBER "FACT FINDING" TEAM OF LABOR, CONGRESS, RELIGIOUS, AND MEDICAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CELEBRITIES TO EL SALVADOR.

-- THOSE AMONG THE ONE MILLION WAR REFUGEES (NOTE: THERE ARE ACTUALLY ABOUT 500,000 DISPLACED PERSONS IN EL SALVADOR);

-- CIVILIAN AS WELL AS COMBATANT AMPUTEES; AND,  
 -- SALVADORAN CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK OR WOUNDED BECAUSE OF THE WAR. SOME OF THESE CHILDREN ARE TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE U.S., AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS

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WILL BE HOSTED BY "SANCTUARY CONGREGATIONS."

MAES LITERATURE STATES THAT THE AIRLIFT WILL BE USED AS "AN ORGANIZATION TOOL FOR THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PEACE MOVEMENT." MAES HOPES THE AIRLIFT WILL ATTRACT PUBLICITY TO "REFOCUS THE AMERICAN PUBLIC'S ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS IN EL SALVADOR."

15. IN A PACKET ASKING SUPPORT FOR THE AIRLIFT IN THE FORM OF TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS, MAES ALSO INCLUDES A TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM SAN SALVADOR ARCHBISHOP RIVERA DAMAS. IN HIS LETTER THE ARCHBISHOP ACCEPTS AND BLESSES THE AIRLIFT AND PROMISES THE CHURCH WILL ENSURE THE HELP WILL REACH THE MOST NEEDY. MAES APPARENTLY BROUGHT IN MUCH OF THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES INTENDED FOR THE AIRLIFT DURING THE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT. THOSE SUPPLIES AS WELL AS A SINGLE PLANELOAD TO ARRIVE NOVEMBER 30 ARE CONSIGNED TO THE ARCHBISHOPRIC. MAES STATES IT IS LOOKING FOR AN OVERT VEHICLE TO CONTINUE ITS MEDICAL PROGRAM IN CONFLICTIVE ZONES, I.E., FMLN MILITARY HOSPITALS.

16. THE MAES DELEGATION PLANS TO DEPART SAN SALVADOR ON DECEMBER 6 FOR MEXICO CITY ACCOMPANIED BY SALVADORAN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. MAES CLAIMS IT HAS A MEETING SCHEDULED IN MEXICO CITY ON DECEMBER 7 WITH CONTADORA FOREIGN MINISTERS AND LEADERS OF THE SALVADORAN OPPOSITION (I.E. FMLN-FDR).

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