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SUBJECT: THIRD/FOURTH US-BASED FMLN/FDR SUPPORT
 - ACTIVITIES UNDERWAYREF: A) SAN SALVADOR 14988 B) SAN SALVADOR 15158
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1. SUMMARY: THE FMLN/FDR CONTINUES EFFORTS TO
 ACTIVATE ITS US-BASED SUPPORT NETWORK. COORDINATED
 BY THE WASHINGTON-DC-BASED NATIONAL OFFICE OF
 <> SALVADORAN COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT-ORGANIZATION <><>CISPES<><>
 (COMMITTEE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF EL
 SALVADOR) FOUR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN INITIATED IN THE
 PAST FEW WEEKS: THE NOVEMBER 13-15 FENASTRAS LABOR
 <> CONVENTION (REF A), THE NOVEMBER 22-23 <><>UNTS/CISPES<><>
 CONFERENCE (REF B), AND THE NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4
 MEDICAL AID FOR EL SALVADOR VISIT. A FOURTH EFFORT

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BY BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA-BASED NEW EL SALVADOR TODAY (NEST) IS ALSO UNDERWAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR FMLN PROJECTS IN FPL AREAS OF INFLUENCE IN CHALATENANGO PROVINCE. END SUMMARY.

2. MAES: MEDICAL AID FOR EL SALVADOR (MAES) AIRCRAFT AND 32 MEMBER DELEGATION ARRIVED IN EL SALVADOR NOVEMBER 29. CHARTER AIRCRAFT DELIVERED MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE ARCHBISHOPRIC OF SAN SALVADOR. POINT OF CONTACT IN THE ARCHBISHOPRIC'S OFFICE IS REV. OCTAVIO CRUZ, WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY DEFECTORS FROM THE FMLN-CONTROLLED NON-GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS A POINT OF CONTACT OF THE FMLN IN THE ARCHBISHOPRIC. WE CAN NOT CONFIRM THIS ASSERTION. DELEGATION BEGAN A FOUR-DAY FACT FINDING VISIT INCLUDING BRIEFING BY CHARGE DECEMBER 1. IN DISCUSSION, DELEGATION MEMBERS, WHO INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL OTHER U.S. PEACE AND CHURCH GROUPS, DESCRIBED MAES AS A NON-PARTISAN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED MEDICAL RIGHTS OF CIVILIANS LIVING IN AREAS OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT CONTROL (NOTE: CONGRESSIONAL SPONSORS OF MAES INCLUDE: REPS. CONYERS, GEORGE BROWN, GEORGE CROCKETT, RON DELLUMS, JULIAN DIXON, MERVYN DYMALLY, WALTER FAUNTROY, THOMAS FOGLIETTA, ROBERT GARCIA, MICKEY LELAND, PARREN MITCHELL, PETE STARK, BRUCE VENTO AND SEN. TOM HARKIN). MAES REPS DEFENDED THE AUGUST 1985 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MICROSURGERY FOR CAPTURED PRTC-MEMBER NIDIA DIAZ AS CONSISTENT WITH GROUP'S DECLARED CHARTER. GROUP MEMBERS DID NOT COMMENT ON JUNE 19, 1985 PRTC ASSASSINATION OF EMBASSY MARINES, DIAZ'S EXCHANGE FOR THE KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT DUARTE OR HER CURRENT BROADCASTS FOR RADIO HAVANA. GROUP WAS DENIED A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DUARTE BUT DID MEET WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING EMC CHIEF GENERAL BLANDON. VISIT HAS RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NO PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE LOCAL MEDIA.

3. NEST: A FOURTH FMLN SUPPORT ACTIVITY IS ALSO UNDERWAY. NEW EL SALVADOR TODAY (NEST) HAS BEGUN A FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR PROJECTS IN FPL-INFLUENCED AREAS OF NORTHERN CHALATENANGO. NEST DEFINES ITSELF AS "A TAX-EXEMPT NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION SENDING HUMANITARIAN AID TO THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE MOST AFFECTED BY THE VIOLENCE OF THE U.S. SUPPORTED WAR." OTHER LITERATURE STATES THAT "TODAY, IN AREAS PROTECTED BY THE FMLN, ZONES OF CONTROL, 300,000 SALVADORANS ARE BEGINNING TO LIVE NEW LIVES, TO BUILD A NEW SOCIETY." AMONG NEST'S BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S IS BERKELEY, CA. MAYOR GUS NEWPORT (NEWPORT IS IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL AND THE U.S. PEACE COUNCIL. THE LATTER IS A MEMBER OF

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<> THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF <><>CISPES<><>.THE U.S. PEACE COUNCIL IS RUN BY MEMBERS OF TBE COMMUNIST PARTY USA).

4. CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY: MAYOR NEWPORT TESTIFIED IN THE MAY 14, 1986 HEARINGS BEFORE THE HOUSE WESTERN HEMISPHERE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE "AIR WAR" IN EL SALVADOR CONCERNING HIS MARCH 1985 VISIT TO FPL "ZONES OF CONTROL" IN CHALATENANGO. THIS IS THE SAME AREA VISITED IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1985 BY MEDICAL AID FOR EL SALVADOR DIRECTOR SAND BRIM AND PRESIDENT CHRISTINA CORTWRIGHT (NOTE: DAVE CORTWRIGHT IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SANE AND WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE UNTS CONFERENCE. SUSANNA CEPEDA, IDENTIFIED TOGETHER WITH FENASTRAS US-REP FRANCISCO ACOSTA AS A UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 SAN SALVADOR 15218

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SUBJECT: THIRD/FOURTH US-BASED FMLN/FDR SUPPORT DIRECTOR OF THE UNTS CONFERENCE AND AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE RAINBOW COALITION AND SANE, IS ALSO IDENTIFIED BY NEST AS A MEMBER OF THE NEST BOARD OF ENDORSERS REPRESENTING SANE). ALL OF THE ABOVE WERE BRIEFED BY THE EMBASSY NOVEMBER 24.

5. THE NEST FUNDRAISING REQUEST WENT OUT UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF REP. JOHN CONYERS (D-MI) WHO ALSO TESTIFIED IN THE MAY 14, 1986 HEARINGS. (NOTE: REPS. CONYERS, DYMALLY AND DELLUMS HOSTED A RECEPTION WELCOMING NEST TO WASHINGTON JULY 10, 1986.

CARLOTTIA SCOTT, AA TO CONYERS SUBMITTED A STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD IN THE MAY 14 HEARINGS ON HER TRAVEL APRIL 24-MAY 4, 1986 TO CHALATENANGO AS A MEMBER OF A NEST DELEGATION). REF (A) NOTED THE PARTICIPATION OF

<> AFGE REP MICHAEL URQUHART AT THE <><>UNTS/CISPES<><> CONFERENCE AND THAT HE HAD ALSO TESTIFIED IN THE HEARING ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON AREA LABOR COMMITTEE ON CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. (NOTE: EILEEN PURCELL, WHO TESTIFIED IN THE HEARING ON BEHALF OF SAN FRANCISCO ARCHBISHOP JOHN QUINN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SALVADORAN HUMANITARIAN AID RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (SHARE). PURCELL TRAVELLED TO EL SALVADOR IN LATE OCTOBER AS PART OF THE MAES ADVANCE TEAM).

6. MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS VISITING GROUPS HAVE ALL INDICATED TO THE EMBASSY THAT THEY INTEND TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO TERMINATE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EL SALVADOR, THAT THEY BELIEVE THE CLIMATE WILL BE IMPROVED IN THE WAKE OF THE IRAN-CONTRA ISSUE, AND THAT THEY INTEND TO PRESS EARLY ON IN THE NEW SESSION OF CONGRESS FOR HEARINGS ON THE FINDINGS OF THEIR CURRENT VISITS.

7. COMMENT: IN ANTICIPATION OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR VISITS AND THE

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REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY,
 EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT EARLY ON ESTABLISH
 WITH MEMBERS OF THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES THE
 BACKGROUND ON THE ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED IN EMBASSY
 <> REPORTING. <><>CISPES<><> LITERATURE OPENLY STATES ITS
 <> SUPPORT OF THE FMLN/FDR. FURTHER BACKGROUND <><>ONE SAM
 CISPES AND THE INTERLOCKING RELATIONSHIPS OF THE
 VARIOUS FRONT GROUPS IS CONTAINED IN THE NOVEMBER 9,
 1983 STATEMENTS FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD BY REPS.
 CRANE, CRANE, AND BLILEY. THE THREE STATEMENTS
 <> RECORDED AT THAT TIME ARE BASED ON A STUDY OF <><>CISPES<><>
 PUBLISHED BY J. MICHAEL WALLER OF THE UNITED STUDENTS
 OF AMERICA FOUNDATION. THE WALLER DOCUMENT IS BASED
 PARTIALLY ON THE FARID HANDAL DOCUMENT RELEASED BY
 THE DEPARTMENT WHICH EXPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
 <> <><>CISPES<><> IN OCTOBER 1980 BY FARID HANDAL, BROTHER OF
 SALVADORAN COMMUNIST PARTY HEAD SHAFIK HANDAL AND ON
 <> THE <><>CISPES-CIRCULATED<><> STATE DEPARTMENT DISSENT MEMO
 ENTITLED "DISSENT PAPER ON EL SALVADOR AND CENTRAL
 AMERICA" DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1980 WHICH WAS IDENTIFIED
 BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A KGB ACTIVE MEASURE. ACTIVITY
 OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS BY THESE FRONT GROUPS IS
 <> CONSISTENT WITH THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED BY <><>CISPES<><>
 SINCE ITS INCEPTION. END COMMENT.

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