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SAN SALVADOR RADIO CADENA SONORA IN SPANISH 1788 GHT

((TEXT)) CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JULIO ADOLFO REY PRENDES TODAY TOLD REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA TO ABSTAIN FROM REPORTING ANYTHING ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING OF PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS BECAUSE THIS HIGHT HINDER THE NEGOTIATIONS. HERE ARE THE MINISTER'S STATEMENTS:

(BEGIN RECORDING)) WE HAVE KEPT YOU AS INFORMED AS POSSIBLE, BUT I THINK THE TIME HAS COME TO ASK A VERY SPECIAL FAVOR OF ALL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPORTERS TO TEMPGRARILY SUSPEND REPORTS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TRANSACTIONS WHICH, LOGICALLY, YOU ARE TAKING FROM THE GUERRILLA'S RADIO STATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS. THIS EXCESSIVE PUBLICITY HAS COMPLICATED THE REGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THES GUADALUPE, ANA CECILIA, AND THE MAYORS. THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN SUSPEND ALL INFORMATION ON THE KIDNAPPING FOR A CERTAIN TIME. . TODAY IS HONDAY, AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE IS FOR US TO HEET AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, WHEN I CAN REPORT TO YOU JUST AS I AM REPORTING TO YOU RIGHT NOW. IN OTHER WORDS, I WOULD LIKE THE INFORMATION TO EMANATE EXCLUSIVELY FROM HE. EVEN IF YOU HEAR INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES, I BEG THIS OF YOU SO WE CAN CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS PEACEFULLY.

YOU ARE LISTERING TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS ON CB RADIO. BUT YOU CANNOT HEAR WHAT THE KIDNAPPERS ARE SAYING. THEY MFE PROTESTING THE EXCESSIVE PUBLICITY, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE TO BLAME BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN USING A SYSTEM THAT IS VERY EASY TO MONITOR. THEREFORE, WE ARE ASKING THIS FAVOR DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS -- AT LEAST 24 HOURS -- ACTUALLY ALL DAY TODAY AND TOMORROW, TUESDAY. ON VEDENESDAY WE WILL HEET HERE AGAIN AT THE SAME TIME TO SEE HOW THE SITUATION IS PROGRESSING. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT I CAN NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME INFORMATION IF YOU REQUEST IT. YOU MAY BRING YOUR CAMERAS AT OTHER TIMES, AND I CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME INFORMATION IF YOU WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, I WOULD BE'G OF YOU NOT TO USE ANY OTHER HEARS OF COLLECTING INFORMATION FOR THE TIME BEING. PERMIT US ABOUT 24 HOURS TO SEE IF WE CAN REACH FOSITIVE CONCLUSIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THOSE KIDNAPPED. THIS IS WHAT I AM ASKING YOU ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT OUT OF FRIENDSHIP

AND CONCERN. ((END RECORDING))

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CONCERNING HIS REQUEST, REY PRENDES ADDED:

((BEGIN RECORDING)) ((REY PRENDES)) I THINK IT WOULD BE PREFERRABLE, AND I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR REPORTING THIS IF YOU WOULD REED BY REQUEST TO ABSTAIN FROM GIVING ANY INFORMATION. I YOU DO NOT EXPLAIN THE SITUATION, IT WOULD CAUSE SURPRISE. ESPECIALLY ABROAD. HERE I WILL STILL PROVIDE YOU WITH WHATEVER EXCLUSIVE INFORMATION I CAN SO YOU WOULD HAVE SOME INFORMATION.

I DEEPLY REGRET IT IF AT SOME POINT YOU HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACTS, BUT THERE IS ALSO A PROBLEM OF RESPONSIBILITY. PERHAPS THEY ((NOT IDENTIFIED -- FBISI) DID NOT FEEL THEY HAD SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO INFORM ALL THAT COULD BE INFORMED, BUT YOU MAY ASK QUESTIONS HOW.

(UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER)) IS THIS ALSO A DEMAND FROM THE GROUP ( CORDS INDISTINCT!) ?

(REY PRENDES)) NO, NO, NO. THIS IS A PLEA BY THE GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO CONTINUE THE REGOTIATIONS WITHOUT ALL THE DETAILS BEING KNOWN, AS THIS COULD BE HARMFUL AND THE OTHER SIDE HIGHT DECIDE TO DISCONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS PROBLEM WORRIES US AT THIS POINT. THIS IS NOT A DEMAND, IT IS A PLEA. EIEND RECORDING! )

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