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1. REF UAS TIMELY AND MUCH APPRECIATED. AS YOU NO DOUBT AWARE, INTEL COMMUNITY NEEDS INFORMATION ON PERPETRATORS OF ROMERO KILLING.

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2. IT IS ASSUMED HERE THAT NEXT 48 HOURS WILL BE CRITICAL. EMBASSY TRAFFIC (AND [REDACTED] ANALYSIS BASED ON IT) OVERWHELMINGLY PESSIMISTIC. WE WONDER, HOWEVER, IF ROMERO KILLING MAY RESULT IN CONSERVATIVE BACKLASH DETRIMENTAL TO SO-CALLED "PSYCHOTIC RIGHT." THE THOUGHT HAS ALSO OCCURRED THAT IF EXTREME LEFTISTS HAD BEEN SEEKING TO CREATE CHAOS IN HOPES OF DOOMING REFORM PROGRAM AND MODEST GAINS JRG HAS MADE AS A RESULT OF REFORMS, THEY COULD HAVE DONE NO BETTER THAN ASSASSINATE ARCHBISHOP.

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END OF MESSAGE

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