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DIST: 29 APRIL 1983
COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR
SUBJ:

1. STATUS OF THE LEGAL CASE INVOLVING HANS CHRIST
2. FORMATION OF A NEW SALVADORAN POLITICAL PARTY

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ON 23 APRIL 1983, JUAN RAMON ((ROSALES)) Y ROSALES, DEFENSE LAWYER FOR HANS ((CHRIST)), A SALVADORAN RIGHTIST SUSPECTED OF COMPLICITY IN THE 1980 SHERATON MURDERS CASE, SAID THAT ALL LEGAL CHARGES AGAINST CHRIST WOULD BE DROPPED BY THE END OF APRIL. ROSALES STATED THAT FACTUAL INCONSISTENCIES IN THE TESTIMONIES OF THE TWO MAIN WITNESSES AGAINST CHRIST WOULD PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR THE DISMISSAL OF CHARGES. ROSALES ALSO SAID THAT, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES WERE WILLING TO LET THE CASE DROP, IF A LEGAL PRETEXT COULD BE FOUND FOR DOING SO.

2. ACCORDING TO ROSALES, CHRIST IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN MIAMI, FLORIDIA AND PROBABLY WILL RETURN TO EL SALVADOR IN MAY OR JUNE, AFTER THE DISMISSAL OF CHARGES. ROSALES SAID THAT HE IS IN TOUCH WITH CHRIST THROUGH MEMBERS OF THE SALVADORAN COMMUNITY IN MIAMI. (COMMENT: ROSALES IMPLIED, BUT DID NOT STATE, THAT CHRIST IS USING AN ALIAS.)