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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ; MOVEMENT OF 1,000 FRESH FMLN TROOPS TO SAN SALVADOR;
PLANNED ROLE OF ELLACURIA IN EFFECTING NEW
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FMLN AND THE GOVERNMENT

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE ASSASSINATION THAT DAY OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA RECTOR IGNACIO ((ELLACURIA)), THE MILITARY COMMAND OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) HAS DECIDED TO SEND 1,000 FRESH TROOPS INTO THE CITY.

[REDACTED] THE TROOPS ARE FROM THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL), AND HAVE BEEN WAITING IN TWO GROUPS IN NEJAPA AND APOPA TO COVER THE EXPECTED RETREAT OF FMLN FORCES FROM THE CITY.

2. WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ELLACURIA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE "SCHEME OF BATTLE" FOR THE OFFENSIVE HAS CHANGED AND THE FMLN LEADERSHIP THINKS THE COMBAT CAN BE PROLONGED UNTIL ABOUT 22 NOVEMBER WITH THE FRESH TROOPS.

3. [REDACTED] THREE FMLN COLLEAGUES ASKED ELLACURIA ON 13 NOVEMBER TO HELP EFFECT NEW CONTACTS BETWEEN THE FMLN AND SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. [REDACTED] THE FMLN HAD COMPILED A LIST OF FIVE "FRIENDS" WHO WOULD SPEAK FOR THE FRONT, AND THAT ELLACURIA HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICIALS TO COMPILE A SIMILAR LIST OF MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WOULD TALK WITH THE FMLN REPRESENTATIVES. [REDACTED] THE BASIC DEMAND OF THE FMLN IN SUCH TALKS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE REMOVAL OF "TANDONA" MEMBERS FROM MILITARY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

4. [REDACTED] ELLACURIA APPROVED THE IDEA OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND HAD REPORTED TO THE FMLN MEMBERS ON 15 NOVEMBER THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS SEEMED TO BE GOING WELL.

5. [REDACTED] WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ELLACURIA AND THE OTHER PRIESTS, THE INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNAL OUTLOOK HAS CHANGED; HE PREDICTED THE UNITED STATES WOULD BRING PRESSURE ON THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE THE MILITARY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILITARY'S "POOR SHOWING" DURING THE OFFENSIVE, AND OTHER "CRIMES," INCLUDING THE MURDER OF ELLACURIA.

6. [REDACTED] THE FPL HAS CONTROLLED NEJAPA AND APOPA SINCE THE OFFENSIVE BEGAN. [REDACTED] CANNOT CONFIRM THE NUMBERS OF FPL COMBATANTS IN THAT AREA [REDACTED]

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