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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: MINISTER OF DEFENSE PONCE'S ORDERS TO MILITARY OFFICERS FOR RENEWED COOPERATION IN THE JESUIT CASE

DOI: EARLY APRIL 1991

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TEXT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN LATE FEBRUARY PONCE MET WITH BATTALION COMMANDERS AND ORDERED THEM TO INFORM ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL MENTIONED IN HIS 22 FEBRUARY LETTER TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE RENE ((HERNANDEZ)) VALIENTE TO COOPERATE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE JESUIT MURDERS. PONCE DID NOT CALL A MEETING OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE LETTER TO PERSONALLY DIRECT THEM TO COOPERATE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE 22 FEBRUARY LETTER, SENT BY PONCE AS AN APPARENT INDICATION OF MILITARY SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION OF THE JESUIT CASE, NAMED 12 MILITARY OFFICERS TO BE RECALLED AND

[REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CASE.)
COMMENT: PONCE'S DESIRE TO RESOLVE THE JESUIT CASE IS GENUINE AS HE
REALIZES THE POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS EFFECT IT COULD HAVE ON BOTH U.S.
MILITARY AID AND U.S./SALVADORAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL.)

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