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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/26/86 (GETTINGER, H. CAROL) OR-P
TAGS: PINS PINT ES PINR SHUM
SUBJ: MILITARY TRIAL FOR INSTIGATORS OF POWER BLACKOUT

1. (U) THE INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED FOR INSTIGATING THE DAY-LONG POWER OUTAGE WERE TURNED OVER TO A MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR TRIAL, AUG 25. A MILITARY JUDGE WAS NAMED AND THE ARRESTED MEN WERE PLACED IN HIS CUSTODY.

2. (U) A SAN SALVADOR MORNING DAILY AUG 26 SAID THAT 17 MEN WOULD BE TRIED BY A "MILITARY INSTRUCTION JUDGE". THE SAME ARTICLE, HOWEVER, LISTED 22 NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS DETAINED ON CHARGES RELATING TO THE BLACKOUT.

3. (U) THE SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST THE MEN WERE 1) DISRUPTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND 2) UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MILITARY
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WEAPONS INCLUDING FRAGMENTATION GRENADES AND INCENDIARY BOMBS. AN UNNAMED SOURCE INDICATED THAT IF FOUND GUILTY THE ACCUSED COULD RECEIVE SENTENCES OF "SIX MONTHS, TWO YEARS, FOUR, EIGHT, AND MORE."

4. (U) THE SALVADORAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE FAR LEFT) PETITIONED THE GOES ON AUG 25 TO EITHER RELEASE THE ARRESTED OR REMAND THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN COURT. THE COMMISSION ALSO PETITIONED FOR THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE CEL, CEPA AND ANDA PLANTS AND FOR THE DE-

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Donna M. DiPaolo, Senior Reviewer

ROGATION OF DECREES 296 AND 46.

5. (U) PRESS REPORTS LISTED THE FOLLOWING NAMES AS BEING AMONG THOSE ARRESTED:

HECTOR BERNABE RECINOS AGUIRRE
ALFREDO HERNANDEZ REPRESA
JOSE ARNULFO GRANDE MENJIVAR
JORGE ALBERTO HERNANDEZ CALDERON
FRANCISCO RAMON ZAMORA CASTILLO
SANTOS RIVERA CALZADA
JOSE OSMIN VELASQUEZ SARAVIA
EMETERIO AREVALO GOMEZ
ARCADIO RAUDA MEJIA
HUGO ERNESTO MENDEZ
RENE OSCAR AZAHAR
JORGE ALBERTO ARTEAGA BONILLA
ORLANDO DAGOBERTO RODRIGEZ M.
MIGUE ANGEL CASTANDEA ZETINA
CHEDOR LAOMER
ASCENCIO CONTRERAS
JOSE ARTURO VALENCIA
ALFREDO MARTINEZ
MIGUEL GUEVARA
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MAURICIO HERRERA
ASCENCIO RAUDA
ERNESTO FIGUEROA

6. (C) HECTOR RECINOS IS THE FENASTRAS SECRETARY GENERAL. ALFREDO HERNANDEZ, ALSO WITH FENASTRAS, IS ITS SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL AFFAIRS. JOSE GRANDE IS WITH FAPU. MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE OTHERS ARE PART OF THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE STECEL UNION OR ARE PART OF THE PARENT ORGANIZATION FENASTRAS. MOST ARE PRESUMED TO HAVE SOME LINKS TO THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION FRONT (FAPU), A MASS ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE TERRORIST FARN. DION

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