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16 NOVEMBER 1989
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]