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SUBJ: NEGATIVE REACTION OF SALVADORAN BRIGADE COMMANDERS

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TO PART OF THE NEW DEMAND BY THE KIDNAPPERS OF PRESIDENT
DUARTE'S DAUGHTER

DOI: 18 - 21 OCTOBER 1985

TEXT: 1. ON 20 OCTOBER 1985, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA CONTACTED ALL SALVADORAN BRIGADE COMMANDERS TO SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS ON THE LATEST DEMAND BY THE KIDNAPPERS OF INES GUADALUPE ((DUARTE)) DURAN. VIDES INFORMED THE COMMANDERS THAT THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE STIPULATED THAT AT THE SAME TIME THAT INES DUARTE AND HER COMPANION ARE EXCHANGED FOR 22 INSURGENT PRISONERS, THE KIDNAPPED MAYORS BE EXCHANGED FOR THE EVACUATION OF 96 MAIMED AND WOUNDED INSURGENTS TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND THE RELEASE OF 29 IMPRISONED FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) LABOR AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS.

2. ALL BRIGADE COMMANDERS, INCLUDING FOURTH BRIGADE COMMANDER SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, AGREED TO THE RELEASE OF THE 22 INSURGENT PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR INES DUARTE AND ANA CECILIA ((VILLEDA)) SOSA. THEY ALSO AGREED TO GRANTING SAFE PASSAGE FOR THE EVACUATION OF THE 96 WOUNDED AND MAIMED INSURGENTS. THE BRIGADE COMMANDERS DID NOT AGREE TO THE RELEASE OF THE FMLN LABOR

AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS, HOWEVER. MOREOVER, THEY REQUESTED VIGOROUSLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT REFRAIN FROM AGREEING TO ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE DEMANDS.

3. VIDES CONVEYED THESE VIEWS TO PRESIDENT DUARTE, WHO DISPATCHED HIS SON, ALEJANDRO ((DUARTE)), AND FIRST DESIGNATE TO THE PRESIDENCY ABRAHAM ((RODRIGUEZ)) TO PANAMA FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH FMLN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MORNING OF 21 OCTOBER. ALEJANDRO DUARTE AND RODRIGUEZ HAD JUST RETURNED TO SAN SALVADOR ON THE EVENING OF 20 OCTOBER FROM PANAMA, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH FMLN REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING THE KIDNAPPING.