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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/27/87 (HALLMAN, WILLIAM H) OR-PP
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SUBJ: ALLEGED REFUGEE MASSACRE

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1. (U) "LA PRENSA GRAFICA" MARCH 26 CARRIED A SALVADORAN
ARMED FORCES DENIAL OF WHAT WAS TERMED THE "SUPPOSED

MASSACRE" ACROSS THE RIO LEMPA FRONTIER IN HONDURAS. THE
DENIAL CRITICIZED BY NAME THE SAN DIEGO UNION JOURNALIST WHO
PUBLISHED THE STORY.

2. (U) THE DENIAL WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT "MANY FOREIGN
JOURNALISTS DECEIVE THEIR READERS, RADIO LISTENERS AND
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TELEVISION WATCHERS IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THEIR REMAINING
IN EL SALVADOR." THE DENIAL ENDED SAYING THAT ANY
MILITARY PARTICIPATION BY HONDURAN FORCES WOULD BE
"UNUSUAL AND UNNECESSARY."

3. (C) THE AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE OAS OBSERVER TEAM
BASED IN SAN SALVADOR HAS TOLD US HE VISITED LA VIRTUD
ON MARCH 25 AND SAW EVIDENCE OF A NEW INFLUX OF REFUGEES
WHICH HE BELIEVED RESULTED FROM A SWEEP NORTHWARDS FROM
VICTORIA BY SALVADORAN FORCES AND CLASHES WITH GUERRILLAS

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INVOLVED IN THAT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE IN THI AREA FAILED TO PRODCE ANY REMARKS CONCERNING A DRAMATIC "MASSACRE".

4. (C)

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