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1. (S) SUMMARY. ON APRIL 3, LABOFF VISITED NATIONAL POLICE (PN) DIRECTOR COL. REYNALDO LOPEZ MUILA TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE MARCH 27 ARREST OF CARLOS ERNESTO VASQUEZ SOMETA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WATERS AUTHORITY WORKERS UNION (SETA). THE TEXT OF A PM

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DOCUMENT PURPORTING TO BE VASQUEZ'S VOLUNTARY TESTIMONY

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IS REPORTED WITHIN THE BODY OF THIS CABLE. IT IS, SUPPOSEDLY, VASQUEZ'S RELATION OF HIS CAREER WITHIN THE FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN WORKERS (FENASTRAS) AND OF HIS PAST AND PRESENT ACTIVITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE FARM GUERRILLA GROUP.

2. (S) LABOFF MET ON APRIL 3 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, COL. REYNALDO LOPEZ MUILA, TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE MARCH 27 ARREST OF CARLOS ERNESTO VASQUEZ, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF SETA, THE UNION OF EMPLOYEES OF ANDA, THE WATERS AUTHORITY. LOPEZ MUILA SHOWED LABOFF AN ENTRY IN THE PN'S ARREST LOGBOOK NOTING VASQUEZ'S DETENTION FOR SUSPICION OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE FARM GUERRILLA GROUP. LOPEZ MUILA ALSO GAVE LABOFF A COPY OF A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE PN'S CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (CIC), WHICH DOCUMENT IS, PURPORTEDLY, VASQUEZ'S DETAILED AND UNFORCED CONFESSION RELATING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS WITHIN THE FARM. THERE FOLLOWS AN ABRIDGED TRANSLATION OF THIS DOCUMENT:

3. (U) BEGIN TEXT. CARLOS ERNESTO VASQUEZ SOMETA SAID HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FARM TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SINCE DECEMBER, 1980. HE IS PRESENTLY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WATERS AUTHORITY WORKERS UNION (SETA) AND THE SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN WORKERS (FENASTRAS). VASQUEZ FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAS FUNCTIONED BOTH AS A LABOR AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST WITHIN SETA, FENASTRAS AND THE FARM. HE STATED THAT HIS MISSION IS TO INDOCTRINATE AND ORIENT THE SETA RANK AND FILE ON THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC GOALS OF THE FARM'S PLANS, WHICH INCLUDE THE EVENTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF A

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PROVISIONAL FMLN GOVERNMENT IN EL SALVADOR.

4. (U) VASQUEZ INFORMED THAT HE BEGAN TO WORK FOR ANDA IN 1978, AND ALSO JOINED SETA AT THAT TIME. IN OCTOBER, 1979, HE MET MARIO CABRERA, CODE NAME "BRIGIDO," A PROMINENT FARM LEADER (NOTE: CABRERA IS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF FENASTRAS). ONCE HE JOINED THE FARM, VASQUEZ WAS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT FENASTRAS IN SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, INCLUDING RED "SUMMIT" MEETINGS IN HAVANA AND PRAGUE.

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ALSO SAID THAT THE FARN/FENASTRAS LEADERSHIP SET THE  
GROUND RULES FOR THE RECENT SERIES OF WORK STOPPAGES  
BY THE SETA UNION (REFTEL A). END TEXT.

B. (S) COMMENT: AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED,  
FENASTRAS HAS BEEN, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE LABOR  
FRONT OF THE FAPU/FARN GUERRILLA GROUP. VASQUEZ'S

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TESTIMONY, IF VALID, INDICATES THAT THERE IS ALSO SOME  
MOR INFLUENCE WITHIN FENASTRAS. ACCORDING TO DECREE 50

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5. (U) VASQUEZ FURTHER INFORMED THAT A FELLOW MEMBER  
OF SETA, FRANCISCO ANTONIO ROMERO MARTINEZ, HAS LINKS  
WITH THE CAYETANO CARPIO REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS' MOVEMENT  
(MOR), A HARD-LINE SPLINTER GROUP OF THE FPL GUERRILLA  
ORGANIZATION. THIS SAME ROMERO RECENTLY URGED SETA  
MEMBERS TO JOIN THE MOR AND TO AGITATE FOR THE RELEASE  
OF THE 9 FSR MEMBERS ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE  
ON JANUARY 18, 1983 (SEE REFTEL B). ANOTHER SETA  
MEMBER, CIRILO HUEZO, A MIDDLE ECHELON MEMBER OF THE  
FARN, IS THE FENASTRAS LABOR/POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE  
SETA WORKERS. HUEZO IS ALSO FENASTRAS' SECRETARY OF  
LABOR DISPUTES.

7. (U) VASQUEZ DECLARED THAT FENASTRAS RECEIVES FUNDS  
FROM THE MOSCOW-DOMINATED WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE  
UNIONS (WFTU) AND FROM THE FOR. THESE FUNDS ARE SENT  
FROM MEXICO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE PCES WHO SERVES AS  
A COURIER, ONE JORGE MENDOZA. MENDOZA IS ALSO A MEMBER  
OF THE FUSS, THE PCES' LABOR FRONT IN EL SALVADOR.  
VASQUEZ GAVE THE CODE NAMES (ROLANDO, SOFIA AND  
MICHELLE) OF MEMBERS OF THE NON-GOES HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION WHO HAVE ACTIVE LINKS TO THE FARN. VASQUEZ

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RECENTLY PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE NATIONAL  
POLICE HAS FIFTEEN DAYS (SINCE THE MARCH 27 ARREST),  
TO EITHER BRING CHARGES AGAINST VASQUEZ OR RELEASE HIM.  
END COMMENT.

9. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO POSTS  
WHERE WFTU ISSUES ARE RELEVANT.  
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