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BRUSSELS FOR USEC LABATT
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 3640, (B) SAN SALVADOR 3647

ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON APRIL 7, LABOFF RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR, COLONEL REYNALDO LOPEZ MULLA, TO VISIT CARLOS VASQUEZ SOMETA, THE JAILED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WATERS AUTHORITY WORKERS UNION (SETA) (REFTEL A).

RECENT (AND SO FAR PRIVATE) CHARGES MADE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO THE EFFECT THAT ARRESTED MARCH 27, HAD BEEN BEATEN AND NATIONAL POLICE. COL. LOPEZ MULLA TOLD VASQUEZ SOMETA WILL BE RELEASED ON APRIL THE POLICE ARE CONVINCED HE IS A MEMBER GUERRILLA GROUP (AS INDICATED BY HIS COM REPORTED REFTEL A). LOPEZ MULLA HAS DECIDED TO BRING PRESS CHARGES AGAINST HIM FOR MANY REASONS, AT LEAST OF WHICH IS THE PROXIMITY OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND THE THREAT OF ANOTHER SETA STRIKE.

3. LABOFF WAS ALLOWED TO TALK WITH VASQUEZ SOMETA FOR A HALF HOUR IN TOTAL PRIVACY AT THE NATIONAL POLICE DETENTION CENTER. VASQUEZ LOOKED HEALTHY AND HAD NO VISIBLE MARKS OF TORTURE OR BEATING. VASQUEZ HIMSELF SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN PHYSICALLY TORTURED IN ANY WAY AND HAD BEEN VISITED BY HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. VASQUEZ SOMETA HAS RIGHTS COMMISSION LABOR/CAMPESINO REPRESENTATIVE SINCE APRIL 5. HE CHARGED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS CONFESSION HAD BEEN WRESTED FROM HIM UNDER THREAT OF PROLONGED IMPRISONMENT IN MARIONA PRISON, SUBVERSIVE.

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6. YASQUEZ IS AWARE THAT HIS UNION, SETA, AND THE BANKWORKERS UNION (SITRABIF) RECENTLY THREATENED TO INITIATE ANOTHER WORK STOPPAGE ON APRIL 11, UNLESS HE IS FREED BY THEM. SETA, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, IS AFFILIATED TO THE FARM-LINKED FENASTRAS FEDERATION. YASQUEZ SAID HE BECAME SECRETARY GENERAL OF SETA IN 1980 AND IS ALSO SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION WITHIN FENASTRAS.

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