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1. ENTIRE TEXT)
2. SUMMARY: DUARTE IS INCOMMUNICADO; I WILL SEE HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE RESUMED BUT MILITARY AID KEPT ON HOLD PENDING EVIDENCE THAT MILITARY HAVE TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF AND TO ENCOURAGE OPENING OF A DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY
3. NAPOLEON DUARTE IS RECUPERATING FROM MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS OF PRACTICALLY NON-STOP NEGOTIATIONS. I HAVE BEEN TOLD I WILL RECEIVE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. I EXPECT THIS WILL BE MONDAY AFTERNOON OR TUESDAY MORNING.
4. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND RECOMMEN-

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DATIONS. I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT WE SHOULD RESUME ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND LEND OUR SUPPORT TO THE IDB AGRICULTURAL LOAN AND OTHER IDB LOAN PROJECTS.

5. IN MY OPINION, HOWEVER, IT IS UNWISE TO RUSH TO RESUME MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE FURJUR (DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY FRONT/UNITED REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTORATE) HAS SENT WHAT AMOUNTS TO A PEACE PROPOSAL THROUGH A TRUSTWORTHY MESSENGER, MONSIGNOR RIVERA Y DANAS, ALTHOUGH I REJECTED OUT OF HAND THE FURJUR PROPOSITION THAT THE U.S. MUST MAINTAIN THE SUSPENSION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EL SALVADOR, NEVERTHELESS OUR REFUSAL OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT WITHOUT MENTIONING MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT WE TAKE THE FURJUR PEACE PROPOSAL SERIOUSLY. THIS WOULD REINFORCE THE CIVILIAN COMMITMENT TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE LEFT AS STATED IN YESTERDAY'S COMMUNIQUE.

6. SECONDLY, ALL WE HAVE FOR THE MOMENT IS THE PLEDGE OF THE MILITARY TO IMPROVE THE CONDUCT OF THE TROOPS. WOULD IT NOT BE PRUDENT TO GIVE THE MILITARY A ONE MONTH TRIAL PERIOD TO PROVE THAT THEY MEAN TO KEEP THAT COMMITMENT? AFTER ALL, THEY HAVE MADE THIS PLEDGE TO US INNUMERABLE TIMES BEFORE. MOREOVER, THE CHRISTMAS SEASON SHOULD BE QUIETER AND A GOOD CHANCE FOR THEM TO PROVE THEMSELVES.

7. THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION SEEMS TO BE PROCEEDING SERIOUSLY BUT SO FAR THE SECURITY FORCES ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION OR DEMONSTRATING VERY VAGUE MEMORIES OF EVENTS. THEY ARE NOT GIVING FULL COOPERATION TO THE INVESTIGATION.

--POLICE CHIEF LOPEZ NUILA HAS FLATLY LIED TO THE COMMISSION ABOUT THE TIME HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ON THE CASE FROM OUR CONSUL, PATRICIA LASBURY. HE "FORGOT" HER 11 A.M. CALL AND HEARD OF THE MRS. OTSAPPEARENCE FROM THE HIGH COMMAND AT 6 P.M. THAT DAY.

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--WE ARE NOW RECEIVING OVERTHURTS FROM THE COMMISSION THAT WE SHOULD PERSUADE THE CHURCH TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE IN THE INVESTIGATION. THE COMMISSION CLAIMS THAT FATHER BRITTO, A SALVADOREAN PRIEST, HAS BEEN VAGUE IN HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE SOLDIERS WHO STOPPED THE CAR CARRYING THE CANADIAN CLERGY JUST OUTSIDE THE AIRPORT. FATHER BRITTO HAS ALSO REFUSED TO SIGN THE STATEMENT HE HAS GIVEN. (THE IDEA THAT THE SECURITY FORCES' AUTHORITIES DO NOT KNOW AND/OR COULD NOT FIND OUT WHAT DETACHMENT WAS STATIONED AT A DEFINITE POINT OUTSIDE THE AIRPORT REMAINS CREDULITY TO THE BREAKING POINT. FATHER BRITTO DOES NOT WANT TO SIGN HIS DECLARATION BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT THIS SIGNED DOCUMENT WILL FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE DEATH SQUADS AND THAT HE WILL BE KILLED, SOONER OR LATER, NOT AN UNREASONABLE FEAR.) I REGARD THIS OVERTURE FROM THE COMMISSION AS A SIGN THE MILITARY MAY NEVER COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATION AND INSTEAD WILL ATTEMPT TO SHIFT THE BLAME TO THE CHURCH'S "NON-COOPERATION."

-- IT IS NOW PUBLIC THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS KNOWN FOR AT LEAST TEN DAYS WHO KILLED THE POPULAR SALVADOREAN PRIEST FATHER MARCIAL SERRANO. APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR RIVERA Y DAMAS TOLD ME THAT NATIONAL GUARDSMEN HANGED HIM, WEIGHTED HIS BODY AND THREW IT INTO LAKE ILLOPANGO NEAR SAN SALVADOR. THE GUARDSMEN HAVE CONFESSED AND ARE IN JAIL BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPRESSED THE FACTS. THE NEWS HAS NOW LEAKED OUT FROM CHURCH AUTHORITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY HAVE ANOTHER COVER-UP CASE ON THEIR HANDS.

--I HAVE NOT READ THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE KOUENS-ROWLER REPORT ON THE DEATH OF THE THREE NUNS AND JEAN DUNGVAN BUT I AM AWARE OF ALL THE FACTS AND THE GENERAL PRESENTATION. I REGARD IT AS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT THIS REPORT WILL BECOME PUBLIC. WHEN IT DOES, IT WILL BE A RARE PERSON WHO WILL NOT CONCLUDE THAT SECURITY FORCES KILLED THE CHURCHWOMEN AND THAT HIGH OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED IN THE COVER-UP.

R. GIVEN ALL THESE COMPLICATIONS, WHAT IS THE CRASHING HURRY TO RENEW MILITARY ASSISTANCE? LET US GIVE THE RESTRUCTURED

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SALVADORAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ITS NEW FACE TO THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR AND THE WORLD. LET US NOT BY A PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT GIVE THE SALVADORAN MILITARY THE IMPRESSION THAT IT CAN GET OFF THE HOOK WITH WORDS BUT NO DEEDS WILL BE REQUIRED, AND FINALLY LET US NOT EXTINGUISH THE HOPE OF THOSE ON THE LEFT AND IN THE CHURCH WHO HAVE MADE THIS OFFER TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE LEADING TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

9. THERE IS NO DANGER THAT THE ARMED LEFT CAN OVERTHROW THIS GOVERNMENT OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. THE REORGANIZATION OF THE HIGH COMMAND AND THE GOVERNMENT GIVES GROUNDS FOR EXPECTING A SHARP DROP IN RIGHTIST TERROR PLUS INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN PROSECUTING THE WAR AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS. HE SHOULD ALSO EXPECT A RENEWED DEDICATION TO THE REFORMS AND DIALOGUE, THEREBY FURTHER CUTTING THE GROUND OUT FROM UNDER THE LEFT. IN MY VIEW, THE RENEWAL OF MILITARY AID AT THIS POINT WOULD BE A MAJOR BLUNDER THAT WOULD RISK LOSING THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE NOW TO CONVINCE THE MILITARY AND THE FORCES OF THE LEFT THAT THEIR DIFFERENCES CAN BE SETTLED THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS. WHITE

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