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SUBJECT: ADOPTION BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BY TWO EL SALVADORAN  
POLITICAL PRISONERS

REFS: (A) STATE A-0242, (B) SAN SALVADOR 470

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON EFRAIN AREVALO IBARRA OTHER THAN THAT PUT OUT IN THE PRESS AND PAMPHLETS. THE DECEMBER 13, 1977 EDITION OF "EL DIARIO DE HOY" RAN A PICTURE OF AREVALO, REFERRING TO HIM AS "AREVALO RIVAS" INSTEAD OF "AREVALO IBARRA". THE CAPTION READ THAT HE HAD QUITE DISAPPEARED ON NOVEMBER 6. HIS WIFE AND SONS, RESIDENTS OF COLONA 21 DE NOVIEMBRE IN SAN MIGUEL, WISH TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS UNQTE. THE DECEMBER 27 EDITION OF THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT "LA CRONICA" STATED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SALVADORAN EDUCATORS (ANDES 21 DE JUNIO) HAD ASKED FOR THE "INTERVENTION" OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF AREVALA IBARRA AND "MANUEL ALBERTO RIVERA".

2. A BULLETIN (DATED DECEMBER 1, 1977) PUT OUT BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE "COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF FREEING (PRO-LIBERTAD) OF POLITICAL PRISONERS" LISTS  
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AREVALO IBARRA AS HAVING DISAPPEARED NOVEMBER 6, 1977  
FROM SAN MIGUEL.

3. A PAMPHLET PUT OUT LAST MONTH (AND TO BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT) BY THE "COMMITTEE OF MOTHERS AND FAMILIES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS OF EL SALVADOR" (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "MOTHERS'

COMMITTEE") HAS A SHORT ITEM ON AREVALO ON PAGE 24. IT STATES THAT AREVALO, A MEMBER OF ANDES, QTE WAS CAPTURED ON NOVEMBER 6, 1977, WHILE INVESTIGATING THE WHEREABOUTS OF HIS SON (OF THE SAME NAME), A YOUNG STUDENT WHO WAS KIDNAPPED AND TORTURED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD UNQTE.

4. EXCEPT FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCE, THE EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON JOSE EFRAIN AREVALO CUELLAR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. IT IS ASSUMED BUT NOT CERTAIN THAT THE MOTHERS' COMMITTEE MAY HAVE PRESENTED FURTHER INFORMATION ON AREVALO IBARRA AND/OR HIS SON IN ITS PRESENTATION OF MATERIAL TO THE IAHR (SEE REF B). THE GOES HAS STEADFASTLY DENIED THAT IT HAS ANY "POLITICAL PRISONERS" AND, WITH RESPECT TO THESE TWO CASES, AS IN OTHERS, THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAN THAT GIVEN ABOVE. ANDES IS CONSIDERED BY THE GOES TO BE A "LEFTIST" ORGANIZATION AND HAS, ON OCCASION, APPARENTLY COOPERATED WITH OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS IN OPPOSING SOME GOES POLICIES.

6. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO DEPT. FROM SENATOR DANFORTH.  
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