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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMAHON,
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CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.

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ITEM NO: 1 DATE: 7 MARCH 74

SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR--PRE-ELECTION TERRORIST ATTACK

REF: EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR DTG, 6 MAR 74, CONF

TWO NATIONAL GUARDSMEN WERE KILLED AND EIGHT PERSONS WOUNDED WHEN ABOUT TWELVE TERRORISTS, BELIEVED TO BE MEMBERS OF A SMALL MILITANT COMMUNIST GROUP, ATTACKED ELECTORAL HEADQUARTERS AND ATTEMPTED TO BURN SOME RECORDS. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DESPITE THE VIOLENCE LEGISLATIVE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AS SCHEDULED. SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN INCREASED, BUT SALVADORAN OFFICIALS SAY THEY WILL CALL A STATE OF SIEGE ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.

THE TERRORISTS, WHO HAVE PERPETRATED SEVERAL ROBBERIES AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN RECENT MONTHS, APPEAR TO BE TRYING--UNSUCCESSFULLY

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--TO CAUSE A HEAVYHANDED REACTION ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNING PARTY IS EXPECTED TO WIN A MAJORITY OF THE 52 LEGISLATIVE SEATS, OPPOSITION PARTIES FEEL THEY WILL MAKE A RESPECTABLE SHOWING AND HAVE RENOUNCED VIOLENCE. THERE IS NO APPARENT DANGER TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME, BUT EMBASSY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING FORTIFIED. E-D IMPDET.

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