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FROM: S/LPD - Otto J. Reich *ORR*SUBJECT: Resource Book--El Salvador's 1985 Elections:  
Legislative Assembly and Municipal Councils

Enclosed is a Resource Book on El Salvador's March 31 elections, in which candidates will be competing for 60 seats in the legislative assembly, and for mayoralties and town councils in 262 municipalities.

With this election, Salvadorans go to the polls for the fourth time in three years in an economic and political environment considerably improved over that of previous elections.

The upcoming Salvadoran elections contrast greatly with the November 1984 Nicaraguan elections. For example, in El Salvador the competing parties have access to newspapers, radio, and television, without any government-imposed limit on their freedom to advertise. In Nicaragua, participating parties were allowed four and half minutes of television air time per day. In El Salvador, campaigners from the various parties hold political rallies without interference by the government. In Nicaragua, the Sandinista government frequently harassed opponents and even detained members of opposing parties for performing routine campaign activities.

In the Nicaraguan elections, a narrow range of party ideology was represented, while the Salvadoran elections will include nine political parties encompassing a broad range of the political spectrum.

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# **Resource Book**

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