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SUBJECT: CHURCHWOMEN'S CASE: TRAVEL OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DESK HAS JUST BEEN ADVISED OF TRAVEL PLANS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. SISTER HELENE O'SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE MARYKNOLL ORDER, AND A SISTER COMPETENT IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE WILL TRAVEL TO EL SALVADOR FOR THE TRIAL. AS THINGS STAND NOW, THE SISTERS PLAN TO ARRIVE IN SAN SALVADOR ON THE SAME TUESDAY AFTERNOON FLIGHT AS POSNER AND GREATHEAD (POSNER HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE ONE DAY ADVANCE OF THE TRIAL SCHEDULE HAS NOT ALTERED HIS TRAVEL PLANS.) HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CHARGE AND LEGAL OFFICERS ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

3. CONGRESSWOMAN MARY ROSE OAKAR IS LEANING TOWARD JOURNEYING TO EL SALVADOR FOR THE TRIAL. SHE IS CONFERRING WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ABOUT OBTAINING PASSAGE FOR HERSELF, A STAFF AIDE, MADDONA KOLBENSCHLOG, AND POSSIBLY TWO ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (NOT FURTHER

IDENTIFIED) ON AN AIR FORCE PLANE. IF AN AIR FORCE PLANE CANNOT BE OBTAINED THE CONGRESSWOMAN AND HER AIDE (WE ARE NOT SURE ABOUT THE FAMILY MEMBERS) WILL LIKELY GO DOWN ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON WITH THE PERSONS LISTED IN PARA. 2. THE CONGRESSWOMAN HAS TOLD DESKOFF THAT, IF SHE GOES, SHE DOES NOT PLAN TO ENTER THE COURTROOM. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HAVE FURTHER DETAILS.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXTEND COURTESIES AND, IF NECESSARY, SECURITY ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY TO THE CONGRESSWOMAN, BUT ALSO FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

6. DOCUMENTS PROVIDED DESK BY MICHAEL POSNER ARE BEING SENT TO LEGAL OFFICER VIA D.H.L. COURIERS. ETA SAN SALVADOR FOR THE DOCUMENTS IS MONDAY OR TUESDAY.
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