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TAGS: PGOV,CI
SUBJ: CARDINAL WOULD WELCOME SENATE PASSAGE
- OF RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL ACCORD

REF: SANTIAGO 1572

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
2. DURING HIS MEETING WITH CARDINAL FRESNO (REFTEL), AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER FINAL SENATE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL ACCORD WOULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS STAGE OR NOT. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IF BROUGHT TO A VOTE, THE RESOLUTION WOULD PROBABLY BE APPROVED BY A LARGE MAJORITY, PERHAPS 80 TO 85 OF THE 100 SENATORS. CARDINAL WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT RESOLUTION HAD NOT YET PASSED THE SENATE. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD INDEED STILL BE USEFUL, ESPECIALLY IF IT HAD THAT KIND OF MAJORITY BEHIND IT. HE SAID IT WOULD LEND IMPORTANT SUPPORT TO DIALOGUE AND MODERATION. BARNES

END OF MESSAGE

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