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## SUMMARY

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR HAS RECEIVED AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, AND TELEPHONIC INQUIRIES AND PROTESTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS CASES. A SURVEY OF THOSE CASES WHICH BROUGHT AN INQUIRY FROM A CONGRESSMAN, OR WHICH GENERATED ENOUGH U.S. CITIZEN INQUIRIES TO CAUSE US TO DRAFT A STANDARD LETTER OF REPLY, SHOWS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE INQUIRIES ARE UNCLAS

ABOUT PERSONS WITH TIES TO THE GUERRILLAS. THE RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH LETTERS ARE RECEIVED AND THE INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF LETTERS PER CASE INDICATE THAT THE SALVADORAN LEFT IS INCREASING ITS USE OF THIS FORM OF PRESSURE ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT VIA ITS WITTING OR UNWITTING CONTACTS IN THE UNITED STATES. END SUMMARY. 2. THE SURVEY

SEARCHING ITS ARCHIVES, POST ASSEMBLED A LIST OF 70 CASES FOR WHICH WE DRAFTED A STANDARD REPLY, OR SENT INFORMATION TO A MEMBER OF CONGRESS. THE CASES INCLUDE DEATHS, DISAPPEARANCES, ARRESTS, VISA DENIALS, AND MILITARY OPERATIONS. THE EARLIEST CASE IS FROM JULY 1983; THE MOST RECENT ARE CASES IN WHICH WE ARE STILL RECEIVING LETTERS. THE FORMS OF INQUIRY INCLUDED LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, TELEPHONE CALLS, AND PRE-PRINTED POSTCARDS WHICH THE SENDERS MERELY SIGN AND STAMP. THIS LIST BY NO MEANS INCLUDES ALL THE CASES ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED INQUIRIES, BUT DOES INCLUDE THOSE IN WHICH WE RECEIVED THE GREATEST NUMBER OF INQUIRIES.

3. WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

POST'S RECORDS ARE INCOMPLETE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASES WHICH ARE MORE THAN A YEAR OLD. AMONG THE RECORDS STILL AT OUR DISPOSAL, WE FIND INQUIRIES FROM 44 OF THE 50 STATES PLUS THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (MISSISSIPPI, NEVADA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TENNESSEE, UTAH, AND WYOMING ARE NOT REPRESENTED), SIX CANADIAN PROVINCES, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS, ITALY, DENMARK, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND AUSTRALIA.

## 4. FINDINGS

MOST OF THE CASES INVOLVE ARRESTS. SOME OF THE CASES INVOLVE MEMBERS OF LABOR UNIONS OR PERSONS WITH CONNECTIONS TO THE CATHOLIC OR OTHER CHURCHES. IN A FEW OF THE CASES, THE WRITERS' CONCERN WAS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED. HOWEVER, IN MANY CASES THE ARRESTEE WHOSE RELEASE WAS BEING SOUGHT HAD CLEAR TIES TO THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN), THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF THE FIVE GUERRILLA ARMIES WHICH ARE ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR BY FORCE OF ARMS. POST SURMISES THAT, AS IS THE CASE WITH TELEPHONE CAMPAIGNS, FMLN MEMBERS OR SYMPATHIZERS IN EL SALVADOR ALERT U.S. RESIDENTS WHEN SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO THE LEFT IS DETAINED, AND THESE RESIDENTS -- EITHER FMLN SYMPATHIZERS, OR CONCERNED CITIZENS UNAWARE OF THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION (OR DISINFORMATION, SINCE ERRORS OF FACT ARE FREQUENT) -- SEND LETTERS OR TELEGRAMS AND CONTACT OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. SOME MAILINGS ARE OBVIOUSLY GROUP PROJECTS; FOUR TO A DOZEN LETTERS WILL ARRIVE ON IDENTICAL PAPER, IN UNCLAS

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IDENTICAL ENVELOPES, WITH THE SAME POSTMARK, ON THE SAME CASE, ON THE SAME DAY. ON OTHER OCCASIONS MANY LETTERS ON A PARTICULAR CASE, THOUGH FROM VARIOUS STATES, WILL MAKE AN IDENTICAL SERIES OF ALLEGATIONS OR DEMANDS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS/DEMANDS ARE COPIED FROM A COMMON SOURCE. WHILE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 08 SAN SALVADOR 13374 USIA FOR AR/CENTAM

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- -- THE COMMITTEE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR (<><>CISPES<>>>);
- -- THE U.S. OFFICE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR (CALIFORNIA);
- -- THE UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES;
- -- THE CARRIBEAN/CENTRAL AMERICA RELIGIOUS TASK FORCE OF ATLANTA;
- -- THE INTERFAITH COMMITTEE TASK FORCE (CALIFORNIA); AND -- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

THE INFORMATION NETWORK SELDOM CANCELS AN ALARM; AS LATE AS JUNE 1986 POST RECEIVED AN INQUIRY ABOUT DR. EDUARDO ESPINOSA FIALLOS, WHO WAS ONE OF THOSE TRADED TO THE FMLN FOR PRESIDENT DUARTE'S KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER ON OCTOBER 24, 1985. INQUIRIES ABOUT OTHER CASES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED LONG AFTER THE ARRESTEE'S RELEASE.

6. "ARREST" IN SPANISH SPELLS "ABDUCT" IN ENGLISH

OFTEN THE LITERATURE FROM THE ABOVE GROUPS URGES THE RECIPIENT TO SEND A TELEGRAM OR LETTER TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SAN SALVADOR, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND TO PRESIDENT DUARTE. FREQUENTLY THE LITERATURE DESCRIBES ARRESTEES AS "ABDUCTED," "DISAPPEARED," OR AS HAVING BEEN SEIZED "BY MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES." GIVEN THE SALVADORAN SECURITY FORCES' STANDARD PROCEDURE OF PROMPTLY NOTIFYING THE GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS COM1ISSION (CDH) AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) OF ARRESTS, A SIMPLE TELEPHONE CALL TO ONE OF THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WOULD ESTABLISH THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE "ABDUCTED" OR "DISAPPEARED" PEOPLE -- A PHONE CALL WHICH THE SALVADORAN END OF THE INFORMATION NETWORK EITHER DOES NOT BOTHER TO MAKE, OR DOES NOT REPORT TO ITS CONCERNED CONTACTS IN THE U.S. IN AN ILLUSTRATIVE EXCHANGE, AN OFFICER FROM HA/HR RECENTLY REPORTED A MEETING BETWEEN DR. IGNACIO ELLACURIA, S.J., RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) OF SAN SALVADOR, AND HA ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD SCHIFTER, IN WHICH A WASHINGTON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST TRANSLATING FOR ELLACURIA UNCLAS

REPEATEDLY TRANSLATED HIS WORD "ARRESTED" AS "ABDUCTED." QUESTIONED BY AMBASSADOR SCHIFTER, ELLACURIA SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT HE MEANT "ARRESTED," NOT "ABDUCTED." THIS SORT OF PURPOSEFULLY INCORRECT TRANSLATION MEANS THAT WELL-INTENTIONED AMERICANS ARE ALARMED THAT SALVADORANS HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED OR HAVE VANISHED, WHEN IN REALITY THEY HAVE BEEN LEGALLY ARRESTED BY THE SALVADORAN POLICE.

## 7. CASES

POST WILL POUCH DEPARTMENT (ARA/CEN) A COPY OF THE LIST OF CASES, WITH FULL INFORMATION INCLUDING DATES AND ORIGINS OF INQUIRIES. TO CONSERVE SPACE, THE LIST PRESENTED HERE INCLUDES ONLY THE BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE INCLUDING GUERRILLA AFFILIATION IF APPLICABLE. THE NAMES OF CONGRESSMEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE CASE IF ANY, AND POST'S EVALUATION OF THE PROBABLE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION INSIDE EL SALVADOR. THE GUERRILLA GROUPS WITH WHICH SOME OF THESE PERSONS ARE AFFILIATED ARE THE ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN) OR ITS POLITICAL ARM, THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE (RN); THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP); THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL); THE ARMED LIBERATION FORCES (FAL); THE WORKERS' PARTY OF CENTRAL AMERICA (PRTC), AND THE CLARA ELIZABETH RAMIREZ FRONT (CERF). OTHER ORGANIZATIONS LISTED ARE "AGEUS," THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, AND "ANDES 21," UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 08 SAN SALVADOR 13374 USIA FOR AR/CENTAM

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NAME/CIRCUMSTANCE	CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY	PROBABLE SOURCE
CLAUDIA CALDERON DISAPPEARED JULY 4, 1983 MIGUEL TOMAS CASTRO GARCIA, BAPTIST MINISTER, BUYING MEDICINE FOR THE FARN, ARRESTED OCT 28, RELEASED OCT 30, 1984	BROWN REGULA	PRIMARILY CHURCH, SOME FROM LEFT

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WILLIAM RAMOS, AGEUS, WILSON LEFT ARRESTED AUG 9, RELEASED DEC 20, 1984 REV. DAVID ERNESTO MOODY CHURCH FERNANDEZ, MURDERED REIGLE NOV 21, 1984 CROCKETT CO-MADRES, VISA DENIAL, BURTON LEFT NOV 1984 CO-MADRES, BREAK-IN, OBERSTAR LEFT JUNE 12, 1985 YANETH SAMOUR, ERP BOXER LEFT COMBATANT, ALLEGED ARRESTED DEC 30, 1984 MAXIMINIA REYES, ERP BOXER LEFT COMBATANT, ALLEGED ARRESTED DEC 30, 1984 EMILERIA ACOSTA, **GORTON** CHURCH AND ARRESTED JAN 22, RELEASED LEFT JAN 31, 1985 "POLITICAL PRISONERS" LEFT (POSTCARD CAMPAIGN 1985) JOSE MARIO GONZALEZ CASTRO BOSCO CHURCH (CHURCH REFUGE WORKER), ARRESTED MAR 16, RELEASED MAR 19, 1985 NIDIA DIAZ, PRTC COM-BOXER LEFT BATANT, CAPTURED APR 1985, DELLUMS EXCHANGED OCT 24, 1985 **EVANS** MIGUEL CASTELLANOS, FPL BOXER LEFT COMANDANTE, DESERTED WILSON APR 1985 CARLOS FUENTES (CATECHIST). LEFT AND ARRESTED APR 14, RELEASED CHURCH APR 26, 1985 CARLOS FUENTES' SON, LEFT AND ARRESTED APR 14, RELEASED CHURCH APR 30, 1985 CESAR VALLE, CAPTURED WILSON LEFT MAY 17, TRADED OCT 24, PANETTA 1985, ERP, KIA APR 23, MIGUEL ORELLANA, CAPTURED WILSON LEFT UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 08 SAN SALVADOR 13374 USIA FOR AR/CENTAM E.O. 12356: N/A TAGS: PHUM, ES SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CORRESPONDENCE: ANOTHER TOOL FOR MAY 17, RELEASED OCT 10, PANETTA 1985, ERP BLAKE ORTMAN ET AL, GORTON **CHURCH** 

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ARRESTED MAY 9, RELEASED

MAY 44 400E		
MAY 11,1985 EDUARDO ESPINOSA FIALLOS, ARRESTED APR 12, EXCHANGED OCT 24, 1985; FPL	DELLUMS MOODY WILSON	LEFT
"NINE STUDENTS" (ACTUALLY 4, AGEUS), PAULINO AGUILAR, OSCAR OSWALDO CHAVEZ, GEOVANI RIVERA, RAUL LOPEZ MARTINEZ ARRESTED JUNE 20-22;	BURTON LOWRY BOXER	LEFT
AGUILAR AND LOPEZ		
RELEASED JUNE 24-28, 1985		
ELSY ESPERANZA ALVARENGA, ARRESTED JUL 2, RELEASED JUL 22, 1985, ANDES 21	INQ THRU DEPT	LEFT; LABOR
JOSE JOAQUIN MENJIVAR CRUZ, ARRESTED JUL 2, 1985, STILL HELD, ANDES 21, FPL	INQ THRU DEPT	LEFT; LABOR
MODESTO RODRIGUEZ ESCOBAR (FESTIAVICES), ARRESTED JUL 4, 1985, COMMUNIST	BOXER	LEFT; LABOR
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PARTY MARIA ESTER GRANDE, ARRESTED JUL 9, RELEASED JUL 10, 1985, FAL HECTOR GRANDE, ARRESTED JUL 9, RELEASED NOV 85, FAL "SECRET ANTICOMMUNIST ARMY" THREAT TO STUDENTS,	OBERSTAR	LEFT
	OBERSTAR	LEFT
	PANETTA	LEFT
PUB. JUL 12, 1985 VILMA ANGELICA MENDEZ BARTON (BREADBAKERS' UNION), ARRESTED JUL 17, 1985,	INQ THRU DEPT	LEFT; LABOR
COMMUNIST PARTY SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ DUARTE (TRANSPORT UNION) ARRESTED JUL 23, RELEASED JUL 26,	INQ THRU DEPT	LABOR
1985		
MARTA ARACELY VIZCARRA ALFARO, ARRESTED JUL 25,		LEFT
RELEASED JUL 30, 1985 PETRONIDO DE JESUS GUEVARA AND WIFE, ARRESTED JUL 24, RELEASED JUL 30, 1985 SON OF PETRONIDO DE JESUS GUEVARA, ARRESTED JUL 24,		LEFT
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1985, STILL HELD, CERF NATIVIDAD BERNAL HERNANDEZ, (METAL INDUSTRY UNION), ARRESTED AUG 2, RELEASED		LABOR
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ARRESTED AUG 2, RELEASED				
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JUAN RAMON MARQUEZ NAVARRO,	INOS THRU DEPT	LABOR		
(MONTSERRAT CO. UNION),				
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ARRESTED AUG 9, 1985,				
COMMUNIST PARTY	•			
JORGE POZUELO URTILLA		CHURCH		
(ARCHBISHOPRIC WORKER),				
ARRESTED AUG 30, ŘELEASED				
SEP 3, 1985	SHELLEY	I CCT. I ADOD		
PEDRO PABLO DUBON, ARRESTED SEP 12, 1985, RELEASED	BOXER	LEFT; LABOR		
NOV 27, 1985, FPL	YATES			
MARIA ISABEL TORRES DE	SHELLEY	LEFT; LABOR		
	BOXER	DELT, DADON		
•	YATES			
1986, FPL				
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SALVADOR JUAREZ PEREZ	GORTON	LEFT		
(NATIONAL UNIVERSITY)				
ARRESTED SEP 15,				
RELEASED OCT 3, 1985, CERF	•			
GRACIELA DE IGLESIAS (AID	SCHROEDER	LEFT		
EMPLOYEE), ARRESTED SEP 16,				
RELEASED OCT 8, 1985, FPL	DOMOGNI	I DDM . GITTMGII		
OSCAR RAMON ROSALES	BENTSEN	LEFT; CHURCH		
MENENDEZ (CHURCH REFUGE), ARRESTED OCT 4, 1985, FPL				
LAZARO CORNEJO, ARRESTED	MOODY	CHURCH		
OCT 10, 1985, FAL	BRUCE	CHURCH		
MATIAS BONILLA, ARRESTED	MOODY	CHURCH		
OCT 10, 1985, FAL	BRUCE	0.101.011		
PEDRO RIVERA CASTILLO,		LEFT		
ARRESTED OCT 17, 1985				
SANTIAGO DE JESUS RODRIGUEZ	GILMAN	CHURCH		
LARA, ARRESTED OCT 25,	EDWARDS			
RELEASED OCT 30, 1985	•			
ELEUTERIO HERNANDEZ,		LABOR		
AMERICO FUENTES, ARRESTED				
NOV 1, RELEASED NOV 7,		•		
1985	DOCCIDITES	I DDM		
JOAQUIN ANTONIO CACERES HERNANDEZ, ARRESTED NOV 8,	BOSCHWITZ WILSON	LEFT		
1985, FARN	FAUNTROY			
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UDALL DICONCINI WOLF BEILENSON BARNES UNES STUDENTS BONKER LEFT QUEZADA & ROSALES, (SELVES) CLAIMED DANGER DURING US SPEAKING TOUR OCT-NOV 1985 **AGEUS** SARA USEL GOMEZ DE MARTINEZ LEFT AND 3 CHILDREN, ARRESTED NOV 26, 1985, REGINA AND DANIEL, RELEASED DEC 3, 1985; SARA AND DAUGHTER ROXANA HELD, ERP MOYNIHAN LEFT BRIGIDO BELTRAN SANCHEZ, ARRESTED JAN 4, 1986, CHARGED WITH MURDER AND FPL GUAZAPA/OPERATION PHOENIX LOWRY LEFT; CHURCH (MILITARY OPERATION) METZENBAUM UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 08 SAN SALVADOR 13374 USIA FOR AR/CENTAM E.O. 12356: N/A TAGS: PHUM, ES SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CORRESPONDENCE: ANOTHER TOOL FOR STARTED JAN 10, 1986 IN U.S. LEFT YOLANDA MALDONADO AVIEL, JOSE CRUZ, AND ANGEL ANTONIO MARTINEZ, ARRESTED JAN 10, 1986 FPL RAUL GUERRA RAMIREZ DURENBERGER DISAPPEARED JAN 17, 1986 WOLF WEISS DECONCINI CHURCH **ELEUTERIO LANDAVERDE** (ARCHBISHOPRIC EMPLOYEE) ARRESTED JAN 22, 1986,

RELEASED FEB 7, 1986

GERARDO ANTONIO
LIZANO HERNANDEZ
(AGEUS), ARRESTED
FEB 9, RELEASED
FEB 21, 1986

GREGORIO AGUILLON VENTURA (STIPSCES),

EVANS WILSON UNCLAS

LABOR

LEFT

ARRESTED FEB 11, 1986 FAL		
TENANCINGO	GEJDENSON	LEFT,
(ARMY INCURSION	KOSTMAYER	CHURCH
	MILLER	Ononon
FEB 16, 1986)		
-	FEIGHAN	
•	STUDDS	
OSCAR ORLANDO	DIXON	LEFT;
ALVAREZ SALGUERO	KERRY	CHURCH
(BETANIA DISPLACED		
CAMP WORKER),		
ARRESTED FEB 19, 1986		
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FPL		CITIDOU
CARLOS ARMANDO ARCE,		CHURCH
ARRESTED FEB 26, 1986,	*	
RELEASED MAR 7, 1986	•	
ANTONIO QUEZADA (ÁGEUS),	WEAVER	LEFT
ARRESTED MAR 20, 1986,		
RELEASED MAR 24, 1986		
ADELA GUARDADO		LEFT
(RESIDENT DOMUS		CHURCH
MARIA CAMP),		Ononon
ARRESTED MAR 23,		
RELEASED APR 2, 1986		
ALINA BETSABE DOMINGUEZ	SENSENBRENNER	
ARRESTED MARCH 24, 1986,	BOSCO	CHURCH
RELEASED APR 2, 1986		
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JULIO CESAR	BATES	LEFT
PORTILLO REYES	DATEO	LABOR
		LADOR
(ANDES 21),		
VISA DENIED MAR 1986		
FPL		
ARCATAO, CHALATENANGO	LOWRY	LEFT
(MILITARY OPERATION)		
APR 8, 1986	•	
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CLAUDIA MARQUEZ ZAPATA, PEDRO ANTONIO GRENADAS, ARRESTED APR 19, 1986, CONSIGNED MAY 5, 1986	MATSUNAGA	
ROSALES BROTHERS ARRESTED APR 26, 1986	MOODY WOLPE YATES	LEFT
JULIO SOSA DIMAS REPORTED THREAT MAY 1986, AGEUS		LEFT
"MICHELE SALINAS" (LUZ JANET ALFARO) ARRESTED MAY 20, 1986, RN	BOXER MIKULSKI MOODY YATES	LEFT
HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS ARRESTED MAY 25-29, 1986; RN, FPL, ERP	BOXER LOWRY YATES WOLPE MILLER	LEFT
MEDARDO GOMEZ AND CECILIA ALFARO, THREATENED EARLY JUNE 1986	MATTINGLY SENSENBRENNER OBEY MOODY LUDINE CLINGER	CHURCH

8. COMMENT

AS IS EVIDENT FROM THIS LIST, SALVADORAN CHURCHES AND LABOR UNIONS CAN SPARK LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGNS THROUGH THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS WHEN ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS IS ARRESTED. LEFTIST STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR HAVE LIKEWISE MADE NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S. (REFTEL). OTHER ARRESTEES HAVE NO SUCH AFFILIATIONS, AND WE CAN ONLY ATTRIBUTE THE INTENSE INTEREST THEY ELICIT TO THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH THE INSURGENCY. THE LEFTIST INFLUENCE IS OBVIOUS IN SOME CASES, FOR EXAMPLE THE SIEGE OF TELEPHONE CALLS POST RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES FROM CITIZENS PROTESTING "OPERATION PHOENIX," ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ESAF OPERATIONS OF THE WAR WHICH LARGELY SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING THE GUERRILLAS FROM THEIR LONGTIME STRONGHOLD ON THE GUAZAPA VOLCANO, OR THE CAMPAIGN TO FREE CAPTURED GUERRILLA COMANDANTE NIDIA DIAZ.

9. THESE CAMPAIGNS HAVE SEVERAL OBJECTIVES: POSSIBLY TO BRING ABOUT THE RELEASE OF CAPTURED LEFTIST LEADERS, TO COLLECT FUNDS FROM PARTICIPANTS IN THE NETWORK, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO KEEP EL SALVADOR IN THE U.S. PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS AT A TIME WHEN IMPROVED CONDITIONS HERE AND HOTTER NEWS ITEMS ELSEWHERE HAVE DRIVEN EL SALVADOR UNCLAS

FROM THE FRONT PAGES. THE CLEAR INTENT IS TO CONVINCE CONCERNED U.S. CITIZENS:

- 1) THAT SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES ARREST PEOPLE WITHOUT REASON AND "DISAPPEAR" OR TORTURE THEM ALL;
- 2) THAT ANY MILITARY OPERATION BY THE ESAF IS DIRECTED AT CIVILIANS; AND
- 3) THAT THE GOES IS A REPRESSIVE AND BRUTAL GOVERNMENT WHICH SHOULD BE OVERTHROWN.

THE CITIZENS DIRECT SHOCKED INQUIRIES TO THEIR CONGRESSMEN AND URGE THAT U.S. AID TO EL SALVADOR BE CUT UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 08 SAN SALVADOR 13374 USIA FOR AR/CENTAM

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