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DOW-QA SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS PROPOSE SIX-HOUR TRUCE THURSDAY E0174

SAN SALVADOR -(DJ)--THE REBEL LEADERSHIP LATE WEDNESDAY PROPOSED A SIX-HOUR TRUCE THURSDAY MORNING TO EVACUATE FOREIGNERS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY INVADED EARLY WEDNESDAY TO COMBAT WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

GUERRILLAS BRIEFLY HELD A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICER'S HOME WEDNESDAY AND TOOK OVER THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, WHICH IS FOUR BLOCKS FROM THE HOME OF U.S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM WALKER, OFFICIALS SAID.

IN A BROADCAST BY THEIR CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS, THE REBELS ALSO SAID THEIR FIGHTERS HAD CAPTURED THE HOMES OF THREE "OLIGARCHS" BUT FREED THE OCCUPANTS TO SHOW THEY ARE A "RESPONSIBLE FORCE" FIGHTING FOR "DEMOCRACY."

U.S. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN BARRY JACOBS SAID A CHARTER FLIGHT MIGHT DEPART THURSDAY WITH EMBASSY DEPENDENTS WHO WANT TO LEAVE EL SALVADOR, AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO PLANNED TO GO HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WOULD LEAVE EARLY.

HE SAID SOME DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICANS HAD MOVED INTO THE HEAVILY FORTIFIED EMBASSY IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR TO GET AWAY FROM THE FIGHTING A FEW MILES AWAY.

THE U.S. EMBASSY SAID THERE ARE ABOUT 8,000 TO 10,000 U.S. CITIZENS IN EL SALVADOR AT ANY ONE TIME.

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