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BODYCOUNTRY: EL SALVADORSUBJ: PUBLIC OPINION POLL SHOWS 'REPUDIATION' OF FMLNSOURCE: SAN SALVADOR EL DIARIO DE HOY IN SPANISH 8 DEC 89 P 2TEXT:

((TEXT)) A PUBLIC OPINION POLL CONDUCTED BY THE A.M.S. COMPANY ((NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED -- FBIS)) AMONG THE SALVADORAN PUBLIC ON 5 AND 6 DECEMBER REVEALS THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE'S OUTRIGHT REPUDIATION OF THE FMLN ((FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT -- FBIS)) TERRORIST OFFENSIVE.

ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO THE LABOR UNION SECTOR, THE A.M.S. COMPANY, WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING IN EL SALVADOR FOR MANY YEARS, SPECIALIZES IN PUBLIC OPINION POLLS THAT ENJOY GREAT RESPECT AND CREDIBILITY BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFICIENCY, ACCURACY, AND RELIABILITY.

THE POLL'S RESULTS SHOW CLEAR AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE ROLE THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES HAVE PLAYED. AT THE SAME TIME, THE POLL REVEALS A CLEAR REJECTION OF THE DAMAGE INFLICTED BY TERRORISM AND THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF THE FMLN IN THE MURDERS OF THE FENASTRAS ((SALVADORAN WORKERS NATIONAL UNION FEDERATION -- FBIS)) LEADERS AND THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

DESPITE ALL THE SUFFERING RESULTING FROM THE SNEAKY, SUBVERSIVE ATTACK AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR YEARNING FOR PEACE, THE MAJORITY OF THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE BELIEVES THE DIALOGUE PROCESS MUST CONTINUE.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO HOW THEY WOULD RATE THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES' ROLE, 37 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE CHARACTERIZED IT AS EXCELLENT; 44 PERCENT AS GOOD; 9.3 PERCENT AS AVERAGE; 2.7 PERCENT AS BAD; 0.3 PERCENT AS VERY BAD; AND 6.7 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

AS TO HOW WOULD THEY RATE THE JOB DONE BY THE GOVERNMENT, 21.3 PERCENT CHARACTERIZED IT AS EXCELLENT; 54.3 PERCENT AS GOOD; 15 PERCENT AS AVERAGE; 2.7 PERCENT AS BAD; 0.3 PERCENT AS VERY BAD; AND 6.4 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

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AS TO HOW WOULD THEY DESCRIBE PRESIDENT CRISTIANI'S PERFORMANCE, 29 PERCENT SAID EXCELLENT; 51.3 GOOD; 11 PERCENT AVERAGE; 1.3 BAD; 0 PERCENT VERY BAD; AND 7.4 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

WHEN ASKED WHO THEY THOUGHT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BREAKING OF THE DIALOGUE, 63 PERCENT SAID THE FMLN; 5.7 PERCENT SAID THE ARMED FORCES; 4.3 PERCENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT; 22.7 PERCENT SAID THEY DO NOT KNOW; AND 3.9 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

WHEN ASKED WHO THEY BELIEVED WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FENASTRAS MASSACRE, 26.3 PERCENT SAID THE FMLN; 6.3 PERCENT SAID THE ARMED FORCES; 3.3 PERCENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT; 55.7 PERCENT SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW; AND 8.4 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

REGARDING THE MASSACRE OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS, 26 PERCENT ATTRIBUTED IT TO THE FMLN; 7 PERCENT TO THE ARMED FORCES; 5.3 PERCENT TO THE GOVERNMENT; 53.3 PERCENT SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW; AND 8.4 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE, 80 PERCENT RESPONDED YES; 14 PERCENT SAID NO; 5.7 PERCENT SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW; AND 0.3 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

REGARDING THE CURFEW, 29 PERCENT CONSIDERED IT VERY GOOD; 55.3 PERCENT SAID IT IS GOOD; 10 PERCENT SAID IT IS NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD; 5 PERCENT SAID IT IS BAD; AND 0.1 PERCENT DID NOT RESPOND.

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