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# Moderate got secret CIA funds for ad campaign

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WASHINGTON — The Reagan Administration did everything in its power — including using covert CIA funds — to make moderate Jose Napoleon Duarte president of El Salvador despite an official stance of neutrality, The Post has learned.

Administration, Congressional and diplomatic sources told The Post the U.S. used a variety of methods to help the respected Christian Democratic Party leader win the election.

Covert CIA funds



**JOSE DUARTE**  
*Reagan backing.*

helped pay for radio and TV ads for Duarte's campaign, the sources said.

The administration



**ROBERTO d'AUBUISSON**  
*Death-squad links.*

firmly believed Duarte was more likely to bring democratic reforms to El Salvador and buttress President Rea-

gan's claim to an increasingly restless Congress that U.S. military aid is not being wasted on a government committing human-rights abuses.

Duarte was expected to defeat rightist military leader Roberto d'Aubuisson, and the White House was prepared to launch a major campaign with the U.S. public for the new president.

Senior administration officials said a Duarte victory over d'Aubuisson, who has been linked to rightist death-squad activity, would be a significant victory both for El Salvador and for Reagan's hotly contested Central American program.

Duarte, who during his first tenure as president was instrumental in beginning several economic and social reforms, is expected to be invited soon for a state visit to Washington.

The purpose of the visit, officials say, is to generate support for Duarte's regime in Congress.

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