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OPPOSITION SAYS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PRIEST  
KILLINGS

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TEXT:

//((COMMENTARY BY ORLANDO CONTRERAS FROM "HACIENDO RADIO"  
PROGRAM))

((TEXT)) FIGHTING CONTINUES TODAY IN SAN SALVADOR, AND  
FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE TRIUMPHALIST TONE OF THE SALVADORAN  
ARMY BEGINS TO CHANGE. AN AP CABLE WE RECEIVED THIS MORNING IN  
OUR NEWSROOM SAYS THE FOLLOWING: THE ARMED FORCES HAVE  
ACKNOWLEDGED THEY HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN VARIOUS SUBURBS OF  
THIS CAPITAL. THIS IS WHAT THE AP CABLE SAYS TEXTUALLY IN ITS  
HEADLINE.

IN ADDITION TO THIS SITUATION, THERE IS ANOTHER FACT IN THE  
BATTLEFIELD TO WHICH THE NEWS AGENCIES HAVE NOT PAID MUCH  
ATTENTION, WHICH IS ALSO A REFLECTION OF THE TYPE OF COMBAT THAT  
THE SALVADORAN FORCES ARE FIGHTING. AP ITSELF SAYS THE  
FOLLOWING: THE WAR BECAME DIRTY WITH THE MURDER OF SIX JESUIT  
PRIESTS AND TWO WOMEN BY UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS WHO ACTED DURING  
THE CURFEW. FURTHERMORE, THE CABLE SAYS THAT THE CANADIAN  
EMBASSY IN SAN SALVADOR REPORTED THAT 12 WORKERS FROM THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH WERE ARRESTED BY UNIFORMED SECURITY INDIVIDUALS  
IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR. AT THE BEGINNING, THE CABLE SAID THAT  
THE SIX PRIESTS HAD BEEN MURDERED BY UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS.  
LATER, THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS UNIFORMED INDIVIDUALS.

AMONG THE PRIESTS MURDERED WAS FATHER IGNACIO ELLACURIA,  
RECTOR OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTOR OF A  
MAGAZINE WHICH REFLECTED THE PEOPLES' THOUGHTS, NOT ONLY IN EL  
SALVADOR BUT ALSO IN THE REST OF CENTRAL AMERICA. NONE OF THESE  
PRIESTS BELONGED TO THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT  
((FMLN)). FURTHERMORE, ELLACURIA HIMSELF ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS  
EXPRESSED OPINIONS WHICH DID NOT CONCUR WITH THOSE OF THE FMLN.  
HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT A SOLUTION TO THE SALVADORAN PROBLEM COULD  
NOT EXCLUDE THE PEOPLE'S INCLUSION OF THE FMLN. THE ASSASSINS  
WHO ACTED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE CURFEW ARE FROM THE  
SALVADORAN ARMY, THEY ARE NOT UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS, LIKE THE  
AP CABLE SAYS. THEY ARE ASSASSINS OF THE SALVADORAN ARMY, THE  
SAME ARMY WHICH HAS ALL THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IN  
THIS, WE CAN ALSO SEE THE DOUBLE STANDARD OF THE BUSH  
ADMINISTRATION. ON THE ONE HAND, ALL ITS PUBLICITY APPARATUS  
SAYS TO THE WORLD THAT WASHINGTON IS IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRACY AND  
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. HOWEVER, IN PRACTICE, IT SUPPORTS THE  
ASSASSINS OF PRIESTS AND SUPPLIES BOMBS AND ROCKETS SO THAT THE  
SALVADORAN ARMY -- WHICH HAS PLANES AND HELICOPTERS PROVIDED BY  
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THE UNITED STATES -- CAN BOMB THE SALVADORAN CIVILIAN POPULATION.  
THESE ARE THE FACTS. THIS IS THE TRUTH THAT YANKEE PROPAGANDA  
IS HIDING AND MANIPULATING.

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