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((EXCERPT)) AT THIS TIME WE ARE RECEIVING A REPORT FROM SAN SALVADOR ISSUED BY THE AGENCIA NUEVA NICARAGUA NEWS AGENCY.

EL SALVADOR. POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT

DUARTE AND HIS DAUGHTER'S KIDNAPPERS.
SALVADORAN PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE USED THE MEDIA LAST NIGHT TO ASK THAT PUBLIC MESSAGES CONDEMNING THE KIDNAPPING OF HIS DAUGHTER INES GUADALUPE 10 DAYS AGO STOP. THE REQUEST WAS INTERPRETED HERE AS INDICATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND HIS DAUGHTER'S CAPTORS, MEMBERS OF THE PEDRO PABLO CASTILLO FRONT, HAVE BEGUN. EARLIER, THE FRONT ISSUED ITS FIRST PUBLIC MESSAGE, CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTION.

IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH A U.S. NEWS AGENCY
CORRESPONDENT, THE REBELS SAID THAT ONE ((AS HEARD)) OF THE
CONDITIONS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF INES GUADALUPE
DUARTE IS THAT THE ARMY SUSPEND ITS ACTIONS, AIR AND GROUND
ACTIVITIES NATIONALDS THAT THE PROPERTY OF THE PR ACTIVITIES NATIONWIDE, THAT ARBITRARY ARRESTS CEASE, AND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS BE RESPECTED.

PRESIDENT DUARTE'S REQUEST CONSTITUTES A 180-DEGREE SHIFT IN THE POLITICAL HANDLING THE GOVERMENT INITIALLY MADE BY LAUNCHING MASSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE CASE.

HOWEVER, SEVERAL PRESS ANALYSTS HERE HAVE SPECULATED THAT DUARTE MAY BE ENCOUNTERING DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PEDRO PABLO CASTILLO FRONT'S DEMAND THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS BE FREED. IT APPEARS THAT THE ORGANIZATION. ON WHICH NO MAJOR INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE, IS

PRINCIPALLY STAFFED BY FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS.

MEANWHILE, THE INTENSITY OF POLICE AND MILITARY SEARCH

OPERATIONS, HOUSE RAIDS, AND ARRESTS HAS DECREASED OVER THE PAST

SEVERAL HOURS, CONFIRMING THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE REBELS AND GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE BEGUN. (PASSAGE ON BACKGROUND OF INES

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