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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF OCPAS LAB [REDACTED] FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 1985.

FROM: DDI/O/CPAS.

ITEM

[REDACTED]  
EL SALVADOR: ARMED FORCES BACK DUARTE ON KIDNAPING

//THE SALVADORAN OFFICER CORPS IS OPENLY BACKING PRESIDENT DUARTE'S DECISION TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIS DAUGHTER'S KIDNAPERS BUT IS LIKELY TO INSIST THAT THE INSURGENTS ALSO RELEASE OFFICIALS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CAPTURED THIS YEAR. THE KIDNAPERS ARE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF INSURGENTS HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, THE ARMED FORCES HAVE FOLLOWED DUARTE'S ORDERS TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THE REBELS AND HAVE CAPTURED OVER A DOZEN URBAN GUERRILLAS IN THE PAST WEEK, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GUERRILLA-LED LEFTIST COALITION APPEARS SO FAR TO HAVE AVOIDED SERIOUS DISSENSION OVER THE ISSUE OF TAKING A PROMINENT HOSTAGE, EVEN THOUGH SOME MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS. IF DUARTE'S DAUGHTER IS RETURNED SAFELY AND THE OPERATION BRINGS THE RELEASE OF A NUMBER OF PROMINENT GUERRILLAS, THE INSURGENTS WILL BE MORE INCLINED TO USE KIDNAPING AS AN [REDACTED] COUNTER TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS IN CAPTURING URBAN GUERRILLA LEADERS.// [REDACTED]

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