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SALVADOR: REY PRENDES ON KIDNAPPING

EL SALVADOR: FURTHER ON REY PRENDES 25 SEP NEWS CONFERENCE

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SAN SALVADOR EL MUNDO IN SPANISH 26 SEP 85 P 3

(TEXT) "THE SALVADORAN ARMY WILL SUPPORT ANY DECISION
ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE WITH REGARD TO THE
KIDNAPPING OF HIS DAUGHTER, INES GUADALUPE DUARTE, AND HER FRIEND,
ANA CECILIA VILLEGA, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JULIO
ADOLFO REY PRENDES SAID YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

HE MADE THE AFOREMENTIONED CLARIFICATION IN VIEW OF RUMORS AND
REPORTS CIRCULATING ABOUT DISAGREEMENTS IN THE MILITARY RANKS ABOUT
THE DEMANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER.

THE MINSITER DID NOT GIVE DETAILS OF THE DEMANDS BUT HE CLARIFIED
THAT THESE RUMORS ARE FALSE. HE ALSO SAID THAT OTHER RUMORS THAT
INDICATED THAT A DEADLINE HAD BEEN SET FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS
ARE FALSE.

THE OFFICIAL ASKED THE SALVADORAN JOURNALISTS AND FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENTS TO CAREFULLY HANDLE THE REPORTS ON THIS CASE BECAUSE
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OR THOSE FRAGLEDUSLY ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIAL
SOURCES "COULD AFFECT THE NEGOTIATIONS OR ENDANGER THE LIFE OF THE
CAPTIVES." REGARDING THE MEASURES OF THE HIGH COMMAND AND ITS
SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION, MINISTER REY PRENDES SAID
THAT THEY HAD BEEN ADOPTED DURING A MEETING OF THE HIGH COMMAND,
COMMANDERS, AND DIRECTORS OF SECURITY FORCES.

THE KIDNAPPING OF INES GUADALUPE DUARTE AND ANA CECILIA
VILLEGA TOOK PLACE ON 10 SEPTEMBER WHEN THEY WERE ARRIVING AT THE
NEW SAN SALVADOR UNIVERSITY AND INES GUADALUPE DUARTE'S
VEHICLE WAS INTERCEPTED BY ARMED MEN.

THE SAN SALVADOR ARCHBISHOP SAID 2 DAYS AGO THAT THE CHURCH HAS
MADE EFFORTS TO VISIT THE CAPTIVE AND HAS OFFERED ITS MEDIATION BUT
"IT SEEMS THAT THEY WANT DIRECT CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT DUARTE."
THE JOURNALISTS INSISTED ON LEARNING ABOUT THE DEMANDS BUT THE CULTUR

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AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER DID NOT WANT TO ENTER INTO DETAILS.
NEVERTHELESS, HE ADMITTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONTACT.

REGARDING TALKS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND HIS DAUGHTER, REY
PRENDES SAID THAT THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT HEARD A RECORDING OR
HIS DAUGHTER'S VOICE BY RADIO, AS A NEWS REPORT INDICATED, DOES NOT
MEAN THAT HE SPOKE WITH HIS DAUGHTER.

REY PRENDES DID NOT WANT TO GIVE ANY DETAILS OF THE REPORT THAT
THE PRESIDENT SENT RADIOS TO THE KIDNAPPERS IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE
WITH HIS DAUGHTER THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE.
"I DO NOT DENY OR CONFIRM ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. THAT IS A REPORT

FROM INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE PRESIDENT OR THE GOVERNMENT KNEW IF DUARTE'S
DAUGHTER WAS IN GOOD HEALTH, REY PRENDES SAID: "THIS IS A
SITUATION THAT IS VERY HARD TO CONFIRM." HE DENIED THAT THE
CABINET HELD A MEETING TO ANALYZE THE KIDNAPPING. IT DID SO TO
PRESENT THE BUDGET WHICH ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION MUST BE
PRESENTED AT THE LATEST ON 30 SEPTEMBER TO THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY.

"THE MINSITERS MET A DAY EARLIER AND GAVE OUR SUPPORT TO
PRESIDENT DUARTE," REY PRENDES SAID.
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