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//DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT AND THE KIDNAPERS OF PRESIDENT DUARTE'S DAUGHTER HAVE YET TO BEGIN, BUT THE KIDNAPERS ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL DEMAND THE RELEASE OF WELL-KNOWN REBELS IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY//

//THE KIDNAPERS PUBLICLY HAVE ADMITTED BELONGING TO THE INSURGENT ALLIANCE BUT REFUSE TO LINK THEMSELVES TO A SPECIFIC FACTION. NEITHER OF THE TWO CLAUDESTINE "REBEL" RADIO STATIONS HAS ISSUED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE KIDNAPING. THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATING TEAM, [REDACTED] IS CONVINCED THAT THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERATION--THE MILITARY WING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE MOST ORTHODOX OF THE FIVE FACTIONS--IS RESPONSIBLE//

//IN RESPONSE TO THE KIDNAPERS' DEMANDS, DUARTE HAS ALLOWED RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES TO DELIVER SECURE-VOICE RADIOS TO INSURGENTS NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR, AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN HAVE CURTAILED OFFICIAL STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS. THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT, HOWEVER, CONCEDED TO THE DEMAND THAT MILITARY OPERATIONS BE HALTED; HE HAS ORDERED SECURITY FORCES TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION, AND RAIDS ON GUERRILLA SAFEROUSES IN THE CAPITAL ARE CONTINUING//

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[REDACTED] //DUARTE HAS MOVED CAUTIOUSLY, TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE WITHOUT APPEARING TO CAVE IN. THE KIDNAPERS MOST LIKELY WILL DEMAND THE RELEASE OF PROMINENT PRISONERS, WHILE EXPECTING THAT PROLONGED NEGOTIATIONS MAY DIVIDE THE GOVERNMENT AND DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN DUARTE AND THE MILITARY. ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY PROBABLY WILL TAKE A HARD LINE ON CONCESSIONS, CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DUARTE AND THE HIGH COMMAND MAKES A SERIOUS SPLIT OVER THIS ISSUE UNLIKELY//. [REDACTED]

//ARMED FORCES OF LIBERATION IS A PRIME SUSPECT IN THE KIDNAPING, WHICH IT MAY SEE AS A WAY TO BOOST ITS LOW STANDING IN

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THE REBEL ALLIANCE AND TO WIN THE RELEASE OF ITS RECENTLY ARRESTED SECOND-IN-COMMAND. BY DUCKING DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY THEY MAY HOPE TO AVOID REPRISALS AND KEEP THEIR URBAN NETWORK INTACT//. [REDACTED]

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