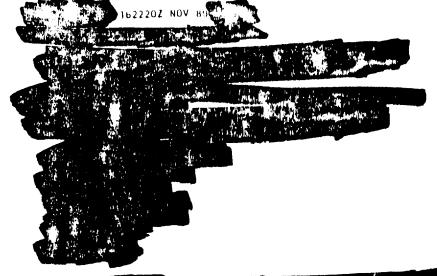


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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1430 HOURS LOCAL TIME

DOI: 16 NOVEMBER 1989

TEXT: A U.S. EMBASSY ARMORED VEHICLE TRAVELING ON THE ROAD FROM ILOPANGO AIR BASE INTO SAN SALVADOR WAS STRUCK BY A RIFLE ROUND WHILE PASSING NEAR THE SOYAPANGO AREA. THE U.S. EMBASSY OFFICER RIDING IN THE CAR AND THE CAR'S DRIVER WERE UNHARMED.

2. AT 0030 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 16 NOVEMBER, THE UNIVERSITY

OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) RECTOR, IGNACIO ((ELLACURIA)), UCA

VICE RECTOR IGNACIO ((MARTIN-BARQ)) AND FOUR OTHER PRIESTS

WERE KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS AT ELLACURIA'S RESIDENCE

NEAR THE UCA CAMPUS. THE COOK AND DAUGHTER WERE ALSO KILLED.

THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAS GAINED ACCESS

TO THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS AND IS REPORTING ELLACURIA'S DEATH.

THE SALVADORAN SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT (SIU) IS INVESTIGATING

THE CASE. INFORMALLY. SALVADORAN MILITARY

OFFICIALS HAVE BLAMED THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION

FRONT FOR ELLACURIA'S KILLING. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED

SUBSECUENTLY AS THEY RECOME AVAILABLE.)

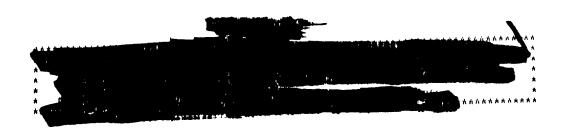
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HEADQUARTERS IN CUSCATANCINGO DURING THE NIGHT OF 16 - 16
NOVEMBER; HOWEVER, AS OF 1015 LOCAL TIME ON 16 NOVEMBER, THE
POLICE HAD REGAINED CONTROL OF THE BUILDING. THERE HAS BEEN
CONTINUOUS GUNFIRE IN THE AREA OF THE NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS

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AND THE TREASURY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN SAN SALVADOR. SEPARATELY, THE FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE HAS POSITIONED FOUR 105MM HOWITZERS NORTH OF THE FIRST BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS TO SUPPORT EXAF ELEMENTS FIGHTING IN THE NORTHERN SUBURBS OF SAN SALVADOR.

4. DURING FIGHTING IN SOYAPANGO ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 NOVEMBER, AIR FORCE ELEMINTS SUFFERID FIGHT WOUNDED AND CONFIRMED 60 INSURGENTS KILLED. AIR FORCE UNITS REENTERED SOYAPANGO IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 16 NOVEMBER, SUPPORTED BY AIR FORCE HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS. THE AIR FORCE BELIEVES THAT INSURGENTS WHO HAD BEEN HOLDING POSITIONS IN URBANIZACION LOS CONACASTES IN SOYAPANGO HAD MOVED TO COLONEA GUADALUPE. THE BELLOSO IMMEDIATE REACTION INFANTRY HATTALION IS STILL POSITIONAL.

5. THE INTERNATIONAL RID CROSS HAS CALLED FOR A TRUCE TO ALLOW THE RED CROSS AND OTHER HUMANITAHIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO EVACUATE WOUNDED FROM THE CONFLICTIVE AREAS. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT A TRUCE WILL BE CALLED.

6. SALVADORAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) HAS AGAIN CONDEMNED CUBAN AND NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO THE FMLN. CRISTIANI CLASSIFIED THE FMLN ATTACKS AS ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST DEFENSELESS PEOPLE AND STATED THAT IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN SUPPORT SUCH ACTS. HE HAS AGAIN CALLED UPON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION TO REMAIN CALM AND TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT. ALSO, COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT OSCAR ((ARIAS)) HAS CONDEMNED THE FMLN OFFENSIVE AND IS URGING THE FMLN TO GO TO CARACAS ON 20 NOVEMBER AND TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS BEGUN IN SEPTEMBER.

7. AS OF THE EVENING OF 15 NOVEMBER, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF INSURGENTS WERE IN A GULLY IN COLONIA LAS MAGNOLIAS IN THE AYUTUXTEPEQUE/CUSCATANCINGO AREA AND WERE USING THE GULLY AS A STAGING AREA. THEY APPEARED TO BE ABLE TO COME AND GO FROM THIS AREA AT WILL; THERE WAS NO COMBAT IN THE AREA.

CONTROL OF CIUDAD DELGADO AS OF LATE 15 NOVEMBER. THE INSURGENTS SEEMED TO BE ENTERING AND LEAVING CIUDAD DELGADO AT WILL. ALSO, A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN GREEN CROSS STATED THAT THE INSURGENTS

APPEARED TO BE IN CONTROL IN APOPA, NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR, AS OF LATE 15 NOVEMBER. INSURGENTS IN APOPA WERE MOUNTING REGULAR FOOT PATROLS IN THE YOWN.

COMMENT: REPORTS FROM APOPA SEEM TO CORROBORATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION THAT THE INSURGENTS ARE IN CONTROL OF APOPA.)

REPORTING THAT PROGRESS AGAINST THE INSURGENTS IS SLOW.
CIVILIANS IN MEJICANOS AND OTHER NORTHERN SAN SALVADOR SUBURBS
ARE TRYING TO LEAVE THE AREAS; HOWEVER, THE INSURGENTS ARE NOT
ALLOWING THEM TO LEAVE. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR.
ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST BRIGADE FOUND A CAR FILLED WITH MOLOTOV
COCKTAILS. THE CAR LOOKED LIKE A PRESS CAR.

THE CAR HAD THE LETTERS "T.V." IN ITS WINDOW. MOST
PRESS ELEMENTS IN EL SALVADOR PUT THE LETTERS "T.V." IN THEIR
CAR WINDOWS TO CLEARLY LOENTIFY THEMSELVES TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT
AND THE INSURGENTS

9. ON 15 NOVEMBER, PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY LEADER
"JOAQUIN VILLALOBOS" SPOKE DURING A "RADIO VENCEREMOS" BROADCAST
AND URGED THE INSURGENTS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING.

