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1. SUMMARY OF NEWSPAPERS:

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EL SALVADOR: CHRIS DICKEY, REPORTING FRONT PAGE FROM  
SAN SALVADOR ("HARD-LINERS GET KEY MILITARY POSTS:  
RIGHTISTS GAIN IN SALVADORAN SHAKE-UP"), WRITES THAT  
HARD-LINE OFFICERS WITH CLOSE LINKS TO THE COUNTRY'S  
EXTREME RIGHT HAVE BEEN GIVEN KEY POSTS IN THE FIRST  
MAJOR SHAKE-UP IN THE SALVADORAN MILITARY SINCE THE  
FORCED RESIGNATION OF GEN. JOSE GUILLERMO GARCIA AS  
DEFENSE MINISTER SIX WEEKS AGO. GARCIA, DICKEY WRITES,  
HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF CRONYISM AND INCOMPETENCE, "AND SOME  
OF THE 10 CHANGES ANNOUNCED TODAY MAY BE INTENDED TO  
INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF CERTAIN LACKLUSTER  
BRIGADES...BUT OTHER CHANGES, COMING AS WASHINGTON  
APPEARS INTENT ON HARDENING ITS IDEOLOGICAL POSTURE HERE,

MARK A MAJOR VICTORY FOR RIGHT-WING FORCES IN THE ARMED FORCES THAT ARE NOW PRESIDED OVER BY THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTER, GEN. CARLOS EUGENIO VIDES CASANOVA, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE NATIONAL GUARD." DICKEY VIEWS AS THE MOST

IMPORTANT CHANGE, "WITH THE MOST COMPLEX RAMIFICATIONS IN THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES' BYZANTINE INTRAMURAL CONFLICTS," IS THE REPLACEMENT OF COL. FRANCISCO MORAN BY COL. NICOLAS CARRANZA AS HEAD OF THE TREASURY POLICE. THE SMALLEST AND MOST SECRETIVE OF THE THREE SALVADORAN SECURITY FORCES (NATIONAL GUARD AND NATIONAL POICE), DICKEY WRITES THAT IT IS THE TREASURY POLICE WHICH ARE "KNOWN AS THE MOST RUTHLESS, INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING INSTITUTION IN THE COUNTRY....ACCORDING TO ONE SENIOR SALVADORAN OFFICIAL WHO IS GENERALLY WELL INFORMED ABOUT INTERNAL MILITARY AFFAIRS, A GROUP OF OFFICERS UNDER MORAN HAS PROVIDED WHAT AMOUNTS TO A 'DEATH SQUAD' SERVICE TO WHOEVER PAYS THEM." DICKEY OBSERVES THAT DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS AFTER THE REFORMIST COUP OF 1979 PROMISED TO REDUCE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, THE

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CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS THEN IN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO REMOVE THE SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS MOST ASSOCIATED WITH THE KILLING AND TORTURE OF CIVILIANS. "MORAN WAS ONE OF THE TWO MOST OPENLY CRITICIZED. BUT THE OTHER WAS CARRANZA, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED TO SUCCEED HIM. AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE UNTIL DECEMBER 1980, CARRANZA REPEATEDLY WAS ACCUSED OF COVERING UP FOR THE MILITARY'S MOST RUTHLESS ELEMENTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME FORGING A CLOSE ALLIANCE WITH D'AUBUISSON, WHO ATTEMPTED SEVERAL COUPS DURING THAT PERIOD. CARRANZA EVENTUALLY WAS PUT IN A LESS DANGEROUS POST AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM." DICKEY NOTES THAT ANOTHER APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED WHICH REFLECTS THE RESURGENCE OF RIGHT-WING POWER IS THE NAMING OF LT. COL. MARIO DENIS MORAN TO HEAD THE ZACATECOLUCA REGIONAL COMMAND. "HIS BODYGUARD WAS IMPLICATED IN THE MURDER OF TWO AMERICAN AGRARIAN REFORM ADVISERS."

SURINAME: SHORT INSIDE PAGE 7 UPI STORY ("CIA TARGETED SURINAME, ABC REPORTS") STATES THE PRESIDENT REAGAN AUTHORIZED COVERT CIA ACTIONS AIMED AT OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME LAST YEAR BUT BACKED OFF BECAUSE OF STRONG CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION, ABC NEWS REPORTED LAST NIGHT. ABC SAID THE RATIONALE OF REAGAN AND THE CIA WAS THAT DESI BOUTERSE, MILITARY LEADER OF SURINAME, WAS MOVING TOWARD CLOSE ALLIANCE WITH CUBA. WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN ANSON FRANKLIN SAID LAST NIGHT, "IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY NOT TO COMMENT ON ANY REPORTS OF COVERT ACTIVITIES." REP. EDWARD P. BOLAND (D-MASS.), CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, SAID, "I DON'T DISCUSS ANY MATTERS OF THAT COMMITTEE." AS ABC REPORTED THE ISSUE, CIA DIRECTOR

CASEY FACED OVERWHELMING BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL  
OPPOSITION AND THE ADMINISTRATION REPORTEDLY

RECONSIDERED. "SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER CASEY'S APPEARANCE ON  
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CAPITOL HILL, HE TOLD THE COMMITTEES THAT THE PLAN WAS  
BEING WITHDRAWN, ABC SAID."

GRENADA: JOHN GOSHKO, REPORTING INSIDE PAGE 18 ("US  
OFFERED REASSURANCE BY GRENADA"), PROVIDES INITIAL  
COVERAGE OF PRIME MINISTER MAURICE BISHOP'S US VISIT AND  
QUOTES HIM AS SAYING HE HAS GIVEN THE US "CONCRETE  
ASSURANCES AD NAUSEUM" THAT THE NEW AIRPORT IS STRICTLY  
FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO  
CUBAN OR SOVIET MILITARY FLIGHTS. GOSHKO REPEATS  
BISHOP'S CHARGES THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT RESPONDED TO  
REQUESTS FOR A MEETING, HAS REFUSED TO EXCHANGE  
AMBASSADORS WITH GRENADA, AND HAS MAINTAINED ONLY THE  
MOST MINIMAL LOW-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH BISHOP'S  
GOVERNMENT. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION  
HAS "SINGLED OUT GRENADA'S CONSTRUCTION, WITH CUBAN HELP,  
OF A NEW AIRPORT CAPABLE OF HANDLING LARGE JETS AS AN  
EXAMPLE OF COMMUNIST PENETRATION OF THE HEMISPHERE."  
BISHOP'S RESPONSE IS THAT STUDIES DATING BACK TO THE  
1950S HAVE FOUND THE NEED FOR AN IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, AND HE CHARACTERIZED AS "TOTALLY INACCURATE" US  
CHARGES THAT THE AIRPORT IS TO SERVE AS A REFUELING AND  
STAGING AREA FOR CUBAN TROOPS GOING TO ANGOLA. "HE ALSO  
SAID THAT AT A SATURDAY DINNER OF TRANS-AFRICA, A PRIVATE  
US ORGANIZATION THAT HELPED ARRANGE HIS VISIT, HE WILL  
REPLY TO CRITICS WHO CHARGE THAT HE IS A DICTATOR BY  
ANNOUNCING A PLAN TO MOVE TOWARD ELECTIONS."

EL SALVADOR: JOANNE OMANG, IN BOXED REPORT ON PAGE 18  
("CHANGE IN GUERRILLA POLICY SEEN: EL SALVADOR WAR TAKES  
TWIST AS REBELS EXECUTE 42 SOLDIERS"), REPORTS ON  
YESTERDAY'S DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING THAT GUERRILLA  
FORCES IN EL SALVADOR ARE REPORTED TO HAVE EXECUTED 42  
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GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS TAKEN PRISONER LAST WEEK AND TO HAVE  
MUTILATED SOME OF THE BODIES, "A MOVE THAT MAY SIGNAL A  
MAJOR CHANGE IN REBEL POLICY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID  
YESTERDAY. SPOKESMAN ALAN ROMBERG RELEASED THE PARTIAL  
TEXT OF A DECLASSIFIED CABLE FROM THE USA EMBASSY IN SAN  
SALVADOR. IT SAID THE 'GUERRILLA ATROCITY' OCCURRED  
EARLY ON MAY 25, 2 1/2 WEEKS AFTER GUERRILLAS EXECUTED 16  
CIVIL DEFENSE FIGHTERS WHO SURRENDERED IN THE TOWN OF  
CINQUERA." "IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL IF A TREND HAS BEEN  
ESTABLISHED, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THE GUERRILLAS MAY HAVE  
DECIDED TO UP THE ANTE," THE CABLE SAID. THIS SECOND

INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN AN 82-MAN FORCE OF EL SALVADOR'S 5TH BRIGADE RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION AFTER AN EIGHT-HOUR BATTLE WITH GUERRILLAS TRYING TO TAKE A BRIDGE NEAR SAN FRANCISCO CHAMOCO IN THE PROVINCE OF SAN VICENTE,

NORTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL, THE CABLE SAID, QUOTING "A SOURCE." "FOLLOWING THE SURRENDER A NUMBER OF SOLDIERS WERE PLACED FACE DOWN ON THE GROUND AND EXECUTED BY THE GUERRILLAS." THE CABLE ADDED THAT THE SOURCE HAD REPORTED THAT 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF THE 42 BODIES "HAVE HEAD WOUNDS AND POWDER BURNS AND HAVE SUFFERED ADDITIONAL MUTILATIONS (EARS CUT OFF, ARMS SEVERED)." THE ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES FROM YESTERDAY'S GUIDANCE ON SALVADORAN REFUGEES NOT BEING GRANTED "EXTENDED VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE" STATUS IN THE U.S. OMANG WRITES THAT, IN CONTRAST TO THE CABLE, RADIO VENCEREMOS REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF ONE LIEUTENANT AND FOUR SOLDIERS IN COMMENTING ON THE SAME INCIDENT. "THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION OF THE DISCREPANCY IN THE NUMBERS." EL SALVADOR: CHRISTOPHER DICKEY, REPORTING INSIDE PAGE 19 FROM SAN SALVADOR ("FROM DARING REBEL LEADER TO CHATTY GUEST ON VOA: FORMER GUERRILLA LEADER WAS MISSING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS"), REPORTS ON SALVADORAN GUERRILLA LEADER ARQUIMIDES ANTONIO CANADA, BETTER KNOWN AS ALEJANDRO MONTENEGRO IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE POWERFUL PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY UNCLASSIFIED

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ARMY FACTION OF THE FIVE-MEMBER GUERRILLA FRONT. DICKEY NOTES THAT ON AUG. 22 LAST YEAR HE DISAPPEARED FROM TEGUCIGALPA AND WHEN HE REEMERGED SIX MONTHS LATER ON PRERECORDED INTERVIEWS, "HE WAS AFFIRMING VIRTUALLY EVERY POINT THE U.S. AND SALVADORAN GOVERNMENTS ARE TRYING TO MAKE ABOUT THE WAR HERE. HE TOLD OF RECEIVING TRAINING AND ORDERS FROM CUBA. HE SAID LAST YEAR'S ELECTIONS WERE A RESOUNDING POLITICAL DEFEAT FOR THE REBELS AND HE CONCLUDED THAT 'THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT HAS LOST ITS SUPPORT.' FOR THE LAST TWO NIGHTS CANADA HAS SAID MUCH THE SAME THING OVER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S VOICE OF AMERICA. ACCORDING TO VOA OFFICIALS, THE RECORDING SESSION TOOK PLACE IN THEIR WASHINGTON STUDIOS SATURDAY, BUT THEY DID NOT EXPLAIN EXACTLY HOW OR WHO ARRANGED IT AND THEY SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT CANADA HAD ONCE AGAIN LEFT THE COUNTRY."

PERU: PHILIP BENNET, REPORTING FROM LIMA ("PERUVIAN GUERRILLAS DRAW MORE DRASTIC RESPONSE" P. 20), WRITES THAT A 60-DAY NATIONWIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT "IS THE SHARPEST MEASURE UNDERTAKEN YET BY PERU'S DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND ITS EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE LEFTIST SENDERO LUMINOSO GUERRILLAS. THE MEASURE SUSPENDS CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM TO TRAVEL AND TO HOLD MEETINGS, AS WELL AS PROTECTIONS AGAINST UNWARRANTED SEARCH, SEIZURE AND ARREST FOR ALL OF PERU'S 18 MILLION INHABITANTS. IT FOLLOWS A SERIES OF

BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST COASTAL CITIES ATTRIBUTED TO THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION...." THE STATE OF EMERGENCY,

ACCORDING TO SOME POLITICAL ANALYSTS IN LIMA, IS A SIGN THAT THE GOVERNMENT FEELS ITS ABILITY TO MANAGE THE GUERRILLA PROBLEM IS SLIPPING. ACCORDING TO BENNETT, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES CAUSED BELAUNDE'S OWN PARTY, ACCION POPULAR, TO CANCEL A RALLY CALLED "DEMOCRACY IN ACTION" THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY.

-- NEW YORK TIMES --

EL SALVADOR: INSIDE PAGE 4 CARRIES REUTERS-SAN SALVADOR REPORT THAT GUERRILLAS SAID THEY OVERRAN AN IMPORTANT MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND A NEARBY ARMY GARRISON IN EASTERN MORAZAN WHICH THEY CONSIDERED "A GRAND BLOW TO THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND". MILITARY SPOKESMEN COULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE REPORT BY RADIO VENCEREMOS. ACCOMPANYING AP-WASHINGTON STORY NOTES YESTERDAY'S DEPARTMENT BRIEFING AND RELEASE OF A DECLASSIFIED CABLE ON GUERRILLA ATROCITIES AGAINST SURRENDERED GOES TROOPS.

PERU: AP-LIMA REPORTS ("PERU SENDS FORCES TO COMBAT REBELS: CIVIL GUARD ARE DISPATCHED -- GUERRILLAS MOVE NORTHEAST OF LIMA FOR FIRST TIME" P. 12) THE GOVERNMENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT SOME GUERRILLA FORCES HAD MOVED FROM SOUTHERN PERU TO AN AREA 110 MILES NORTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL, AND THAT A CONTINGENT OF PARAMILITARY CIVIL GUARDS HAD BEEN SENT THERE "TO CRUSH THE UPRISING."

GRENADA: SAME PAGE NOTES THAT GRENADIAN PRIME MINISTER MAURICE BISHOP HAS RECEIVED A COOL RECEPTION OFFICIALLY IN WASHINGTON. "BUT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MADE IT PLAIN THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION PREFERRED TO MAINTAIN COOLNESS TOWARD...BISHOP BECAUSE OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, AND BECAUSE OF REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES ON THE ISLAND....STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT MR. BISHOP'S REQUESTS TO MEET RANKING ADMINISTRATION AIDES WERE 'UNDER CONSIDERATION,' AND THAT THERE WAS SOME LIKELIHOOD THAT A LOWER-LEVEL OFFICIAL WOULD REPRESENT THE ADMINISTRATION IN TALKS WITH THE GRENADIAN LEADER."

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PUERTO RICO: MANUEL SUAREZ, REPORTING FROM SAN JUAN ("BREAKTHROUGH SEEN IN US INQUIRY INTO RACKETEERING IN PUERTO RICO" P. 13), NOTES THAT A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE BELIEVES IT HAS MADE A BREAKTHROUGH IN ITS BATTLE AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION IN PUERTO RICO WITH THE AGREEMENT OF A SUSPECT IN A KIDNAPPING CASE TO

TESTIFY ON 53 CRIMES, INCLUDING MURDERS, KIDNAPPINGS AND HIJACKINGS.

AMBASSADOR STONE'S TRAVELS: INSIDE PAGE 18 "WASHINGTON

TALK" NOTES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO CENTRAL AMERICA WILL LEAVE THURSDAY ON HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE AREA WITH INITIAL STOPS IN EL SALVADOR. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT AMBASSADOR STONE WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE DEPARTMENT TODAY AND EXPECTS TO VISIT ALL THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BELIZE, IN AN ORDER YET TO BE DETERMINED. LATER HE WILL FLY TO COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA. "ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, MR. STONE'S TWO-WEEK TOUR WILL PRINCIPALLY BE A 'LISTENING TRIP' TO GIVE HIM A SENSE OF WHAT INITIATIVES THE US SHOULD PURSUE TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS BOTH BETWEEN NATIONS IN THE AREA AND BETWEEN FACTIONS WITHIN NATIONS."

ARGENTINA: JACOBO TIMERMAN, AUTHOR OF "PRISONER WITHOUT A NAME, CELL WITHOUT A NUMBER", PROVIDES OP-ED PIECE ("AGAIN, THE PERONIST ALLIANCE" P. 23), WHICH BEGINS WITH THE CONTRASTING DATES OF JUNE 4, 1943 AND JUNE 4, 1983. HE NOTES THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT THE PARALLELS WILL MEAN FOR THE FUTURE, AND ASKS "WILL THE ALLIANCE OF THE ARMY AND THE RIGHT-WING PERONISTS CRUSH ALL DEMANDS FOR A GENUINE DEMOCRATIC LIFE? TODAY, AS ON OTHER OCCASIONS, THE PERONISTS CAN HAVE REPRESSIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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MEASURES APPROVED THROUGH SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND DEMOCRATICALLY VOTED ON BY CONGRESS. WILL A NEW POLITICAL OPPOSITION ARISE TO PROTEST THE LIKELY REPRESSION? THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES -- THE RADICAL PARTY, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SOCIALIST CONFEDERATION -- MIGHT FIND SUPPORT IN A SECTOR OF THE ARMED FORCES THAT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGER OF A CIVIL WAR. CAN A NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG OFFICERS AND YOUNG TRADE UNION LEADERS UPHOLD THE OLD PERONIST ALLIANCE? TO DO SO, THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY APPEAL TO PERON'S IMAGE, BUT THEIR IDEOLOGY MAY WELL BE ADJUSTED TO THE APPARENT RADICALIZATION OF ARGENTINE SOCIETY. FASCIST SANDINISM? THIRD-WORLD SOCIALISM? POPULIST DEMOCRACY? WHO CAN TELL WHAT GUISE THE ALLIANCE WILL ASSUME THIS TIME? AND, IN THE MEANTIME, THINGS WILL GO ON AS BEFORE -- THE HUNGER, THE POLITICAL CHAOS, MORE KILLINGS BY THE ARMED FORCES AND THE PERMANENT STRUGGLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS TO PRESERVE SOMETHING OF CIVILIZED LIFE." -- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

COVERT ACTION: ROBERT MCCLORY, A FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM ILLINOIS AND A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FROM ITS INCEPTION IN 1976 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN JANUARY 1983, HAS OP-ED PIECE ("COVERT ACTION IS UP TO THE PRESIDENT -- NOT CONGRESS")

P. 23) BEGINNING: "WELL-GROUNDED FEARS OF AN  
EVER-INCREASING INVOLVEMENT IN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY

BATTLES BEING WAGED IN NICARAGUA AND EL SALVADOR ARE  
GIVING RISE TO DEMANDS FOR THE CONGRESS TO ASSUME A  
LARGER ROLE IN COVERT INTELLIGENCE DECISIONMAKING."  
WHILE HE OBSERVES THAT THERE IS THE QUESTION AS TO WHY A  
POLICY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY COVERT AS OPPOSED TO  
OVERT ACTION, "STILL, IN OTHER INSTANCES, THE  
BENEFICIARIES OF US AID FREQUENTLY INSIST THAT THE AID  
MUST BE FURNISHED CLANDESTINELY. WHEN THIS DEVELOPS --  
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AS IT DOES -- WE ARE LEFT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO HELP  
OUR COOPERATING FRIENDS OR ALLIES IN THE MANNER IN WHICH  
THEY CHOOSE TO BE AIDED. THAT ATTITUDE COULD EXPLAIN  
SOME NOT-SO-COVERT ACTIONS TAKING PLACE TODAY IN WHICH  
THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND THE PRESIDENT MAY BE OVERTLY  
SUPPORTIVE. AT ANY RATE, COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS CAN  
DO LITTLE OR NOTHING TO EASE THIS DILEMMA."

NICARAGUA: DANIEL SOUTHERLAND, REPORTING INSIDE PAGE 4  
FROM CORINTO ("SOVIET SHIP IN NICARAGUA: NO MILITARY  
WARES FOUND"), WRITES THAT "IT SEEMS CLEAR AFTER SPENDING  
HALF A DAY HERE THAT COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS ARE THE PORT'S  
MAIN BUSINESS....THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT SMALL ARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND MEDICINES ARE SHIPPED  
THROUGH THE PORT IN CONTAINERS WHICH ARE NOT OPENED  
HERE. BUT A RECONNAISSANCE PHOTO OF THE PORT, TAKEN MAY  
20 BY THE US AND RELEASED BY THE WHITE HOUSE ON MAY 26,  
DID NOT CONTAIN ANY OBVIOUS EVIDENCE OF MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT EITHER ON THE SHIPS OR ON THE DOCKS. THE PHOTO  
DID SHOW TWO SOVEIT MERCHANT SHIPS DOCKED AT THE  
PORT.....THE ONLY EVIDENCE OF ANYTYING LIKE MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT WAS 67 MOBILE OLIVE-GREEN FIELD KITCHENS FROM  
EAST GERMANY, WHICH PORT OFFICIALS SAID WERE DESTINED TO  
BE USED IN THE LAND REFORM PROGRAM."

-- BALTIMORE SUN --

GRENADA/EL SALVADOR: PM MAURICE BISHOP'S VISIT AND  
SALVADORAN GUERRILLA CLAIMS OF OVERRUNNING A MAJOR  
MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ARE BOTH COVERED BRIEFLY  
INSIDE PAGE 2.

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EL SALVADOR: JUAN WALTE, REPORTING INSIDE PAGE 2 FROM  
WASHINGTON ("USA: SALVADORAN LEFTISTS 'EXECUTE' 42"),  
REPORTS ON YESTERDAY'S DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING AND THE  
RELEASE OF A DECLASSIFIED CABLE ON GUERRILLA ATROCITIES

AGAINST GOES TROOPS. "THE STATE DEPARTMENT CHARGED TUESDAY THAT EL SALVADOR'S LEFTIST INSURGENTS HAVE MOVED FROM GUERRILLA WARFARE TO A CAMPAIGN OF 'EXECUTIONS AND

ASSASSINATIONS' AND DISCLOSED DETAILS OF A RECENT MASSACRE OF ARMY TROOPS TO MAKE ITS POINT."

PAGE 8 NOTES THAT REP. PATRICIA SCHROEDER (D-COLO.) IS ASKING THE PENTAGON TO GRANT COMBAT PAY TO MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EL SALVADOR.

-- WALL STREET JOURNAL --

ARGENTINA: FRONT PAGE "WHAT'S NEWS" NOTES THAT ARGENTINA'S CURRENCY LOSES FOUR ZEROS YESTERDAY WITH A NEW PESO VALUED AT 10,000 OLD PESOS. INSIDE PAGE 34 CONTINUATION NOTES THAT THE BANKS BEGAN A TWO-DAY HOLIDAY YESTERDAY TO PREPARE FOR THE CHANGEOVER TO A NEW CURRENCY UNIT. "THE MOVE IS INTENDED TO EASE BOOKKEEPING AS WELL AS TO FIGHT THE PSYCHOLOGY OF INFLATION."

ARA CHANGES: NOTED FRONT PAGE IN "WHAT'S NEWS" AND CONTINUED INSIDE IN GERALD SEIB ARTICLE ("SHULTZ HOPES OUSTER OF ENDERS WILL CAUSE WHITE HOUSE TO EASE GRIP ON LATIN POLICY"). "SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ IS HOPING THE WHITE HOUSE WILL LOOSEN ITS CONTROL OF CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY DECISIONS AS A RESULT OF THE OUSTER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S TOP LATIN AMERICAN POLICYMAKER. BUT IT MAY TAKE MORE THAN A PERSONNEL SHUFFLE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, WILLIAM CLARK, RELAX HIS EVER-TIGHTENING GRIP ON CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY." SEIB UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTES THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER'S "STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST COMMUNISM IN CENTRAL AMERICA...(A) INTEREST (THAT) ISN'T LIKELY TO DISSIPATE JUST BECAUSE OF A NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE. BUT OFFICIALS SAID MR. ENDER'S SITUATION DIDN'T COME TO A HEAD UNTIL LAST WEEK, WHEN MR. SHULTZ WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO ASK WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY. THAT MR. SHULTZ HAD TO CALL A MEETING TO ASK SUCH A QUESTION COULD AGGRAVATE ONE OF HIS PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS: A PERCEPTION AMONG SOME ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS THAT HE HAS BEEN TOO PASSIVE. AT HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN, OFFICIALS SAID, MR. SHULTZ HOPED TO WIN BACK CONTROL OVER LATIN AMERICAN POLICY DECISIONS AND ALSO TO RETAIN MR. ENDERS AS THE TOP POLICYMAKER FOR THAT AREA....MR. SHULTZ WAS TOLD THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD RESUME MORE CONTROL OVER CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY BUT ALSO WAS TOLD THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST GET NEW TOP POLICYMAKERS TO DO THE JOB, THE OFFICIALS SAID." SEIB NOTES THAT ENDERS HAD BECOME "BOTH THE CAUSE AND THE VICTIM" OF TENSIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE WITH DISAGREEMENTS OVER BOTH THE STRATEGY OF

BUILDING DOMESTIC SUPPORT AND OVER THE EMPHASIS THAT

SHOULD BE GIVEN TO KEEPING CHANNELS OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH LEFTISTS IN THE REGION. THERE WERE, ADDITIONALLY, SUSPICIONS OF CAREER DIPLOMATS AND THE CONCLUSION THAT THE GOES MILITARY WAS PERFORMING BADLY. SEIB WRITES THAT "THE WHITE HOUSE DECIDED TO GO ON A PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFENSIVE AND PUSH CONGRESS TO THE WALL TO WIN MORE MILITARY AID FOR EL SALVADOR. COLLEAGUES SAY THAT MR. ENDERS DISAGREED WITH PARTS OF THE WAY THIS STRATEGY WAS CARRIED OUT. HE CONTENDED THAT LESS DRAMATIC MOVES WOULD BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN BUILDING A SOLID CONGRESSIONAL

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CONSENSUS FOR A LONGTIME COMMITMENT TO TURN THE SALVADORAN SITUATION AROUND. AT THE SAME TIME, MR. ENDERS RECOMMENDED THAT THE US KEEP TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH LEFTIST OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PULL THEM OUT OF THE REBEL CAMP AND INTO THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL MAINSTREAM. HE CONSIDERED SUCH ATTEMPTS CRUCIAL IF THE US WAS TO ARGUE CREDIBLY THAT IT REMAINED OPEN TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE SALVADORAN PROBLEM. BUT CONSERVATIVES IN THE WHITE HOUSE LEAKED A MEMO MR. ENDERS HAD WRITTEN ESPOUSING SUCH A STRATEGY. -- WASHINGTON TIMES --

LATIN AMERICA: OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ALEJANDRO ORFILA HAS OP-ED PIECE ("LATIN AMERICAN DILEMMA: SECURITY, STABILITY, DEVELOPMENT" P. 2) NOTING THAT "LATIN AMERICANS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE DEMONSTRATIONS OF GENUINE AND SPONTANEOUS INTEREST FROM THE UNITED STATES. THAT IS WHY THEY HAVE GENERALLY RESPONDED WITH FAVOR TO REAGAN'S CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS CARIBBEAN INITIATIVE SHOULD ALSO SERVE AS A BRIDGE WHEREBY THE ENTIRE HEMISPHERE CAN BE MOTIVATED TO CREATE A NEWER AND BRAODER REGIONAL PROGRAM OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. WITHOUT THIS, THE REGIONAL HORIZON COULD GROW MORE BLEAK."

EL SALVADOR: FRONT PAGE THOMAS BRANDT/PETER ALMOND ARTICLE ("REAGAN DENIES NEW EL SALVADOR POLICY") NOTES THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY DENIED THAT OUSTER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S TOP HEMISPHERIC OFFICER AND THE AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR SIGNALLED A TOUGHENING OF US POLICY TOWARD LEFTISTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA." IN COMMENTING ON THE PRESS REPORTS, THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT "THERE HAVE BEEN PLAYED, VERY FRANKLY, OUT OF ALL PROPORTION," HE SAID "ALLUDING TO REPORTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WANTED 'TEAM PLAYERS' WHO WOULD TAKE A HARDER LINE AGAINST THE LEFTIST GUERRILLAS IN CENTRAL

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AMERICA. REP. CLARENCE LONG "SPECULATED THAT REAGAN MAY HAVE REMOVED ENDERS AND HINTON TO SIGNAL THE GUERRILLAS THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT SOFTENING ITS POSITION,

EVEN THOUGH REAGAN HAD APPOINTED FORMER SEN. RICAHRD B. STONE, D-FLA. AS ENVOY UNDER PRESSURE FROM LONG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS." "THESE ARE CHANGES THAT DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH POLICY CHANGES OR ANYTHING ELSE," REAGAN SAID UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON FROM THE WILLIAMSBURG ECONOMCI SUMMIT CONFERENCE. HE DENIED SPECIFICALLY THAT THE CHANGES FORESHADOWED A TOUGHER US APPROACH.

## 2. HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 31 T.V. NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS:

-- NBC NIGHTLY NEWS --

CHANCELLOR COMMENTARY: (JOHN CHANCELLOR) THOMAS ENDERS HAS 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER. DEANE HINTON HAS 37 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE NEITHER COULD POSSIBLY BE DESCRIBED AS A SOFTLINER. ENDERS HELPED RUN THE SECRET BOMBING OF CAMBODIA DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. HINTON IS THE VERY IMAGE OF THE FRONT LINE CIGAR SMOKING DIPLOMAT IN A COUNTRY AT WAR. THEY WERE FAITHFUL TO THE PRESIDENT'S POLICIES, BUT APPARENTLY NOT FAITHFUL ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE HARDLINERS. ENDERS HAD TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN EL SALVADOR ALONG WITH ARMS. HINTON SAID THERE ARE SOME BAD GUYS IN EL SALVADOR'R RIGHT WING AND HAD PREDICTED A LONG WAR. THEY ARE TO BE REPLACED, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS, BY POLITICAL APPOINTEES OF UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY, BUT PRACTICALLY NO EXPERIENCE. ENDERS' REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL FOR TWENTY MONTHS; NO PREVIOUS DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERIENCE. THE MAN MENTIONED AS HINTON'S REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA FOR SEVENTEEN MONTHS; NO PRIOR DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE. HERE IS A LIST OF PEOPLE WITH OR NO EXPERIENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA: THE PRESIDENT, HIS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE MAN WHO IS TO BECOME ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LATIN AMERICA, THE MAN WHO MAY BE NOMINATED AS THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR. NO ONE QUESTIONS THE PRESIDENT'R RIGHT TO HAVE HIS OWN PEOPLE CARRYING OUT HIS POLICIES, BUT WITH THE U.S. GETTING MORE AND MORE INVOLVED IN CENTRAL AMERICA COULDN'T THEY HAVE FOUND PEOPLE WITH A BIT MORE KNOWLEDGE?

GUERRILLA ATROCITIES: (ROGER MUDD) THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY CAME OUT SWINGING AGAINST THE EL SALVADOR REBELS. THE DEPARTMENT SAID REBEL GUERRILLAS HAD COMMITTED ATROCITIES AGAINST CAPTURED GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS, CUTTING OFF EARS AND ARMS OF SOME THEY HAD EXECUTED. THE DEPARTMENT RELEASED AN AMERICAN EMBASSY CABLE CHARGING

THE ATROCITIES AND SAID THEY MIGHT BE PART OF A NEW

GUERRILLA STRATEGY BECAUSE PREVIOUSLY THE GUERRILLAS HAD RELEASED CAPTURED PRISONERS.

-- CBS EVENING NEWS --

PERUVIAN GUERRILLA ACTIVITY -- (BOB SCHIEFFER) THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN PERU. TODAY THE GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED CIVIL RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN WHAT IT SAID WAS AN EFFORT TO COMBAT THE ATTACKS. THE PRESIDENT DECLARED A 60DAY STATE OF EMERGENCY ALLOWING UNCHALLENGED SEARCH AND SEIZURE, AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND A BAN ON PUBLIC MEETINGS.

-- ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT --

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PRESIDENT RETURNS TO WASHINGTON (SAM DONALDSON) AT THE WHITE HOUSE THE PRESIDENT DENIED HE IS REPLACING KEY PEOPLE ON HIS LATIN AMERICA DIPLOMATIC TEAM BECAUSE HE WANTS TO TOUGHEN THE POLICY THERE. REAGAN: "THESE HAVE BEEN PLAYED, VERY FRANKLY, OUT OF ALL PROPORTION. THESE ARE CHANGES THAT DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH POLICY CHANGES OR ANYTHING ELSE." THEY MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH SOMETHING, BUT THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T SAY WHAT. LATIN AMERICA WAS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED AT THE SUMMIT. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE EXPLAINED THE ENTIRE SITUATION AND MANY OF THE OTHER LEADERS ADMITTED THEY HAD NOT BEEN CLEAR ON SOME OF WHAT WAS GOING ON THERE. IN FACT, SOME OF THE OTHER LEADERS DISAGREED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S LATIN POLICY. SO PERHAPS AT A SUMMIT WHERE HARMONY WAS THE WATCHWORD, THAT IS WHY MR. REAGAN DID NOT ASK ANY OF THEM FOR HELP THERE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT -- HE SIMPLY GAVE THEM A REPORT.

-- ABC NIGHTLINE --

NIGHTLINE PRESENTED AN "EXCLUSIVE " ON SURINAME:

(CARL BERNSTEIN) PRESIDENT REAGAN LAST YEAR AUTHORIZED THE CIA TO UNDERTAKE COVERT ACTIONS AIMED AT OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME. THE RATIONALE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE CIA TO JUSTIFY SUCH ACTION? THAT SURINAME'S LEADER BOUTERSE WAS LEADING HIS COUNTRY TOWARD THE ARMS OF FIDEL CASTRO. AS REQUIRED BY LAW, WILLIAM CASEY WENT TO CAPITOL HILL TO INFORM THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES OF THE IMPENDING OPERATION -- A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PLAN TO CREATE A PARAMILITARY FORCE OF EXILES FROM SURINAME TO OVERPOWER THE COUNTRY'S ARMY AND TOPPLE BOUTERSE. BUT ACCORDING TO CONGRESSIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SOURCES THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN CAUSED A FULL-SCALE

REVOLT OF BOTH COMMITTEES. THE THREAT TO HEMISPHERIC SECURITY CITED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE CIA SIMPLY DID NOT EXIST, THE CONGRESSMEN ARGUED. EVIDENCE THAT CASTRO WAS MANIPULATING THE GOVERNMENT IN SURINAME OR GAINING A MILITARY Foothold IN THE COUNTRY WAS VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT, THEY TOLD CASEY. (FOOTAGE OF SURINAMESE POLITICAL COMMENTATOR FRED MARTE: "THE CUBANS HAVE BEEN VISITING SURINAME AFTER BOUTERSE TOOK OVER. THEY ARE ADVISING BOUTERSE; THEY ARE ADVISING THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND MODERNIZATION HOW TO TEACH THE SURINAME PEOPLE HOW TO MAKE A REVOLUTION. THEY ARE GIVING MILITARY ADVICE TO BOUTERSE.")

WITHIN A WEEK OF CASEY'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BOLAND HAD WRITTEN THE PRESIDENT THAT MEMBERS WERE VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS IN OPPOSITION TO THE CIA'S PLAN. THE SENATE ALSO INFORMED THE PRESIDENT OF ITS VEHEMENT AND UNITED OPPOSITION. THE ADMINISTRATION HAD BECOME TOTALLY PARANOID ABOUT CASTRO, MEMBERS TOLD CASEY, SEEKING CONFRONTATION WITH THE CUBANS AT ALMOST EVERY TURN IN THE AMERICAS. THINGS HAD GONE TOO FAR. AFTER LISTENING TO THE OBJECTIONS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE, CASEY SAID THE CIA WOULD NEVERTHELESS GO AHEAD WITH ITS PLANS. BUT WHEN CASEY RAN INTO A SOLID WALL OF OPPOSITION ON THE SENATE COMMITTEE AS WELL, HE AND THE WHITE HOUSE REPORTEDLY BEGAN RECONSIDERING. SEVERAL WEEKS LATER THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES WERE INFORMED BY CASEY THAT THE PLANS FOR OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT IN SURINAME HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN, AND MEMBERS SEEM REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT CASEY HAD KEPT HIS WORD.

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S CONCERNS ABOUT SURINAME WERE PRIMARILY FUELED BY FEARS OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES. CASEY WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTEDLY UNABLE TO TELL THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES HOW MANY CUBANS WERE IN SURINAME. THE NUMBER IS BELIVED TO BE SMALL, PROBABLY NO MORE THAN A HUNDRED AT MOST. BUT CASEY INSISTED THE INCREASINGLY AUTOCRATIC RULE OF BOUTERSE WAS IN ITSELF CAUSE FOR AMERICAN CONCERN. OPPOSITION IN SURINAME TO THAT RULE REACHED UNPRECEDENTED PROPORTIONS LAST OCTOBER WHEN GRENADA'S PRIME MINISTER BISHOP VISITED THE COUNTRY. THAT MONTH THE NATION'S LARGEST TRADE UNION ORGANIZED A STRIKE AND MASS DEMONSTRATIONS, BRINGING THE COUNTRY TO A HALT. BISHOP REPORTEDLY COUNSELED BOUTERSE, "YOU MUST ELIMINATE YOUR ENEMIES OR THEY WILL ELIMINATE YOU." ONE NIGHT SIX WEEKS LATER BOUTERSE MOVED AGAINST LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION BRUTALLY. MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE FLED SURINAME

SINCE THE KILLINGS, JOINING SOME 15,000 OTHER EXILES WHO LEFT DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF BOUTERSE'S RULE. IN THAT EXILE COMMUNITY THERE ARE NOW EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO MOVE THAT COUNTRY TOWARD A COUP WITH OR WITHOUT HELP FROM THE CIA.

GRENADA'S PRIME MINISTER MAURICE BISHOP, SURINAME'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. HENRICUS HEIDWEILLER AND UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE FRED IKLE WERE INTERVIEWED.

IKLE: WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY BERNSTEIN'S REPORT. BOUTERSE, BY ASSASSINATING THE OPPOSITION, HAS THREATENED ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR DEMOCRACY TO EMERGE IN SURINAME. THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME STANDS VERY CLOSE TO CASTRO, LIBYA AND THE SOVIET EMPIRE. IN THE LONG-TERM THIS COULD BECOME A THREAT TO THE CARIBBEAN REGION.

BISHOP: DENIED EVER HAVING MADE THE COMMENT ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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ELIMINATING ONE'S ENEMIES.

HEIDWEILLER: SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY CIA PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT, BUT HAD HEARD THAT "THERE WERE PLANS BEING PREPARED FROM HOLLAND TO INVADE THE COUNTRY AND TO TOPPLE THE REGIME."

IKLE: POINTED OUT THAT PHILOSOPHICALLY SURINAME IS CLOSE TO CUBA IN SUPPRESSING FREEDOM. THERE ARE CUBAN ADVISERS THERE. "WHETHER IT WILL REMAIN FREE OR MORE CUBAN-SOVIET INFLUENCE REMAINS TO BE SEEN." SHULTZ

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