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1. PRESS SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 14-16,1985:

(MONDAY, 9/16) NEW YORK TIMES --

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CARIBBEAN: JOSEPH B. TREASTER, P. 2 FROM VIEUX FORT, ST. LUCIA, 9/15 ("CARIBBEAN WAR GAMES: NOT EVERYONE IS DELIGHTED") REPORTS MILITARY EXERCISES INVOLVING US SOLDIERS, SOME BRITISH AND AMERICAN SAILORS, AND POLICE AND SOLDIERS FROM SEVERAL ISLAND NATIONS MAKING UP THE MUTUAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION: ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, ST. CHRISTOPHER-NEVIS, DOMINICA, GRENADA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA AND BARBADOS.

"CRITICS IN THE REGION SAY THEY WORRY THAT POLITICAL LEADERS MAY SOMEDAY TURN THE NEW FIREPOWER AGAINST POLITICAL ENEMIES. THEY ALSO SAY THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE US WOULD INTERVENE IN THE AREA ANYTIME ITS INTERESTS WERE THREATENED AND THAT THE REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM IS, AT BEST, AN UNNECESSARY ALARM MECHANISM AND A WASTE OF MONEY THAT COULD BE MORE WISELY SPENT ADDRESSING THE GRAVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE ISLANDS."

EL SALVADOR: JAMES LEMOYNE, SAME PAGE FROM SAN SALVADOR, 9/15 ("DUARTE LAMENTS KIDNAPPING"): "IN A SPEECH MARKING THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF EL SALVADOR, PRES. JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE SAID TODAY THAT THE KIDNAPPING OF HIS ELDEST DAUGHTER LAST WEEK HAD LEFT HIM IN 'PROFOUND SADNESS.'"

NO GROUP HAS SO FAR TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY, BUT REUTERS REPORTS THAT KIDNAPPERS HAVE TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GOVERNMENT AT LEAST ONCE.

(SUNDAY, 9/15) NEW YORK TIMES --

HONDURAS/NICARAGUA: LEMOYNE, P. 3 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 9/14 ("HONDURAS SENDS TROOPS TO BORDER AREA"): "PART OF A BATTALION OF HONDURAN TROOPS MOVED TO THAT NATION'S BORDER WITH NICARAGUA TODAY, BUT NO FURTHER CLASHES WERE REPORTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AFTER A MAJOR BORDER INCIDENT FRIDAY."

THE HONDURAN ARMY REMAINED ON ALERT, AND THE NATIONAL CONGRESS WAS MEETING TO DISCUSS FRIDAY'S CONFRONTATION "IN WHICH HONDURAN JETS REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN A NICARAGUAN HELICOPTER AFTER NICARAGUAN FORCES FIRED MORTAR ROUNDS INTO HONDURAS. IN ADDITION, HONDURAS HAS RECALLED ITS

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AMBASSADOR FROM NICARAGUA."

PRES. ORTEGA OFFERED TO MEET WITH PRES. SUAZO CORDOVA AND ACCUSED THE US OF ENCOURAGING THE HONDURAN ATTACK, A CHARGE DENIED BY A US EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IN TEGUCIGALPA, WHO SAID, THOUGH, "THAT THE US WAS MONITORING THE SITUATION AND WAS PREPARED TO AID HONDURAS IF ASKED. A WESTERN DIPLOMAT SAID THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ASKED FOR HELP."

NICARAGUA: PHILOP SHENON, SAME PAGE FROM WASHINGTON, 9/14 ("MEESE CALLS NICARAGUA A 'TERRORIST COUNTRY CLUB'") REPORTS MEESE REMARKS AT A MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN JURISTS. HE CALLED NICARAGUA A "COUNTRY CLUB" FOR TERRORISTS FROM AHE WORLD.

"THE ATTACK CAME A DAY AFTER A POSITION PAPER ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPT SAID NICARAGUA WAS TRYING TO DESTABILIZE EL SALVADOR. IT ALSO CAME AS THE WORLD COURT IN THE HAGUE HEARD TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT BY NICARAGUA THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE US WAS SUPPORTING AN INSURGENCY."

PERU: ALAN RIDING, P. 4 FROM LIMA ("PERU FINDS ITSELF ALONE IN REGIONAL UNITY BID"): THE APRA PARTY, ON TAKING POWER, HAS BEGUN TESTING ITS IDEAS ON "GREATER LATIN AMERICAN COOPERATION AS A NEEDED COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE US'S HUGE INFLUENCE OVER THE REGION... BUT THE REACTION IN MANY LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS-- AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON-- SUGGESTS THAT PERU'S BID FOR LEADERSHIP IS AT BEST CONTROVERSIAL." NONE OF PERU'S INITIATIVES HAS AS YET BEEN TAKEN UP BY OTHER NATIONS.

NICARAGUA: P. 6 SPECIAL/TEGUCIGALPA, 9/11 ("ANTI-SANDINISTAS VOW TO END RIGHTS ABUSES") REPORTS THE FDN'S FORMATION OF A RED CROSS UNIT AND A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, IN AN EFFORT TO CURB ABUSES WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE LIMITED THEIR POPULAR APPEAL IN NICARAGUA AND THEIR STANDING ABROAD.

NICARAGUA: SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN, P. 7 FROM DALLAS, 9/13 ("RICH TEXANS RUB ELBOWS WITH REBELS")-REPORTS A DINNER HELD BY JOHN SINGLAUB'S WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

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EL SALVADOR: "THE WORLD," P. E2 ("A DUARTE IS KIDNAPPED") RECOUNTS THE DUARTE ABDUCTION.

ARGENTINA: LYDIA CHAVEZ, P. E3 FROM BUENOS AIRES ("ARGENTINE INFLATION SLOWS: ALFONSIN GROWS EVER MORE POPULAR"): "...IRONICALLY, THE ENTHUSIASM FOR MR. ALFONSIN COMES AT A TIME WHEN ARGENTINES ARE FEELING THE WORST EFFECTS OF HIS PROGRAM. THE QUESTION IS HOW LONG THE HONEYMOON WILL CONTINUE."

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(SATURDAY, 9/14). NEW YORK TIMES --

BRAZIL: ALAN RIDING, P. 2 FROM SAO PAULO: ("BRAZIL'S BATTERED WOMEN FIND HAVEN FROM ABUSE").

NICARAGUA: SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN, P. 3 FROM WASHING13 ("STATE DEPT SAYS NICARAGUA STILL AIDS SALVADORAN REBELS"): "IN AN EFFORT TO COUNTER NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT ARGUMENTS BEFORE THE WORLD COURT, THE STATE DEPT ISSUED A LENGTHY POSITION PAPER TODAY ASSERTING THAT THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPLY WEAPONS, TRAINING AND ADVICE TO THE GUERRILLAS IN EL SALVADOR."

BOLIVIA: PHOTO, SAME PAGE: ("GAS LINES IN BOLIVIA").

PERU: REUTERS/LIMA, SAME PAGE ("PERU INQUIRY IN REPORTED ATROCITY"): "THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED AN INQUIRY INTO A PURPORTED MASSACRE OF 69 VILLAGERS BY TROOPS ENGAGED IN A WAR WITH MAOIST GUERRILLAS IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS." A LEFTIST SENATOR REPORTED THAT THE ATROCITIES HAD TAKEN PLACE AUG. 14 AT ACCOMARCA.

(MONDAY, 9/16) WASHINGTON POST --

MEXICO: ROBERT J. MCCARTNEY, FRONT PAGE ("NEW LOANS TO MEXICO IN DOUBT; US BANKERS SAY PERFORMANCE WEAK"): "US BANKERS SAY THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO MEET MEXICO'S DEMANDS FOR NEW LOANS NEXT YEAR TO HELP SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S DEBT PROBLEMS. A DENIAL OF LOANS WOULD BE A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR LONG-TERM EFFORTS TO RESTORE MEXICO'S FINANCIAL STABILITY."

A US OFFICIAL WHO MONITORS THE MEXICAN ECONOMY SAYS "IT

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WILL BE A DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION... IT MAY WELL HINGE ON WHETHER THERE IS AN IMF STANDBY AGREEMENT."

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EL SALVADOR: EDWARD CODY, P. 12 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 9/15 ("DUARTE DENOUNCES KIDNAPING 'BARBARITY'; DAUGHTER'S CAPTORS STILL UNIDENTIFIED"): DUARTE, "IN AN EMOTIONAL SPEECH, SAID TODAY THAT THE 'WOLVES' WHO KIDNAPED HIS DAUGHTER ARE 'THE PERSONIFICATION OF BARBARITY' AND CAN INVOKE NO POSSIBLE CAUSE TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS."

(SUNDAY, 9/15) WASHINGTON POST --

NICARAGUA: ROBERT PERRY (AP), P. 9 ("CHANGE IN BILL MAY HELP CONTRAS; BAN ON AID FROM THIRD COUNTRIES WAS EASED AT LAST MINUTE"): "THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERED A LAST-MINUTE CHANGE IN THE NEW FOREIGN AID LAW THAT APPARENTLY ALLOWS IT TO REACH AN 'UNDERSTANDING' WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO SHIP MILITARY AID TO REBELS FIGHTING THE CON, USG OFFICIALS SAY.

"CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS, WHO ACCEPTED THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES CHANGE SHORTLY BEFORE THE LAW'S ENACTMENT NOW SAY THEY WERE UNAWARE THAT SEVERAL US ALLIES REPORTEDLY HAD CLEARED WITH THE WH THEIR PLANS TO SEND MILITARY AID" TO THE CONTRAS.

"VARIOUS SOURCES CLOSE TO THE REBELS HAVE SAID ASSISTANCE HAS COME FROM ISRAEL, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND VENEZUELA."

NICARAGUA: UPI, P. 10: ("MEESE ASSAILS NICARAGUA; NATION TERMED 'A TERRORIST COUNTRY CLUB'").

PERU: MICHAEL L. SMITH, P. 22 FROM LIMA ("NEW PRESIDENT SHAKES UP PERU; GARCIA WINS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT DURING

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FIRST MONTH IN OFFICE"): GARCIA "SAYS THAT HE HAS ACHIEVED HIS FIRST MONTH'S OBJECTIVE: PULLING PERU OUT OF A TAILSPIN THAT HAD ERODED GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY AND

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INCREASED SOCIAL TENSIONS." AN INDEPENDENT POLL GIVES HIM A 96 PCT APPROVAL RATING, "INDICATING THAT HE IS RIGHT IN HIS ASSESSMENT..."

EL SALVADOR/CENTRAL AMERICA: LEAD EDIT, P. D6 ("TERROR ON THE LEFT"), COMMENTS ON THE DUARTE KIDNAPPING: "...THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN CENTRAL AMERICA IS BEING PARTIALLY TURNED AROUND. FORMERLY, ALMOST ALL THE KNOWN ATROCITIES WERE COMMITTED BY OR AT LEAST ATTRIBUTED TO THE RIGHT. THE LEFT FANNED THE ISSUE AND TRIED TO MAKE CONTROLLING THE RIGHT THE TEST OF A REGIME'S WORTHINESS. GOVERNMENT AND ELEMENTS OF THE RIGHT HAVE NOT SINCE BECOME ANGELS. BUT THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER AMERICAN PRESSURE TO CLOSE DOWN THE DEATH SQUADS. RESULTS HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL IN EL SALVADOR, INADEQUATE SO FAR AMONG THE NICARAGUAN CONTRAS.

"MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, TERRORISM OF THE LEFT HAS BECOME MORE EVIDENT, NOTABLY IN EL SALVADOR... IT IS NOT SIMPLY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION TRIES TO SHIFT PEOPLE'S FOCUS. THESE ARE REAL EVENTS TENDING TO T THE LEFT'S EARLIER MORAL POSE. SOME HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ARE STARTING TO TAKE THIS DEVELOPMENT INTO ACCOUNT. SOME MEMBERS OF THE LATIN LEFT, FOR REASONS THAT INCLUDE A KEEN CONCERN FOR THEIR CREDIBILITY, ARE, TOO."

THE US SHOULD NOT LET UP ON PRESSURING ITS FRIENDS TO IMPROVE. IT IS NOW PLANNING A POLICE ACADEMY IN COSTA RICA TO TEACH MODERN AND HUMANE POLICE METHODS, BUT THIS SHOULD BE TAUGHT BY COSTA RICANS.

IN GUATEMALA IT IS CONSIDERING RESUMING MILITARY AID IF THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS COME OFF WELL. WHEN THE US CUT UNCLASSIFIED

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OFF AID IN THE 1970S, THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY "WENT TRULY CRAZY. THE WAY TO SEE WHETHER A NEW CONNECTION WITH A CIVILIAN GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT IS FEASIBLE IS: VERY CAREFULLY."

(SATURDAY, 9/14) WASHINGTON POST --

NICARAGUA: JOHN M. GOSKHO, P. 16 ("U.S. DEFLECTS NICARAGUAN 'BLAST'; REPORT ACCUSES SANDINISTAS OF SUPPORTING GUERRILLAS IN REGION"): "THE REAGAN

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ADMINISTRATION, PARRYING NICARAGUA'S 'PROPAGANDA BLAST'
AGAINST THE US IN THE ICJ, YESTERDAY ISSUED A 130-PAGE
REPORT ACCUSING THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT OF SUPPORTING,

TRAINING AND ARMING LEFTIST GUERRILLA FORCES IN
NEIGHBORING CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

"IN RELEASING THE REPORT, ELLIOTT ABRAMS... ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT IT WAS INTENDED AS A PARTIAL RESPONSE TO NICARAGUA'S
CHARGES..."

THE REPORT IS "ESSENTIALLY A RESTATEMENT" OF CHARGES MADE
IN A 1981 WHITE PAPER.

NICARAGUA/HONDURAS: REUTERS/TEGUCIGALPA, SAME PAGE, 9/13
("HONDURAS SAYS IT DOWNED NICARAGUAN COPTER"): "HONDURAS
SHOT DOWN A NICARAGUAN HELICOPTER TODAY IN REPRISAL FOR
AN ATTACK BY SANDINISTA FORCES...", " ACCORDING TO HONDURAN
TELEVISION.

GUATEMALA: EDWARD CODY, P. 21 FROM GUATEMALA CITY
("RIOTS RAISE DOUBTS ABOUT GUATEMALAN VOTE"): "A WEEK OF
STREET VIOLENCE LINKED TO PRICE INCREASES HAS RAISED
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PAGE 09 STATE 284217STIONS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF GUATEMALA'S MILITARY
RULERS TO RUN THE COUNTRY EFFECTIVELY AT A TIME OF
ECONOMIC CRISIS."

THE VIOLENCE SHOWED THE NEED TO RETURN TO CIVILIAN
DEMOCRACY, BUT ALSO "STIRRED FEARS-- NEVER FAR FROM THE
SURFACE IN GUATEMALA-- THAT RIGHTIST MILITARY OFFICERS
COULD FORCE CANCELLATION OF THE VOTE IN THE NAME OF
PUBLIC ORDER IF THE DISORDERS CONTINUE."

(MONDAY, 9/16) WALL STREET JOURNAL --

EL SALVADOR: FRONT PAGE BRIEF REPORTS GUERRILLA ATTACK
ON THE HONDURAN EMBASSY.

EL SALVADOR: CLIFFORD KRAUSS, P. 28 FROM EL CARRIZAL:
("CHANGE IS SLOW IN A SALVADORAN VILLAGE-- AND VIOLENCE
IS A PAINFUL POLITICAL FACT").

(MONDAY, 9/16) BALTIMORE SUN --

EL SALVADOR: NYTIMES NEWS SERVICE, FRONT PAGE: ("DUARTE

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TELLS OF TORMENT OVER KIDNAPPING; NO PROGRESS MADE IN GETTING DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT FREED").

NICARAGUA: P. 2 BRIEF ("ARMY REPORTED ON ALERT ALONG HONDURAN BORDER") NOTES THAT BORDER TENSIONS REMAIN HIGH.

(MONDAY, 9/16) CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

NICARAGUA: DENNIS VOLMAN P. 2 ("NICARAGUA, HONDURAS PLAY DOWN CLASH"): NICARAGUA "DID NOT RESPOND TO THE HONDURAN ATTACKS WITH ANY ACTION OF ITS OWN. THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, DID NOT CALL FOR AN OAS INVESTIGATION..."

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EL SALVADOR: SAME PAGE BRIEF: ("KIDNAPPERS ATTEMPT CONTACT WITH EL SALVADOR GOVERNMENT").

(MONDAY, 9/16) WASHINGTON TIMES --

NICARAGUA: FRONT PAGE JAMES MORRISON ANALYSIS: ("HONDURAS STANDS TALL TO SANDINISTA TAUNTS").

MEXICO: BILL GERTZ, P. 4 ("AMENDMENT WOULD SQUEEZE MEXICO TO BAR SOVIET SHIPS") REPORTS AN AMENDMENT BY SEN. SYMMS (R-IDA) TO "CUT OFF ALL NEW LOANS TO MEXICO IF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PERMITS A SQUADRON OF SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO DOCK AT AN EAST COAST PORT NEXT MONTH."

EL SALVADOR: P. 6 BRIEF: ("NO PROGRESS IN DUARTE KIDNAPPING").

EL S: EDIT, P. 9 ("THE SUFFERING SERVANT") SYMPATHIZES WITH DUARTE.

CONTADORA: AP/PANAMA, P. 10 ("CONTADORA ASKS REMOVAL OF U.S., FOREIGN FORCES") REPORTS A NEW CONTADORA DRAFT.

NICARAGUA: AP/BOACO, P. 8B: ("NICARAGUA CARDINAL IS SYMBOL OF OPPOSITION").

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TV NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS, SEPTEMBER 1315, 1985:

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WORLD COURT NICARAGUA (TOM BROKAW) - A FORMER CIA ANALYST
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TOLD THE WORLD COURT TODAY THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN APPROVED
A PLAN TO USE A COVERT ARMY TO PROVOKE PURSUIT BY
NICARAGUAN FORCES TO MAKE THEM APPEAR TO BE ATTACKING
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS
REFUSED TO RESPOND TO NICARAGUA'S SUIT, BUT TODAY THE
STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUED A REPORT SAYING THAT NICARAGUA'S
SANDINISTAS WERE THE REAL AGGRESSORS.

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT 9/13/85

WORLD COURT/NICARAGUA (PETER JENNINGS) - FOR TWO DAYS NOW
THE WORLD COURT IN THE HAGUE HAS BEEN HEARING A CASE
BROUGHT BY NICARAGUA AGAINST THE U.S. THE REAGAN
ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATION IS CHARGED WITH TRYING TO
OVERTHROW THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT AND BREAKING
INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE PROCESS. THE U.S. HAS REFUSED
TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT, BUT TODAY THE REAGAN
ADMINISTRATION DID ISSUE A LONG LIST OF CHARGES AGAINST
NICARAGUA. IN A 131 PAGE DOCUMENT THE GOVERNMENT THERE
IS BLAMED FOR BOMBINGS AND KIDNAPPINGS, ASSASSINATIONS
AND ARMED INCURSION AS TOOLS OF SUBVERSION AGAINST EL
SALVADOR, COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN SAYS THE NICARAGUAN CHARGES ARE A LOT OF LIES.

CBS NEWS SEPT. 14, 1985

HONDURAS/NICARAGUA (ROBERT SHACKNEY) - PRESIDENT DANIEL
ORTEGA DENOUNCED THE LATEST BORDER INCIDENT WITH
HONDURAS. HE CALLED IT AN INVASION AND ASKED FOR AN
IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH HONDURAS' PRESIDENT TO PREVENT
ANY REPETITION. YESTERDAY, NICARAGUA CLAIMED THAT TWO OF
ITS HELICOPTERS WERE WRECKED. HONDURAS SAID ONE OF ITS
SOLDIERS WAS KILLED. ORTEGA ACCUSED THE U.S. OF
INSTIGATING HONDURAS' ACTION. THE U.S. DENIED THAT, BUT
THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION DID ADD MORE FUEL TODAY WITH
FIRE AGAINST ORTEGA'S GOVERNMENT.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE EMPHASIZED THE ARGUMENT THAT NICARAGUA HAD BECOME A HAVEN FOR TERRORISTS FROM MANY COUNTRIES. MEESE: "THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT NICARAGUA IS ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT IS SPONSORING, THAT IS INVOLVED IN STATE SPONSORED TERRORISM JUST AS LIBYA IS FOR EXAMPLE." BUT IN THE WORLD COURT THIS WEEK, THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT IS CHARGING THAT THE REAL TERRORISTS ARE THE CIA BACKED CONTRA REBELS. PART OF THEIR EVIDENCE - THIS AFFIDAVIT FROM FORMER CONTRA LEADER EDGAR CHAMORRO WHO STATES THAT IT WAS CONTRA POLICY IN CAPTURED VILLAGES TO KILL ALL PERSONS SUSPECTED OF WORKING FOR THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT - INCLUDING PARTY MEMBERS, TEACHERS, AND FARMERS. CHAMORRO: "IT WAS STANDARD PRATICE TO PREPARE PRISONERS TO INTIMIDATE, TO TERRORIZE PEOPLE BECAUSE - YOU KNOW THE BIG ASSUMPTION HERE IS THAT THE ONLY WAY THEY RESPECT YOU IS OUT OF FEAR - IT'S NOT OUT OF LOVE THEY FOLLOW YOU." CONTRA LEADER ENRIQUE BERMUDEZ SAYS IF KILLINGS ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE, THEY WERE UNAUTHORIZED, NOT POLICY. BERMUDEZ: "THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS, BUT I DENY THAT OUR FORCES ARE COMMITTING THOSE ACTS." ON CAPITOL HILL, CONGRESSIONAL MODERATES SAY THE NEW RULES THAT CONGRESS HAS JUST APPROVED FOR CONTRA AID ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT FUTURE ABUSE. OFFICIALLY THE U.S. IS BOYCOTTING THE WORLD COURT PROCEEDINGS, BUT IN FACT THE AIRING OF CHARGES ABOUT CONTRA ATROCITIES IS TROUBLESOME - THAT'S PART OF THE REASON WHY THE ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING SO HARD TO ESTABLISH THAT WHATEVER THE SINS OF THE CONTRAS, THE SANDINISTAS ARE A LOT WORSE.

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ORTEGA CALLS FOR SUMMIT (CONNIE CHUNG) - NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT DANIEL ORTEGA HAS CALLED FOR A SUMMIT MEETING WITH HONDURAN PRESIDENT SUAZO-CORDOVA. THE CALL CAME AFTER NICARAGUAN SOLDIERS FIRED ON GUERRILLA BASES IN HONDURAS AND HONDURAN TROOPS RETALIATED BY SHOOTING DOWN THE NICARAGUAN HELICOPTERS.

(ROBIN LLOYD, TEGUCIGALPA) - IN A TELEVISED ADDRESS, HONDURAN PRESIDENT SUAZO-CORDOVA STRONGLY CONDEMNED NICARAGUA AS TRYING TO PROVOKE A CONFLICT IN CENTRAL AMERICA. HONDURAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN PLACE ON A STATE OF

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ALERT, AND AS A FURTHER SIGN OF GROWING TENSIONS THE HONDURAN AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA HAS BEEN RECALLED.

TODAY HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN A SPECIAL SESSION EXPLAINED TO DIPLOMATS HERE WHY THE HONDURAN AIR FORCE SHOT DOWN A NICARAGUAN HELICOPTER. "WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEFEND OURSELVES," SAID FOREIGN MINISTER PAS BARNICA. U.S. AMBASSADOR JOHN BIRCH BACKED HIM UP, "WE HAVE INVESTIGATED AS FAR AS WE ARE ABLE, AND WE ARE TOTALLY CONVINCED THAT THIS WAS AN UNPROVOKED ACT OF SANDINISTA AGGRESSION."

BUT IN NICARAGUA, SANDINISTA LEADERS WERE CLAIMING TO BE THE VICTIMS. IN THE MIDST OF INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, DANIEL ORTEGA SAID, "NICARAGUAN AIR SPACE HAS BEEN VILATED BY HONDURAN PLANES," HE SAID, "NICARAGUA WOULD NOT STAND FOR THIS AGGRESSION."

HONDURAN AUTHORITIES SAY THEY INTEND TO TAKE THEIR COMPLAINT AGAINST NICARAGUA TO THE UN LATER THIS MONTH. ONE DIPLOMAT HERE SAYS, THE HONDURASN HAVE REACHED A BREAKING POINT, WHERE THEY WON'T TOLERATE ANYMORE BORDER ATTACKS FROM THE NICARAGUANS.

EMPTY U.S. TABLE AT WORLD COURT (CARL STERN, WASHINGTON)
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WHEN HEARINGS BEWGAN THIS WEEK AT THE WORLD COURT IN HOLLAND ABOUT THE U.S. CONDUCT IN NICARAGUA, THE U.S. DECLINED IN HOLLAND ABOUT THE U.S. CONDUCT IN NICARAGUA, THE U.S. DECLINED TO TAKE PART. BUT TODAY ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE THE CASE FOR U.S. ACTIVITY AGAINST THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT TO A MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF INTERNATIONAL JURISTS. MEESE: "THEIR IS AT WORK IN THE WORLD TODAY A COORDINATED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO WOULD TEAR US UNDER THE TAPESTRY OF LAW, REASON, AND JUSTICE." IN HIS PREPARED TEXT MEESE SAID THAT NICARAGUA IS FAST BECOMING A TERRORIST COUNTRY CLUB, HARBORING TERRORIST FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, SPAIN, IRELAND, AND WEST GERMANY.

OUTSIDE, MEESE SUGGESTED NICARAGUA HAS BECOME ANOTHER STAGING AREA FOR THE WORLD'S TERRORISTS. MEESE: "THEY ARE PRESENT IN NICARAGUA AND THEY ARE COLLABORATING WITH, COOPERATING WITH, AND FURTHERING THE CAUSE OF TERRORISM

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WHICH HAS BEEN SPONSORED IN CENTRAL AMERICA BY NICARAGUA." AT THE WROLD COURT, THE U.S. WAS STUNNED THIS WEEK BY AN AFFADAVIT FROM A FROMER CONTRA LEADER WHO SORE THAT MAJOR MILITARY OPERATIONS SUCH AS BLOWING UP OIL TANKS WERE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY BY THE CIA. AND TOLD THE CONTRAS PUT OUT STATEMENTS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY. THE U.S. SAYS THE NICARAGUAN ARE LYING. ELLIOTT ABRAMS: "THE NICARAGUANS ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PORPAGANDA BLAST. THEY HAVE CHOSEN AS THEIR PROPAGANDA FORUM THE WORLD COURT AND THEIR PUTTING OUT AN AWFUL LOT OF LIES."

TODAY, THE NICARAGUAN SAID THAT MEESE'S STATMENT WAS A LIE. MINISTER FRANCISCO CAMPBELL ACCUSED MEESE OF OUTRIGHT FLALSEHOOD, MISREPRESENTATIONS, AND DISTORTIONS. AS FOR MEESE, HE SAID WHATEVER THE WORLD UNCLASSIFIED

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COURT DECICKES WOULD HVE NO EFFECT AND NO SIGNIFICANCE FOR U.S. POLICY TOWARD NICARAGUA.

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EL SALVADOR PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER STILL MISSING (ROBIN LLOYD, SAN SALVADOR) INEZ DURAN, THE DAUGHER OF THE SALVADORAN PRESIDENT IS STILL MISSING TONIGHT, HER FATE UNKNOWN. NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. AN OUTDOOR MASS WAS HELD FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER, IN WHICH PRESIDENT DUARTE MADE HISPUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE THE ABDUCTION.

SALVADORAN AND U.S. OFFICIALS BOTH BELIEVE THE GUERRILLAS ARE RESPONSIBLE. U.S. ABMADDADOR EDWIN CORR: "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS JUST ANOTHER ACT OF TERRORISM; IT IS AN ACT THAT WE CONDEMN VERY STRONGLY WHICH WE ALSO BELIEVE IS AN ACT OF DESPERATION." SHULTZ

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