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TAGS: DECL: 8/20/88 CN: 8042

SUBJECT: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PTER PINS ASEC US HO ES Barricade

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ San Pedro Sula Hostage/~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Incident

ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC ~~IM~~ NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO: AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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REF: (A) STATE 263809; (B) TEGUCIGALPA 8038

1. S - entire text
2. Embassy has taken steps to encourage direct GOH/GOES contact this subject. Nonetheless, it would be helpful if Ambassador Hinton could emphasize to his counterparts importance of GOES following-up GOH statements with appropriate corroboration. Most rpt most important point is for GOES to confirm publicly that Archimedes Canadas is in fact Montenegro and that he is in GOES hands. What the hell was he doing over here anyway?

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3. GOH is holding press conference in San Pedro on this subject at 1400 local time.

4. In addition to foregoing, Embassy strongly recommends that Department spokesman issue ~~CONSENSUOUS~~ ^{CONDEMNATORY} statement at noonday briefing along following lines:

-- Capture of San Pedro Chamber represents major escalation of Marxists' effort to spread the Salvadoran civil war to Honduras.

-- In their own statements to international press, the terrorists have made clear their main objective is to obtain release of Salvadoran guerrilla Commander, Alejandro Montenegro, and his terrorist compatriots who were detained in Honduras. The terrorists have therefore made clear that their latest act of terrorism in Honduras, like their previous, is unrelated to the internal situation in Honduras and serves only their ends in El Salvador.

-- With this latest action, the Salvadoran guerrillas and their Honduran collaborators have revealed to the world that they are the ones who seek to regionalize the war.

This incident is the latest in a series of internationally orchestrated terrorist incidents against this friendly democratic country. Honduras has our full support and sympathy in these difficult moments.

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