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SUBJECT: NOBEL PRIZE WINNER CRITICIZES U.S. POLICIES

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1. SUMMARY: ARGENTINE CITIZEN ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL, WINNER OF THE 1980 NOBEL PRACE PRIZE, DEPARTED SAO PAULO FOR ARGENTINA ON FEBRUARY 27. DURING MEETINGS WITH SAO PAULO CHURCH LEADERS, UNION REPRESENTATIVES, AND FAMILIES OF STILL MISSING POLITICAL PRISONERS, HE EMPHASIZED HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND THE DANGER OF U.S. INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA. END SUMMARY.

2. ESQUIVEL DEPARTS: ON FEBRUARY 27, 1980 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL RETURNED TO ARGENTINA,
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ENDING AN 18-DAY STAY IN BRAZIL.

-- ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 19, FEDERAL POLICE IN SAO PAULO DETAINED ESQUIVEL FOR 45 MINUTES IN ORDER TO WARN HIM AGAINST COMMENTING ON BRAZILIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS (REFTEL). FOLLOWING THIS DETENTION, ESQUIVEL COMPLETED HIS PLANNED PROGRAM IN SAO PAULO WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. THE DAY AFTER HIS RELEASE, FEBRUARY 20, HE MET WITH FAMILIES OF STILL MISSING POLITICAL PRISONERS (FROM THE EARLY 1970'S) AND SPOKE OF THE NEED TO BUILD ANEW



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SOCIETY "FREE OF DOMINATION." ON FEBRUARY 27, FOLLOWING UP EARLIER MEETINGS WITH TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES, ESQUIVEL DISCUSSED WITH THE BRAZILIAN WORKERS PARTY LEADER LUIZ INACIO DA SILVA ("LULA") PLANS FOR ORGANIZING A CONTINENT-WIDE TOUR BY A GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN UNION LEADERS.

3. ESQUIVEL CRITICIZES INTERVENTION: A CONSTANT THEME IN ESQUIVEL'S PUBLIC PROCLAMATIONS RELATED TO THE LIKELIHOOD OF DIRECT UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN EL SALVADOR.

-- ON FEBRUARY 25, HE SPOKE TO THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS (CNBB) MEETING AT ITAICI, SAO PAULO STATE. HE EMPHASIZED THE UNDESIRABILITY OF ANY MILITARY INTERVENTION IN EL SALVADOR, SPECIFICALLY NAMING THE UNITED STATES. COMMENTING ON THE TRIP OF GENERAL VERNON WALTERS TO SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, ESQUIVEL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "THE SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEMS OF ALL OF CENTRAL AMERICAN, AND NOT ONLY EL SALVADOR OR GUATEMALA, MUST BE FOUND THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, A POLITICAL RATHER THAN A MILITARY ALTERNATIVE." HE ALSO CIRITICIZED THEUNITED STATES FOR PROVIDING ARMS TO EL SALVADOR.

-- ON FEBRUARY 26, AT A MEETING OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESQUIVEL REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED THE HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION OF THE REAGON ADMINISTRATION, CITING THE LIKELIHOOD OF U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION IN EL SALVADOR AND ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS AGAINST NICARAGUA. THIS, HE INDICATED, WOULD BE A RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES' PAST POLICY OF SUPPORTING MILITARY REGIMES, WHATEVER THEIR RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
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