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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: ASEC, PINR, PTER, HO
SUBJECT: TERRORIST BOMB ATTACKS IN HONDURAS

1. ~~B~~-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. A TOTAL OF FIVE BOMB ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 26 MARCH IN TEGUCIGALPA AND SAN PEDRO SULA, RESULTING IN TWO DEATHS, ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED VICTIM, AND SIGNIFICANT BUT YET UNDETERMINED PROPERTY DAMAGES. TARGETS WERE GOH INSTALLATIONS AND THE SALVADORAN CONSULATE IN SAN PEDRO SULA. NO ONE HAS YET CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL INJURIES INVOLVED. HONDURAN SECURITY SERVICES HAVE EXPRESSED A BELIEF THAT THE "LORENZO ZELAYA" TERRORIST GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE.

3. THE FOLLOWING DETAILS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO POST PERSONNEL BY DNI AND HO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE:

A. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT AN EXPLOSION RIPPED THROUGH THE HONDURAN SUPREME COURT BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN TEGUCIGALPA. THE BOMB APPARENTLY WAS PLACED IN A GRILLED FRONT WINDOW SILL AND KILLED THE WATCHMAN WHO WAS STANDING IMMEDIATELY INSIDE;

B. ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, ANOTHER BOMB DETONATED OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER WALL'S BACK DOOR OF THE HONDURAN ARMY'S "ESCUELA DE APLICACION" (OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL) WITHIN TWO BLOCKS OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING. THERE WAS MINOR DAMAGE TO THE ENTRANCE AND GLASS WAS BROKEN IN WINDOWS OF AN ADJACENT GASOLINE SERVICE STATION;

C. ALSO AT APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT THE SECOND AND THIRD PRECINCTS OF THE HONDURAN POLICE FORCE (FUSEP) OFFICES IN SAN PEDRO SULA SUFFERED BOMB ATTACKS. THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE THROWN FROM A PASSING VEHICLE. IN ONE CASE, THE BOMB LANDED IN A FUSEP BARRACKS CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE BUT SERIOUSLY INJURING ONE SLEEPING OFFICER AND IN THE OTHER, AN OFFICER WAS KILLED.

D. FINALLY, THE SALVADORAN CONSULATE IN SAN PEDRO SULA ALSO WAS BOMBED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME. AGAIN, THE DEVICE WAS APPARENTLY THROWN FROM A PASSING VEHICLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGES WERE LIMITED TO THE GARAGE ROOF AND NEARBY JALOUSIE WINDOWS.

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4. FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

5. COMMENT: IN THE ABSENCE OF A COMMUNIQUE BY ANY GROUP CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE BOMBINGS, WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE THAT BECAUSE OF THE TIMING AND TARGETS THESE BOMBINGS WERE RELATED TO THE ELECTIONS IN EL SALVADOR. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF EXPLOSIVES USED MAY INDICATE THAT THESE BOMBINGS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SAME GROUP THAT CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF BOMBING INCIDENTS ON THE NORTH COAST LAST YEAR. IN THOSE INCIDENTS, THE TIMING OF THE EXPLOSIONS AND PLACEMENT OF THE "BOMBS" SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THEY WERE MEANT AS WARNINGS RATHER THAN ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE CASUALTIE OR REAL DAMAGE.
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TAGS: PGOV, ELAB, PROP, PTER, PINR, PINS, MOPS, SHUM, HO
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP PLANS GOOD FRIDAY DEMONSTRATION

1. (U) ACCORDING TO 18 APRIL PRESS REPORTS LEADERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF RELATIVES OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS (COFADEH) HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF SIXTY HONDURANS THAT HAVE "DISAPPEARED" SINCE 1981 WILL JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH-SPONSORED ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION FROM SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH (COMAYAGUELA) TO CALVARY PARK (TEGUCIGALPA). THE COFADEH DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY PLAN TO CARRY BANNERS BEARING THE NAMES OF THE "DISAPPEARED" PERSONS AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER THEIR FATE. COFADEH LEADERS ALLEGE THAT IT IS NOT THEIR INTENTION TO CAUSE DISTURBANCES ON GOOD FRIDAY, BUT TO PRAY FOR THE RETURN OF THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OR FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

2. (U) HONDURAS' CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IS UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSED TO COFADEH'S PLAN. IN AFTERNOON OF 18 APRIL MSGR. HECTOR ENRIQUE SANTOS, BISHOP OF TEGUCIGALPA, ANNOUNCED THAT HONDURAS' CATHOLIC CHURCH WOULD NOT ALLOW POLITICS TO BE MIXED WITH RELIGION AND ORDERED PRIESTS TO BAN FROM CHURCH SERVICES ANYONE CARRYING BANNERS OR PLACARDS WITH POLITICAL CONTENTS. MSGR. SANTOS ALSO WARNED THAT IF COFADEH ATTEMPTED TO INTERFERE WITH GOOD FRIDAY'S RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WOULD CANCEL THEM.

3. (C) COMMENT: SINCE GENERAL ALVAREZ' OUSTER LEFTIST GROUPS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY ORGANIZATION'S DEMONSTRATION TO VOICE THEIR OWN CONCERNS COFADEH'S ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT THE HISTORICALLY LARGE TURNOUT AT GOOD FRIDAY'S CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS SERVICES IS A CASE IN POINT. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE, HOWEVER, HAS SEEN THEIR PURPOSE CLEARLY AND HAS ACTED SWIFTLY TO THWART IT. NEGROPONTE
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E.O. 12356: DECL: 4/19/94

TAGS: ELAB, SHUM, PTER, PGOV, PINS, PINR

SUBJECT: LEFTISTS ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCE PROGRAM TO PRESS
GOH TO ACCOUNT FOR "DISAPPEARED" PERSONS

1. (U) LOCAL PRESS REPORTED ON 18 APRIL THAT SEVERAL
MARXIST-LED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS HAD JOINED WITH THE
HONDURAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (CODEH) AND THE
COMMITTEE OF THE RELATIVES OF DETAINED AND DISAPPEARED
PERSONS (COFADEH) TO FORM AN ORGANIZATION "TO DEFEND
HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONDURAS." MORE SPECIFICALLY, CODEH
VICE PRESIDENT OSCAR ANIBAL PUERTO EXPLAINED TO
REPORTERS ON 17 APRIL THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATION PLANNED
TO DEMAND "FREEDOM FOR THE ONE HUNDRED TWELVE PERSONS
'DISAPPEARED' SINCE 1981 FOR POLITICAL REASONS, THE
DISMANTLING OF CLANDESTINE DETENTION CENTERS AND A HALT
TO REPRESSION CONDUCTED BY STATE SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS".

2. (U) ACCORDING TO A PAID ADVERTISEMENT AUTHORED BY
MARXIST-LED STENEE (THE ELECTRIC COMPANY UNION) AND
CARRIED BY "EL HERALDO", ON 17 APRIL MEMBERS OF THE NEW
ORGANIZATION ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING PLAN OF ACTION TO
PUBLICIZE THEIR CAUSE:

- 20 APRIL: THE RELATIVES OF "DISAPPEARED" PERSONS
WILL CARRY BANNERS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS MESSAGES AT THE
ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION (SEE
SEPTEL);
- 22 APRIL - 23 MAY: DAILY PUBLIC MEETINGS AT
UNDISCLOSED LOCATIONS;
- 1 MAY: PARTICIPATION IN MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS
(FYI: ORIGINALLY, ONLY DEMOCRATIC LABOR ORGANIZATIONS
(CTH AND CGT) WERE TO PARTICIPATE IN MAY DAY RALLIES IN
TEGUCIGALPA AND SAN PEDRO SULA. BUT LEFTIST-CONTROLLED
FECESITLIH (A CTH AFFILIATE) INVITED THE MARXIST-LED
FUTH TO JOIN THE TEGUCIGALPA RALLY. THE FUTH, HOWEVER,
HAS NOT BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAN PEDRO
SULA EVENT.);
- 12 MAY: VIGILS IN TEGUCIGALPA, SAN PEDRO SULA, LA

CEIBA, OLANCHITO, JUTIGALPA, TAULABE, SANTA BARBARA AND
GOPAN; AND,

-- 13 MAY: MOTHERS OF "DISAPPEARED" PERSONS BEGIN HUNGER
STRIKE.

3. (U) THE STENEE AD POINTED

OUT THAT "ALL THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED FALL WITHIN THE
REALMS OF JUSTICE AND THE CHRISTIAN POINT OF VIEW".
STENEE ALSO ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT "EVEN IF PROVOKED,
WE WILL NOT FIGHT BACK, BECAUSE OUR'S IS A PEACEFUL
STRUGGLE."

4. (U) ACCORDING TO THE "EL HERALDO" AD AND AN 18 APRIL
ARTICLE IN "TIEMPO", THE NEW ORGANIZATION IS COMPOSED OF
THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

- NATIONAL ELECTRIC COMPANY WORKERS UNION (STENEE);
- NATIONAL INFANT COUNCIL WORKERS UNION (SITRAPANI);
- UNITARIAN NATIONAL CAMPESINO FEDERATION OF HONDURANS
(FUNACAMH);
- UNITED FEDERATION OF HONDURAN WORKERS (FUTH);
- HONDURAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (CODEH);
- COMMITTEE OF THE RELATIVES OF DETAINED AND DISAPPEARED
PERSONS (COFADEH);
- ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF HONDURAS
(COPEMH);
- FEDERATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (FESE);
- CHRISTIAN STUDENT'S MOVEMENT (MEC);
- ASSOCIATION OF OLANCHITO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS; AND,
- UNIVERSITY REVOLUTIONARY FORCE (FUR).

5. (C) COMMENT: HONDURAS' LEFT HAS TAKEN THE SURPRISE
31 MARCH OUSTER OF GENERAL GUSTAVO ALVAREZ AS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO ESCALATE THEIR ACTIVITIES. GENERAL
WALTER LOPEZ DENIED ARMED FORCES INVOLVEMENT IN HUMAN
RIGHTS ABUSES, BUT HAS VOWED TO INVESTIGATE THE
"DISAPPEARANCE" OF VINDEL, MORALES FUNEZ AND OTHERS WHIL
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