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MY TELNO 1899: VISIT TO CENTRAL AMERICA BY SENATOR STONE

1. SENATOR STONE'S MEETING WITH THE FDR FELL THROUGH YESTERDAY AND HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON. THE REBELS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CLAIMING THAT UNSPECIFIED PROCEDURAL ASPECTS HAD PREVENTED THE MEETING FROM TAKING PLACE. THEY ALSO BLAMED 'THE PROPAGANDIST ATMOSPHERE THAT HAD PRECEDED THE PROPOSED MEETING'.

2. PRESEL (STONE'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT HAS TOLD US THAT THE MEETING SEEMED TO HAVE COLLAPSED LARGELY AS A RESULT OF DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE VARIOUS GUERRILLA REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT A COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING POSITION. STONE WILL RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT REAGAN THAT THE AMERICANS SHOULD SIT TIGHT MAINTAINING THAT THEY ARE READY FOR A MEETING AT ANY TIME.

3. PRESEL SAID THAT STONE'S MEETING WITH THE SALVADORAN PEACE COMMISSION HAD GONE WELL: AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE GUARANTEES THAT MIGHT BE OFFERED IN AN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE GUERRILLAS TO JOIN THE EXISTING POLITICAL PROCESS.

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