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YOUR TELNO 365: OBSERVERS FOR EL SALVADOR ELECTIONS

1. STATE DEPARTMENT AGREE THAT THE US EMBASSY AT SAN SALVADOR MAY ACT AS A CHANNEL FOR URGENT CLASSIFIED MESSAGES TO AND FROM OUR OBSERVERS. THESE SHOULD BE PASSED VIA THE US EMBASSY IN LONDON: GIESE (DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AMERICA) SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT MELTON DIRECT.
2. THE TEAM OF US OBSERVERS HAS NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED: LED BY SEN KASSEBAUM, IT WILL COMPRISE CONGRESSMAN BOB LIVINGSTON (R - LOUISIANA), TED BRIGGS (STATE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS), REV THEODORE HESBURGH (PRESIDENT OF NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY), CLARK KERR (PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY), TOGETHER WITH TWO ELECTION EXPERTS, RICHARD SCAMMON AND HOWARD PENNIMAN.
3. WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH STATE DEPARTMENT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE US OBSERVERS' SECURITY AND PROGRAMME. THESE WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE BEING ORGANISED BY THE SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES FOR OTHER OBSERVERS.

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