



**Director of
Central
Intelligence**

Top Secret



National Intelligence Daily

***Monday
29 March 1982***

Top Secret

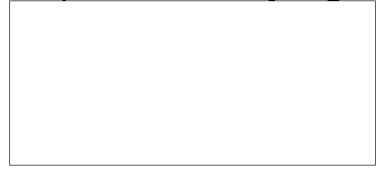
CO NID 82-073JX

29 March 1982

Copy 252

Page Denied

Top Secret



25X1

Contents

| El Salvador: *Preliminary Election Results* i



25X1



Top Secret



29 March 1982

25X1

25X1



631480 3-82

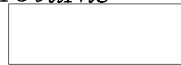
Top Secret



25X1

① EL SALVADOR: Preliminary Election Results

The heavy voter turnout yesterday greatly enhances the credibility at home and abroad of the elections, but returns at this time are too incomplete to predict a winner.



25X1

The electorate is said to have voted in massive numbers despite guerrilla violence, severely disrupted transportation facilities, and time-consuming and cumbersome voting procedures. Preliminary indications are that an estimated 600,000 individuals voted in San Salvador alone.



25X1

Officials at polling places throughout the country were forced to request additional ballots. Lines were sufficiently long at some locations that voters had to be turned away when the Central Elections Commission was unable to obtain approval to extend the closing time by two hours.



25X1

The insurgents succeeded in halting the elections in only the city of Usulután and a town in Morazan. Fighting in Usulután, where the guerrillas focused their efforts, resulted in 10 soldiers killed and 15 wounded, according to press accounts. The guerrillas withdrew from the city after military reinforcements were called in.



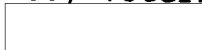
25X1

In San Salvador and in much of the rest of the country, guerrilla activity was far less ambitious than earlier reports had predicted. The insurgents carried out probing actions and terrorist operations in six suburbs around San Salvador but failed to enter the city.



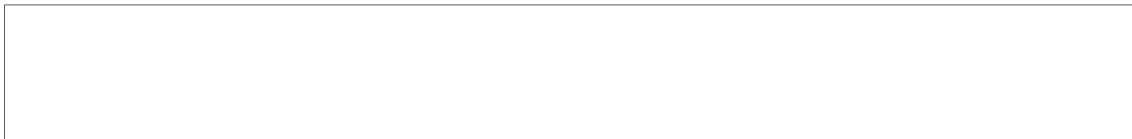
25X1

Twenty-four guerrillas, nevertheless, reportedly were killed in fighting near the capital. As in past efforts, they failed to elicit popular support and, in at least one case, voters ignored and even mocked insurgent snipers.



25X1

25X1



--continued



25X1

Top Secret

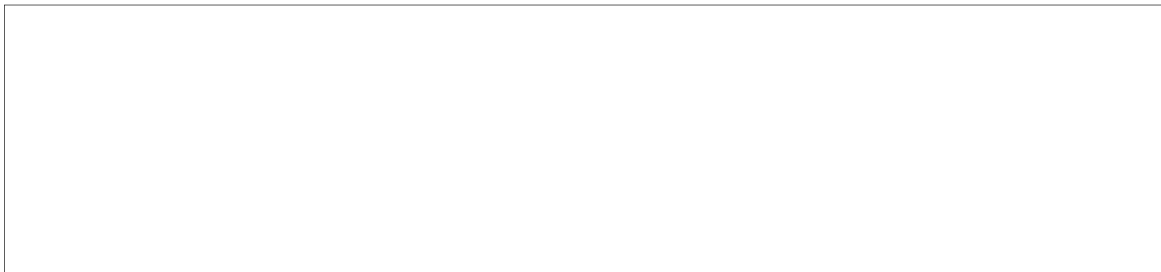
29 March 1982

25X1

Top Secret



25X1



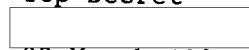
25X1

The morale of the Salvadoran military will receive a major boost from its success in providing security for the elections. Defense Minister Garcia and other senior officers almost certainly will view this achievement as strengthening their hand in dealing with whatever new government emerges.



25X1

Top Secret



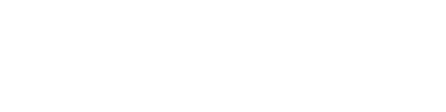
29 March 1982

25X1

Page Denied

Next 16 Page(s) In Document Denied

Top Secret



25X1

Top Secret