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SUBJ: ARMS SEARCH ON UASD CAMPUS CONTINUES; CACHE DISCOVERED

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1. SIZABLE CACHE OF WEAPONS (INCLUDING 2 MACHINE GUNS; 2 SUB-MACHINE GUNS; 1000 CARTRIDGES; 12 GRENADES--ONE WHITE PHOSPHORUS; AND MISC MILITARY ITEMS) DISCOVERED IN SEWER PIPE NEAR AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY (UASD) ENGINEERING BUILDING MORNING, FEB 20. PREVIOUS DAY'S SEARCH ON CAMPUS HAD RESULTED ONLY IN SUPPOSED FINDING OF NUMBER DISCHARGED SHOTGUN CARTRIDGES. ACCORDING LISTIN, SECURITY FORCES SURVEILLING CAMPUS BORBERS FURTHER REDUCED.

2. PRESS, FEB 20, DEVOTED PRINCIPAL ATTENTION TO VARIED COMMENTARIES CONCERNING WHETHER SECURITY FORCES SHOULD OR WOULD TERMINATE EFFORTS ON AGREED DATE--FEB 21. BALAGUER

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REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "ALL POSSIBLE" BEING DONE TO CONCLUDE SEARCH WITHIN AGREED TIME LIMIT AND COL. MEDINA SANCHEZ (COMMANDER OF SECURITY FORCES AT UASD) AFFIRMED SEARCH WOULD BE TERMINATED ON TIME. QUERIED BY PRESS, INTERIOR SECRETARY GOICO DISCOURSED AT LENGTH AROUND SUBJECT, STATING, IN ESSENCE, THAT SECURITY FORCES HAVE DIFFICULT JOB TO DO, BUT WILL NOT REMAIN AT UASD FOREVER. MORE BLUNT, NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY CAMARENA INDICATED THAT, IF NECESSARY, TIME LIMIT FOR SEARCH SHOULD BE EXTENDED. RECTOR CASTANOS TERMED ANY GODR ATTEMPT TO EXTEND AGREED TIME LIMIT "MORAL SUICIDE" AND WAS ECHOED BY CARIBE EDITORIAL, FEB 20, WHICH AFFIRMED THAT GODR-- WHICH GAINED "ENORMOUS" PUBLIC OPINION SUPPORT FOR MANNER OF CRISIS RESOLUTION-- WOULD SERIOUSLY RISK PRESTIGE BY SEEKING EXTENSION.

3. IN PRESS RELEASE, CARRIED LISTIN FEB 20, BRUC (SOCIAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS) THREATENED "GENERAL STRIKE" BY STUDENTS, IF SECURITY FORCES REMAIN AT UASD BEYOND FEB 21 DEADLINE. SIMILAR STATEMENTS ISSUED BY PCD, FRAGUA, AND UASD EMPLOYEES ASSN. PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT DOCUMENT ELABORATED BY UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS DURING WEEKEND MEETING AND FIXING

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THEIR POSITION CONCERNING UASD CRISIS HAD BEEN SIGNED BY MORE THAN 200 PROFESSORS. HOWEVER, DOCUMENT NOT YET MADE PUBLIC.
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