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▷ What's New This Month ◁

The situation in El Salvador needs our special attention because of increased right–wing strength and activity. Our Sister City project, the Rapid Response Network, and the Winning Democracy coalition are some ways we can become involved. Articles on each are inside.

Having sabotaged (for now) the peace process in Nicaragua, the Contras are lobbying harder than ever for resumption of U.S. military aid. Be alert for signs of Congress succumbing to the pressure and call our representatives to make your feelings known. Their local phone numbers are: Ted Kennedy, 565–3170, John Kerry, 565–8519, Joe Kennedy, 565–8686.

▶ RAPID RESPONSE UPDATE

In the last issue of our newsletter, we informed you of the terrific possibilities from joining the Rapid Response Network (RRN) telex bank. Over 30 Arlington residents are now part of this effort to help many release Central Americans from indefinite imprisonment and to prevent the torture or disappearance of citizens. This month, the NECAN RRN Update showed us proof of the effectiveness of this method of pressuring the Central American governments.

On March 10, 1988, Humberto Centeno, a Salvadoran labor leader, was grabbed by Salvadoran Air Force troops. Over 1000 telexes and 100 phone calls were made to President Duarte and Ambassador Corr. Humberto was released on March 12. He had been beaten unconscious but he *was* alive!

If you are interested in joining the RRN, please call Janet Oppedisano Riordan at 641–2119. Thanks to those who already belong.

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