

APPENDIX D:

SAMPLE TEXTS FROM TST1 TEST SET

This appendix contains some representative texts from the MUC-3 corpus. Twelve examples were selected from the first 25 texts in the dry-run test set (TST1), six of texts that were relevant to the data extraction task and six that were not relevant to the task. See appendix E for the templates corresponding to the relevant texts. See appendix A for a description of the relevance criteria.

1. SAMPLES OF RELEVANT TEXTS

TST1-MUC3-0001

GUATEMALA CITY, 4 FEB 90 (ACAN-EFE) -- [TEXT] THE GUATEMALA ARMY DENIED TODAY THAT GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE "SANTO TOMAS" PRESIDENTIAL FARM, LOCATED ON THE PACIFIC SIDE, WHERE PRESIDENT CEREZO HAS BEEN STAYING SINCE 2 FEBRUARY.

A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE "CERIGUA" NEWS AGENCY -- MOUTHPIECE OF THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNITY (URNG) -- WHOSE MAIN OFFICES ARE IN MEXICO, SAYS THAT A GUERRILLA COLUMN ATTACKED THE FARM 2 DAYS AGO.

HOWEVER, ARMED FORCES SPOKESMAN COLONEL LUIS ARTURO ISAACS SAID THAT THE ATTACK, WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A CIVILIAN WHO WAS PASSING BY AT THE TIME OF THE SKIRMISH, WAS NOT AGAINST THE FARM, AND THAT PRESIDENT CEREZO IS SAFE AND SOUND.

HE ADDED THAT ON 3 FEBRUARY PRESIDENT CEREZO MET WITH THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED IN GUATEMALA.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING THE REBEL REPORT AS "FALSE AND INCORRECT," AND STRESSING THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS NEVER IN DANGER.

COL ISAACS SAID THAT THE GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE "LA EMINENCIA" FARM LOCATED NEAR THE "SANTO TOMAS" FARM, WHERE THEY BURNED THE FACILITIES AND STOLE FOOD.

A MILITARY PATROL CLASHED WITH A REBEL COLUMN AND INFLECTED THREE CASUALTIES, WHICH WERE TAKEN AWAY BY THE GUERRILLAS WHO FLED TO THE MOUNTAINS, ISAACS NOTED.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT GUERRILLAS KILLED A PEASANT IN THE CITY OF FLORES, IN THE NORTHERN EL PETEN DEPARTMENT, AND BURNED A TANK TRUCK.

TST1-MUC3-0004

BOGOTA, 30 AUG 89 (INRAVISION TELEVISION CADENA 2) -- [TEXT] LAST NIGHT'S TERRORIST TARGET WAS THE ANTIOQUIA LIQUEUR PLANT. FOUR POWERFUL ROCKETS WERE GOING TO EXPLODE VERY CLOSE TO THE TANKS WHERE 300,000 GALLONS OF THE SO-CALLED CASTILLE CRUDE, USED TO OPERATE THE BOILERS, IS STORED. THE WATCHMEN ON DUTY REPORTED THAT AT 2030 THEY SAW A MAN AND A WOMAN LEAVING A SMALL SUITCASE NEAR THE FENCE THAT SURROUNDS THE PLANT. THE WATCHMEN EXCHANGED FIRE WITH THE TERRORISTS WHO FLED LEAVING BEHIND THE EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL THAT ALSO INCLUDED DYNAMITE AND GRENADE ROCKET LAUNCHERS. METROPOLITAN POLICE PERSONNEL SPECIALIZING IN EXPLOSIVES, DEFUSED THE ROCKETS. SOME 100 PEOPLE WERE WORKING INSIDE THE PLANT.

THE DAMAGE THE ROCKETS WOULD HAVE CAUSED HAD THEY BEEN ACTIVATED CANNOT BE ESTIMATED BECAUSE THE CARIBE SODA FACTORY AND THE GUAYABAL RESIDENTIAL AREA WOULD HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFECTED.

THE ANTIOQUIA LIQUEUR PLANT HAS RECEIVED THREATS IN THE PAST AND MAXIMUM SECURITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRACTICED IN THE AREA. SECURITY WAS STEPPED UP LAST NIGHT AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE LIQUEUR INDUSTRY IS THE LARGEST FOREIGN EXCHANGE PRODUCER FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

TST1-MUC3-0011

SANTIAGO, 18 MAY 90 (RADIO COOPERATIVA NETWORK) -- [REPORT] [JUAN ARAYA] [TEXT] EDMUNDO VARGAS CARRENO, CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY, HAS STATED THAT THE BRYANT TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES WILL BE APPLIED IN THE LETELIER CASE ONLY TO COMPENSATE THE RELATIVES OF THE FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER MURDERED IN WASHINGTON AND THE RELATIVES OF HIS U.S. SECRETARY, RONNIE MOFFIT. THE CHILEAN FOREIGN UNDER SECRETARY MADE THIS STATEMENT IN REPLY TO U.S. NEWSPAPER REPORTS STATING THAT THE TREATY WOULD BE PARTIALLY RESPECTED.

FOLLOWING ARE VARGAS CARRENO'S STATEMENTS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO ARGENTINA:

[BEGIN RECORDING] [VARGAS] THIS TREATY [WORDS INDISTINCT] USED BY THE UNITED STATES IN 1989, DURING THE PAST ADMINISTRATION, TO SOLVE TWO PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE LETELIER CASE: THE PROBLEM OF COMPENSATION AND THE PROBLEM OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF ORLANDO LETELIER AND HIS [WORDS INDISTINCT] ASSISTANT.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO USE THE TREATY EXCLUSIVELY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF COMPENSATION; THAT IS THE OBJECTIVE WHEN WE REFER TO ITS PARTIAL USE. [WORDS INDISTINCT] SO AS FOR THE COMPENSATION SUBJECT, IT WILL BE USED. WE ARE USING THE MECHANISM CREATED BY THE FIVE-MEMBER COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE TREATY. THE LANGUAGE OF THIS TREATY WAS PERTINENT FOR THE EARLY DECADES OF THIS CENTURY BUT IS NO LONGER IN KEEPING WITH CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES. [END RECORDING]

DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCE WITH ARGENTINE AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, VARGAS CARRENO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT CARLOS MENEM WILL VISIT CHILE IN AUGUST IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM CHILEAN PRESIDENT PATRICIO AYLWIN, WHO WILL ALSO VISIT ARGENTINA AT AN AS YET UNDETERMINED DATE.

VARGAS CARRENO NOTED HIS SATISFACTION WITH HIS MEETINGS IN BUENOS AIRES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DOMINGO CAVALLO AND RAUL CARIGNANO, UNDER SECRETARY FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. VARGAS CARRENO SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS INITIAL CONTACT THE BINATIONAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE CHILEAN-ARGENTINE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY, WHICH WAS SIGNED IN 1984, WILL MEET NEXT JULY. HE SAID THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD FORMAL AND INFORMAL TALKS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST, SPEED UP THE INTEGRATION PROCESS, AND INCREASE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

REGARDING THE SITUATION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILEAN CITIZENS LIVING IN ARGENTINA -- A TOTAL HE ESTIMATED AT 800,000 -- VARGAS CARRENO SAID THAT PRESIDENT AYLWIN'S GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE TO HELP THOSE CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD FOR VARIOUS REASONS TO RETURN TO CHILE, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING IN ARGENTINA'S PATAGONIA REGION WHO ARE BEING TREATED INHUMANELY, ESPECIALLY BY BUSINESSMEN IN THE BORDER AREA, AS REPORTED BY AN ARGENTINE JOURNALIST.

TST1-MUC3-0016

CLANDESTINE, 23 NOV 89 (RADIO VENCEREMOS) -- [COMMENTARY] [TEXT] [CONTINUED] THE OFFICERS AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THE ARMY MUST THINK THIS OVER. THEY CANNOT CONTINUE CLOSING THEIR EYES TO THE BOMBINGS, TO THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT THE POOR NEIGHBORHOODS OF SAN SALVADOR, TO THE MOTHERS WHO APPEAR CRYING ON TELEVISION. IT IS GOOD THAT THE NETWORK PRESENTS THESE PICTURES OF PEOPLE CRYING, MANIPULATING THEIR EMOTIONS. THOSE TEARS WERE SHED OVER 50 YEARS OF OPPRESSION AND MISERY, AND OVER THE BOMBINGS THAT HAVE DESTROYED ZACAMIL NEIGHBORHOOD. OFFICERS, THE BOMBS HAVE CAUSED ALL THAT SORROW AND THE DESTRUCTION OF 500 HOUSES IN ZACAMIL.

AS WE WERE SAYING, OFFICERS, YOU MUST ASK YOURSELVES: WHO ARE YOU DYING FOR? FOR COLONEL PONCE'S MANSIONS IN MIAMI? FOR GENERAL BUSTILLO'S MANSIONS? WHY ARE THE ARMED FORCES MEMBERS DYING HERE? WHY ARE THE LIEUTENANTS, THE CAPTAINS DYING, WHILE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES HIERARCHY ARE CONFORTABLY SITTING IN THEIR AIR-CONDITIONED OFFICES BEING GUARDED WHILE THEY ARE AT EASE, BUT NOT REALLY AT EASE AS COMBAT IS TAKING PLACE JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM THEIR OFFICE.

OFFICERS, LIEUTENANTS, CAPTAINS, THIS IS THE APPEAL THE FMLN WANTS MAKE TO YOU TODAY, AT A TIME WHEN THE FUTURE OF THE FATHERLAND IS AT STAKE? YOU MUST THINK THIS OVER, YOU MUST MAKE A DECISION, AND YOU MUST DO THIS SOON. HISTORY IS MOVING FAST, AND THE TIME IS RIPE. SO WHEN YOU ARE TOLD THAT YOU ARE DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION, THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE TELLING YOU. IF YOU ARE DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION, THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE SAYING. IF WE ARE DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION HERE,

WHY IS THIS CONSTITUTION BEING VIOLATED BY THOSE RAMBOS SENT BY PRESIDENT BUSH TO EL SALVADOR? YOU ALL KNOW THIS LITTLE GROUP OF RAMBOS IS GOOD FOR NOTHING, AS THEY ARE COWARDS. THEY DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE SHERATON HOTEL, BECAUSE THE GUERRILLAS WERE THERE. THEY ARE COWARDS, JUST LIKE THEIR SYSTEM. THEY ARE TINHORN RAMBOS, WHO ARE ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD.

AS WE SAID YESTERDAY, IF THOSE MEN WHO LEFT THE SHERATON LIKE COMMON CRIMINALS COVERING THEIR FACES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE TRAINING THE ARMED FORCES, WE CAN UNDERSTAND BETTER WHY THE FMLN IS DEFEATING THE TACTICS TAUGHT BY THEM. THEY ARE NO GOOD, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND OUR PEOPLE, THEY UNDERESTIMATE OUR PEOPLE. OFFICERS, YOU KNOW THOSE U.S. ADVISERS UNDERESTIMATE YOU, THEY LOOK DOWN ON YOU, AS LITTLE INDIANS, AS DONKEYS. YOU KNOW HOW THEY THINK OF YOU. YOU KOW THEY MOCK THE SALVADORAN OFFICERS. OFFICERS, YOU KNOW VERY WELL HOW THESE U.S. ADVISERS TREAT OUR SOLDIERS. THEY ARE HAUGHTY, ARROGANT, AND COWARDS. YOU SAW THEM AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, PISSING IN THEIR PANTS, THEY DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE HOTEL. A COMMISSION WENT THERE, THE RED CROSS WENT THERE, BUT THEY DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT SURE OF THEMSELVES DURING THE TRUCE, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE COWARDS.

WE WANT THE CIN [NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER], THAT FASCIST NETWORK THAT IS SILENCING OUR PEOPLE, TO PRESENT THE FILMS OF THE ADVISORS LEAVING THE HOTEL. WE CHALLENGE THE NETWORK TO PRESENT THOSE FILMS OF THE ADVISORS LEAVING THE SHERATON, WITH THEIR FACES COVERED AS IF THEY WERE CAR THIEVES. THAT IS THE WAY THE U.S. ADVISERS -- THE RAMBOS, THE SUPERMEN -- LEFT THE SHERATON. THESE RAMBOS ARE NOT GOING TO SAVE ANYONE, AS THEY CANNOT EVEN SAVE THEMSELVES.

TST1-MUC3-0018

SAN SALVADOR, 26 MAY 90 (EL DIARIO DE HOY) -- [TEXT] TO DATE, THE ARMY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A REPORT THAT THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT SENT TO PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI ON THE INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THAT COUNTRY CONCERNING THE DEATH OF SALVADORAN LEFTIST LEADER HECTOR OQUELI COLINDRES.

OQUELI, LEADER OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MNR) AND HILDA FLORES, A GUATEMALAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADER WERE ABDUCTED AND KILLED IN JANUARY BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN GUATEMALA CITY AS THEY WERE HEADING TO THE LA AURORA AIRPORT.

PRESIDENT CEREZO WAS IN CARACAS ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE FMLN-FDR [FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT - REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT] AND A DELEGATION OF THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT. ON THAT OCCASION PRESIDENT CEREZO MET WITH BOTH DELEGATIONS SEPARATELY. HE INFORMED THEM ABOUT THE INVESTIGATIONS BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING THE CRIME AND TOLD THEM THAT HE WOULD SEND HIS GOVERNMENT'S VERSION TO PRESIDENT CRISTIANI.

SINCE PRESIDENT CEREZO TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT "SALVADORAN RIGHTIST SECTORS AND SOLDIERS" COULD BE IMPLICATED IN THE CRIME, YESTERDAY ARMY

SPOKESMEN WERE ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT. THEY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE HEARD SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT, THEY HAVE NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE REPORT, WHICH THEY EXPECT TO SEE SOON, IF IT IS NOT JUST SPECULATION.

TST1-MUC3-0024

BOGOTA, 8 DEC 89 (DPA) -- [TEXT] THE CAR BOMB ATTACK ON 6 DECEMBER WHICH DESTROYED THE BUILDING THAT HOUSES THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY (DAS, SECRET POLICE) HAD BEEN PLANNED SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DISCLOSURES.

A POLICE SPOKESPERSON CONFIRMED TODAY THAT THE BUS USED IN THE TERRORIST ACTION WAS BOUGHT BY A MAN WHO IS A NATIVE OF MEDELLIN. HE USED FALSE DOCUMENTS TO BUY THE CAR FROM A SCHOOL PROPRIETOR IN BOGOTA.

ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORITIES, THE BUYER, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE SINISTER MEDELLIN CARTEL, WAS INSTRUCTED BY TERRORISTS ABROAD TO EXPLODE 500 KG OF DYNAMITE GEL IN FRONT OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COUNTRY'S PRINCIPAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION.

DAS DIRECTOR BRIGADIER GENERAL MIGUEL MAZA MARQUEZ SAID ON 7 DECEMBER THAT A MEMBER OF THE SEPARATIST ETA [BASQUE FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY] GROUP DIRECTED THE OPERATION.

MAZA MARQUEZ ALSO SAID THAT PABLO ESCOBAR GAVIRIA AND GONZALO RODRIGUEZ GACHA, THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DRUG TRAFFICKERS, "ARE BEHIND THIS CRIMINAL ATTACK."

"THE MEDELLIN CARTEL PLANNED THE ATTACK SINCE SEPTEMBER, AFTER ANOTHER CAR BOMB ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MAZA MARQUEZ WAS FOILED LAST MAY," THE POLICE SPOKESPERSON STATED.

MEANWHILE, THREE PERSONS SUSPECTED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ATTACK WERE RELEASED ON 7 DECEMBER, AFTER BEING FOUND INNOCENT. TWO OTHER PERSONS ARE BEING HELD BY THE POLICE AND ARE UNDERGOING INTENSE QUESTIONING.

THE AUTHORITIES ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS IS 59 AND NOT 62, AS WAS REPORTED OFFICIALLY ON 7 DECEMBER.

CIVIL DEFENSE AND RED CROSS CREWS, AS WELL AS ARMED FORCES UNITS, ARE REMOVING THE RUBBLE FROM A 2-KM-PERIMETER, FEARING THAT PEOPLE MAY BE PERSONS TRAPPED BENEATH TONS OF IRON AND CEMENT.

2. SAMPLES OF IRRELEVANT TEXTS

TST1-MUC3-0007

GUATEMALA CITY, 31 AUG 89 (RADIO NUEVO MUNDO NETWORK) -- [EXCERPT] THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF FARMING, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND FINANCIAL ASSOCIATIONS, CACIF, HAS MET WITH THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. SOURCES CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT HAVE DISCLOSED THAT THEY DISCUSSED THE ECONOMIC PROGRAM PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON 25 AUGUST.

ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTRY'S PRODUCTIVE SECTOR AND ACTING PRESIDENT ROBERTO CARPIO NICOLLE ALSO DISCUSSED THE VIOLENCE PREVAILING IN THE COUNTRY AND THE WAY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ARE COPING WITH THE PROBLEM THAT HAS ALREADY TAKEN A TOLL ON SEVERAL VICTIMS. NO DETAILS WERE DISCLOSED AS TO THE MEANS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT IN ORDER TO HALT THE WAVE OF TERROR THAT HAS TAKEN OVER THE COUNTRY, THE SAME SOURCES DISCLOSED, CLAIMING THAT THE MECHANISMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECURITY PLAN THAT THE ACTING PRESIDENT WILL MAKE PUBLIC IN A FEW DAYS.

A STATE OF SIEGE MIGHT BE IMPOSED AT ANY MOMENT, AS THIS IS ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES THE GOVERNMENT HAS LEFT FOR CONTROLLING VIOLENCE, PARTICULARLY THE TERRORIST ACTIONS, SAID GOVERNMENT MINISTER ROBERTO VALLE BALDIZAN. THE MINISTER ADDED THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO WAIT FOR PRESIDENT VINICIO CEREZO TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY.

TST1-MUC3-0008

BOGOTA, 14 SEP 89 (INRAVISION TELEVISION CADENA 2) -- [TEXT] DIEGO BIAFARA, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY [DAS] AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INFORMANT, WHO APPEARED BEFORE A U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON 13 SEPTEMBER, REVEALED UNKNOWN LINKS BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND BRITISH MERCENARIES, WHO HAVE TRAINED PARAMILITARY GROUPS IN OUR COUNTRY.

[BEGIN RECORDING] [BIAFARA] THAT IS YAIR KLEIN IN FRONT. HE IS THE COLONEL WEARING THE DARK BLUE SHIRT. THE THIN PERSON BEHIND HIM WEARING THE LIGHT BLUE SHIRT IS TEDDY, WHO WAS THE TRANSLATOR. THERE WERE FIVE ISRAELI INSTRUCTORS. I REMEMBER THE NAMES: SADAKA, AMANCIA, YAIR, AND TEDDY. I CANNOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE FIFTH ONE. THERE WERE 11 BRITISH INSTRUCTORS. WE USED TO CALL THAT ONE DAVID. THIS MAN WAS AN EXPERT IN EXPLOSIVES. HE INSTRUCTED US ON HOW TO USE EXPLOSIVES. [END RECORDING]

THESE WERE STATEMENTS MADE BY BIAFARA TO THE U.S. SENATE IN WHICH WE LEARNED OF A CLEAR LINK BETWEEN THE ISRAELI MERCENARIES, WHO WERE TRAINING PARAMILITARY GROUPS IN THE MIDDLE MAGDALENA REGION, AND THE BRITISH MERCENARIES WHO CAME TO THE COUNTRY ALLEGEDLY TO ASSASSINATE PABLO ESCOBAR.

BIAFARA KNEW BOTH GROUPS OF MERCENARIES. ACCORDING TO HIS STATEMENTS GIVEN TO DAS LAST MARCH, NOT ONLY DID ISRAELI MERCENARIES TRAIN ASSASSINS IN MIDDLE MAGDALENA, THERE WAS ALSO A GROUP OF 11 BRITISH MERCENARIES, WHO GAVE LESSONS TO 50 STUDENTS. AMONG THE INSTRUCTORS THERE WAS PETER MCLISE, THE NAME OF ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE OPERATION AGAINST PABLO ESCOBAR, AND DAVID, WHO BIAFARA CLEARLY IDENTIFIED. HE WAS DAVID TOMKINS, THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE PLOT AGAINST ESCOBAR. ACCORDING TO BIAFARA, MOST BRITISH INSTRUCTORS HAD TATOOS ON THEIR BREASTS, ARMS, AND SHOULDERS, JUST AS WE CAN SEE ON THE VIDEO TAPED BY THE BRITISH MEN WHO PREPARED THE OPERATION AGAINST ESCOBAR.

IN CONCLUSION, THE MERCENARIES WHO WERE PREPARING TO ASSASSINATE ONE OF THE MEDELLIN CARTEL LEADERS WERE THE SAME ONES WHO TRAINED THE ASSASSINS PAID BY THE CARTEL ITSELF.

TST1-MUC3-0010

SAN SALVADOR, 19 MAR 89 (RADIO CADENA SONORA) -- [COMMUNIQUE]
[FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT GENERAL COMMAND] [TEXT]
ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION:

TODAY, 9 MARCH, WE HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE SIGNED BY THE MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMISSION ASKING US TO BEGIN THE PEACE TALKS. WE HAVE ALREADY ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, EXPRESSING OUR WILLINGNESS TO HOLD A MEETING. THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S LETTER MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY MOVE TO POSTPONE THE ELECTIONS. IT DOES NOT EVEN CONSIDER INCLUDING THIS TOPIC ON THE MEETING'S AGENDA. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO HOLD THE ELECTIONS ON 19 MARCH.

CONSEQUENTLY, THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT [FMLN] HEREBY INFORMS THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION AND THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION MUST CLEARLY AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THAT IT IS WILLING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON CONFINING THE ARMY TO ITS BARRACKS ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTIONS, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTORAL CODE BY CONSENSUS, PROVIDING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SALVADORANS LIVING ABROAD, RESTRUCTURING THE CENTRAL ELECTIONS COUNCIL, AND FORMING A COUNCIL FOR VERIFICATION.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT MUST EXPRESS THE STATE POWERS' WILLINGNESS TO POSTPONE THE ELECTIONS FOR 5 MONTHS, ONCE A CEASE-FIRE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION MUST PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THAT IT IS WILLING TO BRING MILITARY COMMANDERS AND OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLITICAL MURDERS AND CRIMES TO TRIAL, TO REDUCE THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES TO THE NUMBER OF TROOPS IT HAD IN 1968, AND TO DISBAND THE SECURITY FORCES TO FORM A NEW CIVIL POLICE. WE REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS PERMANENTLY CEASING THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

2. IF THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION AGREES TO THE ABOVE REQUESTS, THE FMLN WILL AGREE TO A MEETING AND IS WILLING TO IMMEDIATELY DECIDE ON A

DATE AND A TIME FOR THE MEETING. THE FMLN IS EVEN WILLING TO HOLD THE MEETING OUTSIDE EL SALVADOR. AS A PART OF THIS MEETING, WE ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AND COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMED FORCES STAFF ON A CEASE-FIRE THAT WILL BRING ABOUT A PERMANENT AND NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT.

3. IF NO SUCH AGREEMENT IS REACHED, THEN THERE IS NO POINT IN HOLDING THE MEETING PRIOR TO 19 MARCH, BECAUSE IT WILL SIMPLY BE USED BY BOTH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY [PDC] AND THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE [ARENA] IN THEIR ELECTION DISPUTE. THE ELECTIONS PLAY NO ROLE IN ACHIEVING PEACE; THEY ONLY SERVE TO PROVIDE A FALSE JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUING THE WAR.

4. WE AWAIT A RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

EL SALVADOR, 9 MARCH 1989

FMLN GENERAL COMMAND

[SIGNED] COMMANDER SALVADOR SANCHEZ CEREN

COMMANDER FRANCISCO JOVEL

COMMANDER JORGE SHAFIK HANDAL

COMMANDER EDUARDO SANCHO

COMMANDER JOAQUIN VILLALOBOS

TST1-MUC3-0014

LIMA, 29 MAR 89 (EFE) -- [TEXT] THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA), A PERUVIAN GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, HAS SENT A LETTER TO PERUVIAN CARDINAL JUAN LANDAZURI, PROPOSING THAT A DIALOGUE BE HELD TO RESTORE PEACE TO PERU.

IN ITS LETTER, WHICH IS PARTIALLY PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S LA REPUBLICA, A LIMA NEWSPAPER, THE MRTA OUTLINES SEVERAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH IT WILL HOLD A DIALOGUE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THE MRTA LETTER IS DATED 26 MARCH, THE SAME DAY CARDINAL LANDAZURI STATED OVER A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION THAT THE CHURCH WOULD BE WILLING TO MEDIATE WITH VIOLENCE-ORIENTED MOVEMENTS UNDER ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS FOR DIALOGUE.

THE CARDINAL ADDED THAT, BECAUSE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE IDEOLOGIES, THESE MOVEMENTS HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY DIALOGUE WHATSOEVER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT APPEALS MADE BY THE CHURCH HAVE GONE UNHEEDED.

ACCORDING TO LA REPUBLICA, THE MRTA LETTER SAYS THAT THE MRTA "NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAREFULLY LISTENED TO YOUR EASTER MESSAGE TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU REFLECTED ON THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY, AND MADE AN APPEAL TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE

TAKEN UP ARMS."

THUS, THE LETTER ADDS, THE MRTA "DEEMS IT IMPORTANT TO INFORM YOU OF OUR OPINION AND OUR PROPOSALS IN THIS REGARD."

THE LETTER SAYS THAT THE CHURCH MUST PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE IN "HUMANIZING THIS WAR," AND THAT MOST VICTIMS OF THIS WAR ARE "UNARMED CIVILIANS."

THE MRTA BELIEVES THAT IN ORDER TO HUMANIZE THIS CONFLICT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES MUST "STOP COMMITTING CRIMES AGAINST UNARMED CIVILIANS, PRISONERS MUST BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION, TORTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS' CRIMES MUST END, AND PARAMILITARY GANGS MUST BE DISMANTLED."

THE MRTA ASKS THE CHURCH TO DEMAND THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT CHANGE ITS ECONOMIC POLICY.

THE MRTA SAYS: "THE CHURCH MUST DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT PUT AN END TO REPRESSION AND CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE; THAT HIGH MORAL STANDARDS BE OBSERVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF PERUVIAN POLITICAL LIFE; AND THAT STIFF PUNISHMENT BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO COMMIT IMMORAL, CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE."

THE MRTA LETTER CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT ONLY THIS WAY WILL THE CHURCH TRULY "CONTRIBUTE TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THIS CONFRONTATION."

MONSIGNOR RICARDO DURAND FLORES, PRESIDENT OF THE PERUVIAN EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE, TODAY SAID THAT THE CHURCH "CANNOT REJECT ANY PROPOSAL FROM VIOLENCE-ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS."

MSGR DURAND SAID THAT IF SUCH A PROPOSAL IS MADE THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE WILL IMMEDIATELY CALL A MEETING OF ITS STANDING COMMITTEE "TO STUDY THE SITUATION."

VICTOR POLAY, ONE OF THE MRTA'S LEADERS, IS CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY AND FACING TRIAL ON CHARGES OF TERRORISM.

MORE THAN 13,000 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN PERU SINCE 1980, WHEN THE MAOIST SHINING PATH ORGANIZATION STARTED ITS WAVE OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE, WHICH HAS ALSO CAUSED HEAVY MATERIAL DAMAGE.

TST1-MUC3-0023

BOGOTA, 27 APR 90 (INRAVISION TELEVISION CADENA 1) -- [SPEECH] [COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT VIRGILIO BARCO] [TEXT] [CONTINUED] THE MEDIA CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD PEACE AND DEMOCRACY IF, ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, THEY LAUNCH A GREAT CIVIC CAMPAIGN TO VIGOROUSLY STIMULATE THE CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS.

FELLOW CITIZENS, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ASKING YOURSELVES WHAT CAN BE DONE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. ABOVE ALL, DO NOT PLAY UP TO TERRORISM. THE INTERESTS OF THE FATHERLAND ARE ABOVE ALL INDIVIDUAL

OR GROUP INTERESTS, AS IS THE DEFENSE OF OUR DEMOCRACY, WHICH WE HAVE ALL BEEN BUILDING TOGETHER FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. THIS CANNOT BE THE TIME OF OPPORTUNISM. THIS IS THE HOUR OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE, AND ITS INSTITUTIONS. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE MEASURES AND THE ACTIONS OF THE PUBLIC FORCE DEPEND, FIRST OF ALL, ON THE SOLIDARITY OF THE CITIZENS. THE RESULTS WILL BE AS ENCOURAGING AND AS FAVORABLE AS THE COOPERATION OF THE CITIZENS. TO REGAIN TRANQUILITY IS NOT THE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OR THE STATE. IT IS A TASK IN WHICH EACH OF US HAS SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE.

COLOMBIA HAS SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME EVEN MORE DIFFICULT MOMENTS. IT HAS FACED DECISIVELY AND EMERGED VICTORIOUSLY FROM EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN SITUATIONS. THAT PAST HAS CREATED SOLID INSTITUTIONS. FOR THIS REASON, I AM SURE THAT DEMOCRACY WILL TRIUMPH AND THAT THOSE WHO COMMIT VIOLENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY MAY BE, WILL BE PUNISHED. I AM SURE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROGRESS ALONG THE PATH OF PEACE, TOLERANCE, AND RESPECT FOR LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY. GOOD NIGHT.

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BOGOTA, 22 SEP 89 (RADIO CADENA NACIONAL) -- [TEXT] SECURITY MEASURES IN THE CAPITAL HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY BEEFED UP AFTER THE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES DISCOVERED A TERRORIST PLAN AGAINST A STATE INSTITUTION.

GENERAL RAMON NIEBLES UZCATEGUI, COMMANDER OF THE 13TH BRIGADE, REPORTED THAT THE PLAN WAS DISCOVERED FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS IN SOUTHWESTERN BOGOTA, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY AT CARVAJAL DISTRICT, WHERE THE POLICE DISCOVERED A CAR WITH 100 KG OF GELIGNITE AT A RESIDENCE. THE CAR HAD A SLOW-BURNING FUSE AND MECHANISMS TO SET IT OFF.

DURING THE SAME INVESTIGATION, THE AUTHORITIES FOUND A TOYOTA CAMPER WITH 15 KG OF DYNAMITE, A POWERFUL MOTORCYCLE, AND OTHER ITEMS TYPICAL OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.