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SUBJ: MORE ON "CARABANCHEL TEN" TRIAL

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1. WHILE IT BELIEVED "CARABANCHEL TEN" TRIAL
WILL BE MADE PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT NOT REQUIRED ANNOUNCE
WHETHER DEC 20 TRIAL WILL BE OPEN OR CLOSED UNTIL ONE
DAY BEFORE TRIAL, AND POSSIBILITY REMAINS GOVERNMENT MAY
HOLD IT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, AS IS GENERALLY PROVIDED BY
CONCORDAT IN CASES INVOLVING PRIESTS (ONE OF WHOM, FATHER
GARCIA SALVE, FORMS PART OF "CARABANCHEL TEN").

2. ONE OF RUIZ GIMENEZ' LAWYER ASSISTANTS TOLD EMB
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LABATT THAT TRIAL IS LIKELY TO LAST TWO DAYS AND ESTIMATES

POSSIBLE MAXIMUM OF THREE. DEFENDENTS ARE CHARGED WITH "ILLICIT ASSOCIATION WITH CHARACTER OF LEADERSHIP IN ILLEGAL WORKERS COMMISSIONS," WHICH CHARGE, WHILE TRUE, IS A RATHER WEAK LEGAL ONE. GOVERNMENT PROSECUTOR IS ASKING FOR UNUSUALLY STIFF PENALTIES OF 12-20 YEARS FOR DEFENDANTS. SENTENCING, IF DEFENDANTS ARE FOUND GUILTY (WHICH PROBABLE). USUALLY TAKES PLACE SEVERAL DAYS AFTER TRIAL, AND MUST BE GIVEN WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF END OF TRIAL, ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENTENCE THUS LIKELY DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD.

3. RECENTLY FEMALE RELATIVES OF VARIOUS OF "CARABANCHEL TEN" DEFENDENTS, IN GROUPS OF TWO, HAVE BEEN PAYING USUALLY UNANNOUNCED VISITS TO MOST MAJOR EMBASSIES IN MADRID. THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY A MIDDLE LEVEL EMBASSY OFFICER AT BRITISH, WEST GERMAN, DUTCH, SWEDISH, ITALIAN, FRENCH, SWISS AND AUSTRIAN EMBASSIES.

4. ON DECEMBER 14, TWO LADY RELATIVES OF DEFENDANTS CAME TO EMBASSY ASKING TO SEE LABOR ATTACHE, WHOSE NAME THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN. LABATT SPOKE WITH THEM BRIEFLY, SAME FLIER WITH RESUME OF "CARABANCHEL TEN" CASE PRESENTED TO OFFICERS OF OTHER EMBASSIES, ANSWERED QUESTIONS REGARDING CAE, AND SAID PURPOSE OF VISITS TO OFFICERS DIFFERENT EMBASSIES MERELY INFORM THEM OF FACTS AND ELICIT SYMPATHY FOR HUMAN ASPECTS OF CASE. LABATT THANKED THEM FOR INFORMATION AND FLIER AND POINTED OUT THAT US, LIKE OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, CANNOT BECOME INVOLVED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OTHER COUNTRIES. THEY APPRECIATED THIS AND REITERATED THAT THEIR CALLS ON OFFICERS OF DIFFERENT EMBASSIES WERE MERELY TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH CASE.

5. LADIES ALSO STATED THEY AND OTHER TEAMS OF FEMALE RELATIVES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON SIMILAR RECENT VISITS BY MANY PROMINENT SPANISH CHURCH FIGURES (INCLUDING ARCHBISHOPS OF MADRID AND BARCELONA), VARIOUS FIGURES FROM SPANISH WORLD OF FINANCE, AND BY MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES THEY HAVE VISITED.

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