The organizations in defence of human rights declare before the
Salvadorean people and the people of the world:

THAT since the beginning of the armed conflict in our country we
have been denouncing the interference of the United States govern-
ment. We denounce for its intervention, which hurts our people
and their sovereignty and right to self-determination, rights
which have been eroded by the ruling government because of their
training and aid to the armed forces in their fight versus the
insurgent forces of the FMLN but this irresponsibility which has
produced more than half a million displaced people, 60,000 non-
combatant, civilian deaths and thousands of detained, disappeared,
and hundreds of political prisoners unjustly incarcerated. This
does not include the number of wounded, orphans, etc., this epidemic
continues and ratifies the system of military aid by the U.S. in our
country and this is a violation of international treaties because,
we repeat, it violates our sovereignty and permits the continuation
of the profound violation of human rights. It is in this context
that Ambassador Pickering called for in the American Congress the
approval of $70 million in U.S. funds for the purchase of military
equipment, including the C47, which would end, he said, to quote,
"the C47 is going to take back the guerilla-controlled areas without
burning the towns and houses because it can stay in the air a long
time, it can shoot really fast and has the ability to operate at
night." It was reported in local periodicals that the Air Force
had received the C47 on the 11th of January when they announced that
they had exterminated in combat at various times on the night of
January 7th in the following three locations: Cerros de Campana,
Buena Vistas and to the south of San Vicente. The C47 is a smaller
version of the AC37 used by the Americans in the Viet Nam war and
costs $1.5 m. U.S.

The organizations in defence of human rights in El Salvador view
with consternation the introduction and escalation of the war by
the introduction of an object so highly sophisticated as the C47.
We fear that the use of this in the conflict will increase the
number of civilian casualties. We are humanitarian and pacifist
organizations and reject the tactics of war no more or less than we
are against the combination of arms upgrading by the Reagan govern-
ment that are more sophisticated for which our people are shedding
their blood on the battlefield in the wish to obtain a military
victory. Because they have introduced the C47, the war in our
country has reached the mark of vietnamization of the conflict and
this is very problematical for the Salvadorean people. It accelerates
the cost of living, unemployment and lack of medicine, etc.. It is
alarming that they are not looking after our basic necessities and
their priority is the escalation of the war since to get this air-
plane costs $1.5 m.

FOR PEACE IN EL SALVADOR.
At the same time as the introduction of the aircraft the market was flooded with many popular consumer products. For this reason we ask Mr. Duarte, who are you serving?, the Salvadorean people or Mr. Reagan? Finally, we have to ask all the organizations and humanitarian institutions, national and international, the churches and the democratic governments of the world:

1. To have solidarity with the Salvadorean people in the face of this increase of personnel and war material.

2. To insist the Duarte government and the FDR-FMLN continue the peace talks as an alternative to the war and the use of sophisticated means only to effect the large majority that fervently has pronounced in favour of peace, justice and liberty.

This is a communiqué of the following four organizations:

1. The Committee of Mothers Monsinor Romero.
2. The Committee for freedom Marianella Garcia Villas.
3. The Committee of Political Prisoners (COPPES).
4. The Christian Committee of the Displaced

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