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N.Y. TIMES DENUNCIA CORRUPCION DE PDC

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ALERTAS. Ciudad de Panamá, marzo 6. Miembros de la unidad antimotines "Doberman", de las Fuerzas de Defensa Panameñas, se mantienen alerta durante las manifestaciones de protesta de opositores, que exigen la renuncia del Gral. Manuel Antonio Noriega. (Cable-foto AP).

PORTADA DEL N.Y. TIMES. Portada del periódico New York Times de ayer (marzo 6), en la cual informa sobre la malversación de dos millones de dólares (10 millones de colones), de la ayuda norteamericana, que atribuye al candidato del PDC, Luis Mejía Miranda.

New York Times

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Salvador Candidate Is Suspected In Misuse of \$2 Million in U.S. Aid

He Is Reportedly Backed
by Duarte's Son Within
the Governing Party

By JAMES LEMOYNE
Special to The New York Times

SAN SALVADOR, March 5 — A prominent candidate of President José Napoleón Duarte's ruling Christian Democratic Party has been informed by American and Salvadoran officials that he is a subject of an investigation into the misuse of as much as \$2 million of American aid, according to Salvadoran and American officials.

The officials say the suspected corruption is likely to be the biggest case of theft of American aid under the current Salvadoran Government, which took office in 1984.

The case is made more politically explosive by the fact that the Christian Democratic party official, Luis Mejía Miranda, is a close associate of Mr. Duarte's son, Alejandro Duarte, who is an heir apparent to the leadership of the party and who appears to be trying to defend the party official, according to Salvadoran and American officials.

Wider Corruption Suspected

Several American and Salvadoran officials say the case is only the beginning of wider revelations of corruption involving United States aid. They contend that further investigations will show significant corruption in other Government departments if the United



Alejandro Duarte, son of the Salvadoran President and a friend of the official under investigation.

States Embassy is willing to pursue such investigations.

Government officials say Mr. Mejía has denied the charges. Officials at the United States Embassy declined to comment.

The American assistance believed to have been stolen was part of a \$10 million program to assist war-torn areas, according to Salvadoran and American officials.

When properly administered, it appears to be one of the Government's

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