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POSSIBLE DEPORTATION OF IPS CORRESPONDENTS IN VENEZUELA; STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN ARRESTS

NOV. 17 (IPS) — LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SEIZURE OF TWO INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE CORRESPONDENTS AND A MEMBER OF THE LATIN AMERICAN LABOR COMMITTEES IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA YESTERDAY, BY THE VENEZUELAN POLITICAL POLICE INDICATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT TWO OF THEM, MR. AND MRS. LORENZ CARRASCO, WHO ARE MEXICAN NATIONALS MAY BE FACING DEPORTATION FROM THE COUNTRY.

MRS. CARRASCO WAS BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE OF IPS IN CARACAS BY TWO MEN PRESUMED TO BE AGENTS OF THE DIVISION DE SERVICIOS DE INTELIGENCIA Y PREVENCION (DSIP). SHE WAS TOLD TO PICK UP HER PRESS CREDENTIALS AND HER PASSPORT. COMMENTS MADE BY MRS. CARRASCO TO OTHER JOURNALISTS IN THE OFFICE INDICATE THAT SHE DID NOT EXPECT TO RETURN.

IPS IS CONTACTING PRESS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INTERNATIONALLY TO WIN THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE AND INSURE THE SAFETY OF THE THREE. THE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS HAS TOLD IPS THAT THEY WERE INFORMED UPON CALLING THE DSIP HEADQUARTERS THAT THE DSIP PLANNED TO RELEASE THE THREE LATER TODAY.

IPS AND THE INTERNATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES HAVE CONTACTED THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WITH ACTIVE COMPLICITY IN THIS LATEST OF A SERIES OF ATTEMPTS TO STOP THOSE FORCES INTERNATIONALLY WHO ARE ORGANIZING FOR THE DECLARATION OF DEBT MORATORIA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. AN ICLC SPOESMAN POINTED OUT THAT NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND KISSINGER ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN THEIR POLITICAL CONTROL OVER VENEZUELA, LONG KNOWN AS ROCKEFELLER'S PLANTATION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A LENGTHY BRIEFING ON THE MATTER BY SAYING, "THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT INVOLVED IN HARASSING CORRESPONDENTS."

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