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On March 11 at a rally in the Plaza Libertad de San Salvador, Alfredo Cristiani, candidate of the Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA), said his party would "hold talks" with the rebels, but would "not negotiate any platform" with them. Cristiani said that if elected on March 19 he would fully back the security forces "to put an end to the violence." He also promised to privatize the banking system and the foreign trade sector, both nationalized under President Jose Napoleon Duarte. ARENA founder Roberto D'Aubuisson also addressed the crowd, estimated at 40,000 by party activists. He called Duarte a "madman," and said ARENA was willing to talk with the rebels "but within the framework of the constitution and the law...We are going to give them time to incorporate themselves step by step into the democratic life" of the country. D'Aubuisson has long been linked in reports by the US State Department, the Roman Catholic Church, and numerous human rights organizations to El Salvador's notorious death squads. In the early 1980s, death squad murders left an estimated 40,000 people dead. (Basic data from AFP, 03/11/89)

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