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On March 31, the House approved US$85 million in military aid for El Salvador requested by the Bush administration. Of the total, US$21.25 million are earmarked for "non-lethal" military aid to be used "in strict accordance with the newly defined mission" of the army under the peace accords. The remaining US$63.75 million will be transferred to the "demobilization and transition fund" to support the training of the new police force created under the accords, and the national reconstruction plan. Next, the administration will be required to submit its plan to Democrat chairs of key congressional committees for their approval before aid disbursement. Sponsoring lawmakers said they work closely with non- governmental organizations (NGOs) in considering administration requests to ensure that the funds are not used to build up the influence of the armed forces in the post-civil war period. April 1: The Senate approved the military aid bill passed by the House. April 7: President Bush authorized release of US$76.7 million for the Salvadoran government to spend on "demobilization and transition." The amount includes US$13 million from the FY1991 budget, and US$63.7 million approved by the Congress on March 31-April 1 as part of the FY1992 foreign aid supplement. (Basic data from Inter Press Service, 03/31/92, 04/01/92; Agence France-Presse, Spanish news service EFE, 04/07/92)

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