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Despite obstacles and setbacks in the peace process, positive signs of transition in Salvadoran society continue to surface. Among the most noteworthy signs are efforts to reincorporate former combatants from both the army and the guerrillas into civilian life. The most recent example is a seminar funded by the US Embassy in early February in which leaders from the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) received lessons in the basic elements of free market capitalism. During the three-day seminar, conducted by the Costa Rican-based Central American Institute for Business Administration (Instituto Centroamericano de Administracion de Empresas, INCAE), former rebel commanders were taught the basics of macroeconomics, market economics, municipal government, public administration and project evaluation. Total cost for the seminar was US \$378,000. During a brief inaugural ceremony on Feb. 4, US Embassy charge d'affaires Peter Romero said the training workshop was designed to "put a human face on capitalism." Romero assured the FMLN that "for our part, we have no hidden agenda...You should understand that the themes that will be treated in this mini-course are not topics that divide. They are topics that you will be living and debating throughout the future of this country." (Source: United Press International, 02/04/93)

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