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SUBJ: POLITICAL EDUCATION - SALII CHARGES REGARDING OMSN

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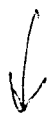
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BEGIN TEXT

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