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Mr. Andre Surena
Assistant Legal Adviser
for Law Enforcement and Intelligence
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Julie Oettinger
Attorney-Adviser

Dear Mr. Surena:

Re: Request for Assistance from the Fourth Criminal Court
Judge of San Salvador

Enclosed please find letters to eight persons regarding the taking of testimony sought by Salvadoran authorities. We appreciate your offer to facilitate delivery of the letters.

We have arranged to take the testimony at the Office of International Affairs Conference Room, 5th Floor, 1400 New York Avenue N.W. A court reporter will be here Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. We hope to have the transcript of each statement completed the day after it is taken, and to arrange for each transcript to be authenticated by a judge or magistrate.

As we discussed, the taking of this testimony is strictly voluntary, and each witness is entitled to bring with him his attorney, his agency's attorney, or anyone else he chooses. However, since the depositions are not public proceedings, we see no basis to admit spectators or persons whose presence has not been requested by the witness.

I will keep you apprised of any further developments.

Sincerely,

Drew C. Arena
Director
Office of International Affairs
Criminal Division

By: John E. Harris
Deputy Director

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