

MOAKLEY URGES REAGAN TO HALT THE TRAINING OF SALVADORAN SOLDIERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Congressman Joe Moakley (D-Ma) x dispatched a letter to President Reagan in which he urgedXXXXXXXX the President to halt the further training of Salvadoran soldiers in the United States."

Moakley cited numerous reports and accounts of gruesome human rights violations that are presently ensuing in El Salvador. He said, "it is clear...that the present government in El Salvador is oppressing its people. It seems to me... that by militarily supporting El Salvador and by training Salvadoran soldiers in the United States that we are contributing to the oppression that now exists."

Moakley stated in the letter that the only possible thing we can gain from this action is "the enmity of the Salvadoran people. Certainly, that is not our desire."

Moakley also XXXXXXXXXXXX urged the President to be more mindful of our history. XI Moakley said, "Twenty five years ago the CIA put the Shah XXXXXXX on the throne in Iran. We then propped him up with over 32 billion in sophisticated arms. But he fell to the challenge of an exiled religious zealot because he had lost the support of his own people--and the same masses who turned against the Shah turned against our Embassy in Tehran." Moakley continued, "How much better it would have been for the Shah and the people of Iran and the United States if instead of sending arms we sent people who knew how to farm, and to build roads, and to teach school and heal the sick."

The same fate seems apparant for ~~the~~ El Salvador.

Moakley also criticized the President for increased US involvement--"How long will it be before the first American soldier comes home in a coffin.?"

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