

Memorandum

TO: JJM
FR: Jim McGovern
RE: Meeting with Ambassador Salaverria

Background

Ambassador Salaverria requested this meeting. I think he wants to talk with you about the letter you sent to President Cristiani on the amnesty and the possibility of a trial in the Jesuits' case.

Amnesty

We asked that Cristiani make a clear statement against an amnesty for those guilty of the Jesuit murders. To date, Cristiani has failed to do that. He has stated that it was "premature" to talk about amnesty. He said that any amnesty would have to be decided by the legislature and not him alone.

Essentially, Cristiani is dodging the issue. The fact is that the defendants have been promised a deal that may or may not entail an amnesty. Cristiani's wavering on the issue certainly does not close the door that an amnesty might be possible.

Trial

Rumors are that a trial will begin Friday, September 20. Is that true? What precautions have been taken to protect the jury? Will there be international observers? If so, who? Are we being invited?

It is important to make clear to the Ambassador that a trial and eight convictions is not enough. There are others involved; the High Command has not cooperated; the investigation has been filled with irregularities --- in short, we want the truth and nothing less. Failure to get the whole truth will result in a significant cut-back in aid.

The High Command thinks we in Congress will be satisfied with half justice. We won't -- and neither will the Salvadoran people.

I must be honest, I think President Cristiani is a good man -- but I have been very disappointed with his lack of forceful action in the Jesuits' case. The failure of obtaining the whole truth must rest -- at least in some part -- with the President.

United Nations

The FMLN and the Salvadoran Government will meet separately on Monday and Tuesday in New York with the UN Secretary General, Perez de Cuellar. Is there any hope that something dramatic may arise?

JOE - WRITE-IN your poem and I'll get it to the Herald.

Congressman Joe Moakley just returned from a 7-day trip to Ireland with Speaker Tom Foley and other Democratic leaders. The group visited Dublin and Belfast and met with various dignitaries including President Mary Robinson, U.S. Ambassador Richard Moore, and John Hume (leader of SDLP). IAN PAISLEY - THE TROUSERS

~~But Moakley apparently has had his fill of Irish cuisine. On route back to the U.S., Moakley composed this Irish ditty.~~

MEETING
TWO AT EVERY ~~MEETING~~ THERE WAS SOME SORT OF A SALMON DISH AND ALL VERY DELICIOUS - IT BECAME A STANDING JOKE WITHIN THE DELEGATION WHAT KIND OF SALMON WE WOULD HAVE AT THE TABLE, - SO MOAKLEY COMPOSED THIS LIMERICK:

THE IRISH SALMON A WORLD TREASURE
WAS INGESTED BY THE ~~CON~~ CONGRESSIONAL GROUP
IN GREAT MEASURE -
EVERY TIME WE MET -
WHETHER EARLY OR LATE -
WE NOW SWIM UPSTREAM FOR OUR PLEASURE,