

July 20, 1990

MEMO

TO: Joe Moakley
FR: Jim McGovern
RE: Staff trip to El Salvador
in August

As you requested, the following is a brief proposal for a staff trip to El Salvador during the August recess.

In view of the ongoing negotiations on aid levels with the Administration, a trip to El Salvador would be timely. It would enable staff to prepare updated briefing materials for Democratic Members on the latest round of talks between the FMLN and the government and other relevant matters. In that regard, it has been suggested that the delegation spend one day in Mexico City to talk directly with some in the FMLN leadership.

The trip would also continue our efforts in gathering information on the Jesuit case. Since our April 30 report, we have received only periodic reports from the embassy and human rights groups about the progress in the case. There is a need to update our information.

It has also been suggested that staff investigate the Joya Martinez case -- in order that we may formally question him when the Congress returns from recess in September.

The delegation could travel to Mexico City and El Salvador sometime between August 8-16. Staff to be invited include: Jim McGovern (Moakley); Mike O'Neil (the Speaker); Bill Woodward (Studds); Mark Murray (Obey); Nancy Agris (Western Hem.); Jerry Hartz or Kathy Gille (Bonior); John Plashal (Murtha) and a Republican.