

MEMORANDUM

To: Joe Moakley
From: Matt McHugh
Date: January 31, 1990
Re: Suggested Appointments for the Trip to El Salvador

In addition to the likely meetings with President Cristiani, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Colonel Rene Emilio Ponce, Minister of Defense General Rafael Humberto Larros, Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Pacas Castro, Attorney General Mauricio Eduardo Colorado, and other Government officials, below is a list of individuals gleaned from various meetings and reports who appear to be especially useful to talk to while in El Salvador:

1. The Jesuit Case

- * Arturo Rivera y Damas, Archbishop of San Salvador
- * Gregorio Rosa Chavez, Auxiliary Bishop of San Salvador (the International Council of Voluntary Agencies Mission was very impressed with him)
- * Maria Julia Hernandez, Tutela Legal (Catholic Church's Human Rights Office)
- * Martha Doggett, Lawyers Committee (who may be in El Salvador at the time, with Board Member Scott Greathead of the New York Attorney General's Office)
- * Judge Ricardo A. Zamora, San Salvador's Fourth Penal Judge (in charge of the investigation)
- * Father Miguel Francisco Estrada, Rector of the Catholic University and successor to Father Ellacuria (or the Jesuit Provincial)
- * Marjorie Miller, Los Angeles Times (if in country at that time)
- * Celia Medrano, Human Rights Commission of El Salvador (especially regarding Joya Martinez, the army deserter who admittedly has participated in death squad activities, but also on politically motivated murders generally; this organization has been labelled as an FMLN front group)
- * Colonel Manuel Antonio Rivas Mejia, head of the Special Investigations Unit (which is investigating the Jesuits' murders)
- * If possible, it would be very useful and interesting to speak with the alleged assassins:

- Colonel Guillermo Benavides
- Lt. Yuzi Rene Mendoza
- Lt. Jose Ricardo Espinoza Guerra
- Sub-Lt. Gonzalo Guevara Serrito
- the two sergeants, corporal and enlisted man

2. The Military

* Colonel Francisco Elena Fuentes, Commander of the First Brigade (especially regarding his views on Joya Martinez)

* Tom Gibb, BBC (who worked with Doug Farah of the Washington Post on a key story on death squads in January 1989; the latter knows the military very well, but should be in Colombia)

* Iain Murray, Charge of the British Embassy (who will only be candid if the session is off-the-record and outside the U.S. Embassy)

* Alvaro Magana, Former President

* Atilio Vиейtes, Christian Democratic Party (an honest economist who gives good briefings; reportedly more candid than Party leader, Fidel Chavez)

* Mariano Castro Moran@, retired Colonel and member of the Civil-Military Directorate that ruled El Salvador 1961-62

3. The Judicial System

* Jemera Rone, Americas Watch, (worth having her give a briefing in the early part of the visit, to give an overview of problems in the judicial system and repeated efforts to achieve change)

* Head of the Committee of Mothers and Relatives of Political Prisoners (COMADRES)

* In order to get a complete picture of justice in El Salvador, a visit to Mariona prison, where over 1000 political prisoners are believed held, or to Ilopango women's prison, where Jennifer Gasolo was held, could reveal a great deal.

4. Business, Economics, and Labor

* Jose Roberto Orellan, President of the National Reserve Bank (he may be able to discuss military ownership of businesses, bank accounts, etc.)

* Angela Biguer@, Economist, President of the Salvadoran Bank, and former Vice Minister of Economics

* Roberto Murray Meza (very wealthy but moderate business figure; member of Sanford Commission)

- * Hector Figueroa, Chamber of Commerce (a more conservative representative)
- * Hector Dada@, Economist, former member of the Government's Revolutionary Junta, and member of the United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- * Manuel Sevilla@, Economist, Vice Minister of the Treasury and former Executive Director for the Salvadoran Foundation for Development and Low Income Housing
- * Head of the National Federation of Salvadoran Workers (FENASTRAS)
- * Head of the Federation of Independent Unions and Associations of El Salvador (FEASIES)
- * Head of the National Union of Salvadoran Workers (UNTS)

I will try to update and expand this list as more names become available and as changes occur.

@ These individuals participated in a GAO Symposium of Central Americans in San Jose, Costa Rica in August 1988 and, if available, should be willing to speak openly.