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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert S. Mueller, III
Assistant Attorney General

FROM: Paul L. Maloney
Deputy Assistant Attorney General *PLM*

SUBJECT: El Salvador-Murder of Jesuit Priests

I attended a meeting this morning with Dan Levin of the Deputy's office regarding the investigation of the murder of the Jesuit priests in El Salvador specifically as it pertains to one Army Major Buckland. During the Bureau's foreign assist efforts to the Salvadorean government, agents interviewed and polygraphed Major Buckland regarding his knowledge of circumstances surrounding the murders. During those interviews, Major Buckland gave several conflicting statements. One of the statements (later recanted) asserted that the Major had prior knowledge of the murders. However, polygraph results were either inconclusive or deceptive. To date, there is no evidence that the Major participated in any fashion in the commission of these murders.

The uncertainty of the Major's truthfulness has caused concern among several interested groups including the Army and State. The Army has evaluated the information known to date and is instituting a UCMJ procedure to seek further information regarding the Major's actions. A request was initiated by DOD for immunity for Major Buckland. Further, there was a request for Bureau resources to interview and polygraph Buckland.

Dave Margolis and I met with Bureau representatives earlier this week. General Lit was tasked to study the issue of Bureau legal authority to assist. The Section's view was that such authority existed either as a continuation of its foreign assistance to El Salvador or as an assist to DOD. The Bureau reps have been in contact with Baker during this process.

Concerning immunity, our view was that statutory use immunity was all that was necessary to accomplish the purpose of further interview of the Major. Dan Levin concurred in this assessment.

This position was conveyed to representatives of State and DOD this morning. While some Army participants raised the issue of transactional immunity, both Dan and I conveyed our opposition.

Accordingly, DOD will forward a request for immunity pursuant to the statute through OEO to me. After sign-off, a joint Bureau/DOD interview of the Major will occur. The issue of subsequent polygraph has been reserved for now. The Bureau reps will be in contact with Baker. This plan is within prior discussions with him.

The tentative time frame for the immunity request is early next week. The interview of the Major will occur during the week of November 26.