

**Confidential**

1. I received some information last week, from a very reliable source who I cannot mention by name, regarding the Jesuits' case which has me extremely upset.

2. It is my understanding that neither my Task Force, nor the judge, has been told the entire story about the knowledge and the allegations of Major Buckland.

3. When Major Buckland returned to the United States in early January appantly he had a converstaion with the FBI in which he stated the following:

-- 10 days before the Jeusits were murdered, Col. Aviles asked Buckland to go with him on a drive to the Military School. Col. Ponce had asked Aviles to go over to the school to calm Benavides, who was railing ( in a threatening tone) about the Jesuits.

-- When they arrived at the school, Aviles went to talk to Benavides alone, while Buckland looked out at the school's track.

-- When Aviles was finished, he and Buckland left the school and Aviles did not detail his conversation.

4. When Buckland went to testify before the Judge two weeks ago, there were restrictions put on his questioning -- negotiated by the Dept. of Defense: the judge could not ask him anything about prior to the murders or about when he returned to the United States.

5. Obviously, Buckland's original story, which I now understand he has recanted, raises some important issues about prior knowledge. I find it somewhat astounding that this was kept secret.

6. I'm pissed -- and may very well go public with this stuff on Sunday, in a speech at Tufts University.

7. I want the following assurances from you:

-- your personal assurance that the Judge in El Salvador has been informed of Buckland's account.

-- your assurance that the US Government has offered to make Major Buckland available to the judge for further questioning, no holds barred.

-- the transcript (on my desk by friday) of Buckland's interviews and lie detector tests taken in the United States; and

-- the names, positions, and phone numbers of every official of the State Dept., Dept of Defense, the Embassy, and FBI who participated in, or who were fully briefed on Buckland's statements.

I'll give you until 10am on Friday to get back to me.

I have given the Administration and the Embassy every possible break, in reporting this stuff. We could have gone after a lot of things -- but we decided not to. I really feel betrayed on this one.