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COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE EL SALVADOR TASK FORCE

Following yesterday's meeting, I had a few thoughts I wanted to share with you.

The first is that I would like to help in any way I can. I did volunteer construction work in Nicaragua from 1981-82, under the auspices of the Jesuits at UCA in Managua. I knew Amando Lopez and Juan Moreno, who were killed in November, because they were stationed in Managua at that time, so I have a personal interest in seeing the Task Force succeed. I speak Spanish and would be interested in going to El Salvador if such a trip is arranged. Please don't be shy to call if you need help.

Second, I hope you can convince the Chairman to narrow the focus of the Task Force's mission. The "mandate" is extremely broad as set out in the handout from the meeting and would be overwhelming even for a committee with more resources and time. I think it would be wise to have a clear and narrow statement of purpose before we begin.

Finally, I have a couple of suggestions for witnesses who could testify before the committee. Rev. John Sobrino, S.J., lived in the same house with the nine Jesuits who were murdered. He is alive today only because he was out of the country on the day of the attack. He would have the most direct knowledge of the relationship of this community of Jesuits to the political and military arms of the government right up to the time of the attack. He may have reservations about testifying, because he wants to return to El Salvador as soon as possible. I have put in a call to the Jesuit Conference in Washington to ask if he is even willing to be invited to testify, or if that might jeopardize his return to El Salvador.

Another potential witness is Hoya Martinez, the ex-death squad member who fled El Salvador in October. Just a few weeks ago, he sat in Dan's office and described his work, how he got his orders, and the relationship of U.S. advisers to his military brigade. He will not have direct knowledge of the killings, but he could provide important background. He is staying in the Washington area. I have a phone number where he can be reached.

Please let me know how I can help.

