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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Dan Levin

FROM: Tom Reinhardt *TR*

SUBJECT: Meeting With Congressman Moakley on the Salvadoran Matter.

Today's meeting with Congressman Moakley focused on the issues that we had expected. The major surprise of the meeting was the fact that the Congressman had the documents, to include the polygraph reports on Major Buckland, that he had requested from us on his desk when we arrived. Just before the end of the meeting, I asked the Congressman who had given him the documents. While not stating it directly, he led me to believe that he had gotten them from the Salvadorans.

His questions focused on if and when the FBI had turned the documents over to the Embassy. He was assured by the FBI that the documents went to the Embassy and that cable traffic between the Embassy and the FBI existed to substantiate this assertion. He did not ask to see the cables. He had some questions on what the Embassy had done with the documents. The response was that with the exception of the knowledge of a meeting in the Embassy on January 13, 1990 attended by the Ambassador, the DCM and various others where the foreknowledge aspect of the Buckland statements of the 11th and 12th were discussed, that the FBI agents had no personal knowledge and could not speculate on what may have happened in the Embassy. He seemed satisfied that the FBI had forwarded the documents to the Embassy.

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Mr. Moakley's other major interest was in evaluating the Buckland testimony and determining what remains to be done to close out the Buckland aspect of the investigation in El Salvador. Mr. Moakley was advised that the Buckland testimony on prior knowledge can only be described as inconclusive. He was also told that the FBI had advised the Embassy to advise the Salvadorans to check out the leads in the Buckland statements to corroborate his testimony. Mr. Moakley had a few questions relative to a letter written by Buckland to his sister which would tend to buttress Buckland's no prior knowledge assertions.

cf: Lee Rawls
Paul Colborn

