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Reference is made ^(u) to the Bureau's recent investigation of "Unknown Subject; Furnishing Funds and Weapons to Salvadoran Death Squads in El Salvador" and to our memorandum of October 11, 1984 captioned as above. That memorandum requested an investigation of ARENA fundraising in the United States under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 611 et seq. To date we have not received the results of this investigation. (X)

In a Washington news conference reported in the March 22, 1985 Washington Post, Col. Roberto Santivanez, reportedly head of El Salvador's central intelligence agency in 1978-1979, said that the decision to kill Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero was made by Miami-based Salvadoran capitalists "who gave the money" and that Col. Ricardo Lau, who directed the former Nicaraguan national guardsmen who committed the murder, was paid \$120,000 by the exiles on March 27, 1980, three days after the murder. (U)

In connection with your investigation of ARENA fundraising ^(u) it is requested that you interview Col. Santivanez to determine his knowledge of Salvadoran exile community funding of ARENA, D'Aubuisson and the murder. This should include the identity of the fundraisers, their technique, the method of transmitting the money overseas and the basis of his knowledge of what the money was used for. (X)

Results of the investigation should be forwarded to the Criminal Division, attention Registration Unit.

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Reference is made to the Bureau's recent investigation of "Unknown Subject; Furnishing Funds and Weapons to Salvadoran Death Squads in El Salvador." That investigation did not uncover any evidence to substantiate allegations that persons in the United States are directly or indirectly directing or funding the death squads. It did, however, uncover evidence that persons in the United States are funding the ARENA political party and its leader Robert D'Aubuisson. (S)(u)

The Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 511, et seq. (FARA), defines an agent of a foreign principal to include a person who "directly or through any other person -

... within the United States solicits, collects, disburses or dispenses contributions, loans, money or other things of value for or in the interest of such foreign principal." (U)

In an interview of (b)(7)(C) on June 26, 1984,

"death squad" publicity that prior to the Salvadorans within the United States supported the ARENA party with funds from their Salvadoran interests. Other persons interviewed alleged that couriers carried funds from wealthy exiles to ARENA in El Salvador. The core group of such ARENA supporters appears to be the group of 29 persons (u)

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originally identified by State or identified with the Salvadoran American Foundation, Inc., formerly the Salvadoran Freedom Foundation. One such supporter, (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) admitted in an interview on July 12, 1984 to providing over \$10,000 to ARENA in the last election. (S) (u)

Accordingly, in connection with its ongoing investigation, the Bureau is requested to determine full particulars regarding ARENA political fundraising, or other political fundraising within the Salvadoran exile community in the United States. The investigation should include, but not be limited to, the identities of persons who solicit or collect such funds, and the media resources (radio, television, print) especially Spanish language media, utilized for such solicitation. The investigation should focus on the period from the first stage of the land reform through the attempted coup d'etat by D'Aubuisson to the recent presidential election. (S) (u)

Results of the investigation should be forwarded to the Criminal Division, attention Registration Unit. (S)

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