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MEMO

TO: JIM MCGOVERN

FROM: MIKE CHAPMAN

HERE ARE THE THOUGHTS DAVE WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AS ADDITIONS TO THE REPORT. WE THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO PLACE THESE COMMENTS EARLY ON IN THE REPORT, PERHAPS SOMEWHERE IN THE INTRODUCTION.

"This report should not be considered as an indictment of the entire armed forces of El Salvador. The Task Force recognizes that there are numerous officers and enlisted men in the armed forces who carry out their duties in a professional and responsible manner. These individuals should be commended."

"Although it is not the responsibility of the Task Force to investigate human rights abuses of the FMLN, the Task Force recognizes that the guerrillas have been an instrumental part of the violence that which has afflicted Salvadoran society for the last ten years. Assassinations of elected civilian political leaders (including an attempt on the lives of President Cristiani and the Vice President Merino at the outset of the November offensive), causing the deaths of innocent civilians, destruction of the country's economic infrastructure, kidnappings, and other acts of sabotage by the FMLN have only contributed to El Salvador's misery."