

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SUBJECT: Priest Killings, El Salvador 11/16/89

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Honorable Paul Simon  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Senator Simon:

In your letter of December 20, 1989, you noted concern on the part of a number of your constituents about press reports of alleged abuses against a reported witness to the murder in El Salvador of six Jesuit priests. I certainly understand your concern, and I am saddened at the senseless death of these people.

The FBI has only a limited role in this investigation. We are providing limited support to the Special Investigative Unit of El Salvador, the law enforcement organization charged by the government of El Salvador to investigate the killings. It appears that they are making substantial progress in their investigation.

- 1 - Mr. Baker - Enclosure
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- 1 - Mr. Hicks - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Hale - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Collingwood - Enclosure
- 3 - Mr. [REDACTED] - Enclosure
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Note: By letter dated December 20, 1989, Senator Paul Simon wrote to the FBI expressing concern on behalf of his constituents regarding press reports of alleged abuses by U. S. Federal Agents against a reported witness to the murders of six Jesuit priests in El Salvador. In our response, we note that because this is a pending matter, we are unable to provide details. We also note that we are reviewing the investigation.

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By Courier  
FBI/DOJ

Honorable Paul Simon

We are cooperating with Congress on the issue of FBI assistance to the El Salvadoran authorities. On December 15, 1989, the FBI received a request from Congressman Joe Moakley for a briefing concerning the FBI's handling and interviewing of the Salvadoran family in this matter. Congressman Moakley chairs an ad hoc congressional task force on behalf of the Speaker that is investigating the murders. On December 19, 1989, after approval by Director Sessions and the Department of Justice, representatives of the FBI briefed Congressmen Moakley, McHugh, McClosky, Hoyer, Hamilton, Bonior, Spratt, Obey, and Murtha. Several staff were also present. The topics of the briefing included the FBI's handling of the Salvadoran family, how the FBI uses the polygraph as an investigative aid, and the FBI's role in foreign police cooperation matters.

The FBI must have the trust and confidence of the American public and Congress if we are to do our job. We are reviewing all aspects of this investigation to ensure that we maintain that trust and confidence. In our review, we have discovered no indication that the allegations in the article included with your letter are accurate.

Respectfully yours,

John E. Collingwood  
Inspector-in-Charge  
Congressional Affairs Office

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February 6, 1990

Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

RE: UNSUBS; MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS,  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR;  
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION-MURDER;  
OO: HQ 163(A)-61055

As you are aware, the inquiry into the above-captioned matter was assigned to Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] Counterterrorism Planning Unit. In order that this extensive report be completed in a timely manner, it was necessary that personnel resources from the Counterterrorism Section (CTS) be utilized to complete this project. In addition to the conducting of the inquiry by SSA [REDACTED] CTS resources were used in report preparation, writing, assembly, typing, and formatting. As this inquiry was not a normal CTS matter, the following breakdown of CTS personnel resource involvement is being provided for your information.

- Assistant Section Chief  
Secretary [REDACTED] - 1 day
- Steno Pool - approximately 1 work day  
for each of three people
- Intelligence Research Specialist  
[REDACTED] - 4 days
- SSA [REDACTED] - 4 weeks

As the above resource usage doesn't reflect normal Counterterrorism Program responsibilities, the above is being provided for your information and consideration.

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February 6, 1990

Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

RE: UNSUBS; MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS,  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR;  
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION-MURDER;  
OO: HQ 163(A)-61055

b7c This is to inform you that the inquiry into the above captioned matter has been completed and provided to Mr. Baker's office. As you are aware, Supervisory Special Agents (SSAs) [REDACTED] Counterterrorism Planning Unit (CPU), and [REDACTED] Drug Section, were assigned by Mr. Baker to complete this tasking.

b7c The final report of this in-depth inquiry proved to be quite comprehensive and voluminous. At this time, SSA [REDACTED] has requested that I convey his thanks for the assistance of individuals in the Counterterrorism Section for their participation in the timely completion of this extensive report. First, appreciation is expressed for the assistance of Assistant Section Chief Secretary [REDACTED] for her efforts in correcting, formatting, and preparing the final version of the report. Thanks are also expressed for the participation of Typing Supervisory [REDACTED] and the members of the Steno Pool for their efforts in preparing FD 302s for inclusion in the final report. Finally, appreciation is also expressed for the assistance of Intelligence Research Specialist [REDACTED] for his assistance in proofreading, report preparation, writing of certain sections of the report, and assembly of the final product.

Without the assistance of the above individuals, the final report into this matter would not have been completed in such a comprehensive and timely manner. Please convey my gratitude for their participation to the above individuals.

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DATE: February 9, 1990

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UNSUB(S);  
KILLING OF 6 JESUIT PRIESTS;  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR  
FPC - Murder

TO: U.S. Embassy 25 AVENIDA NORTE #1230  
San Salvador, El Salvador  
~~Miami, Florida 33123~~

OO: Mexico City

Attention: Mr. Raymond L. Gagnon

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Invoice of Contents

Description Contents:

Q1 - Q32

ALSO SUBMITTED item

Typewrite  
clothing.

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3287 TL 241

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Mail Room: 1B327, TL 152

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SHIPPING METHODS

Air Freight and Express Services

Overnight

2-Day Standard Service

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Hazardous Materials Only

Weight of Hazardous Materials:

Packaged By

Signature

Date

All items listed above are contained in this package.

A detailed description items will be found in Bureau communication dated 2-9-90

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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To: LEGAT, Mexico City

February 9, 1990

FBI FILE NO.

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LAB. NO.

91221027 S QX TI

Re: UNSUB(S);  
KILLING OF 6 JESUIT PRIESTS;  
① SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR  
FPC - Murder

OO: Mexico City

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Evidence received December 21, 1989

Examination requested: Chemical Analysis - Firearms

Specimens received December 21, 1989

Specimens personally delivered by Mr. [redacted] on  
December 21, 1989:

ITEMS FROM:

FATHER IGNACIO ELLACURIA

Q1 Pajama top

Q2 Robe

FATHER JOAQUIN LOPEZ Y LOPEZ

Q3 Pants

Q4 Undershirt

1 - U.S. Embassy  
San Salvador, El Salvador  
APO  
Miami, Florida 43023

Attention: Mr. Raymond L. Gagnon

1 - Mr. [redacted] (OLIA - Room 7446)

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FATHER AMANDO LOPEZ

Q5 Towel poncho

Q6 Pajama top

FATHER IGNACIO MARTIN BARRO

Q7 Shirt

Q8 Pants

FATHER SEGUNDO MONTES

Q9 Pajama bottoms

FATHER RAMON MORENO

Q10 Pants

Q11 Shirt

MATERIAL FROM FIRST SITE (RECEPTION ROOM):

Q12 Fragments of Coca Cola bottle glass

Q13 Fragments of a plastic garbage can that contains tissue paper and other things

Q14 Burned metal box which contained completely burned paper money inside

Q15 Fragments of a completely burned typewriter

Q16 Smoke residue collected from two desks and a file cabinet

Q17 Scraping from the floor

Q18 Samples of smoke collected from the southern and western walls

Q19 Particles from a socket

SECOND SITE (LIBRARY COMPUTATION OFFICE):

Q20 Portion of burned cloth

- Q21 Burned portion of cloth
- Q22 Burned fragments of cloth, curtain and a partially burned cord
- Q23 Three semi-destroyed books and a piece of newspaper
- Q24 Residue from burned paper
- Q25 Partially burned Polaroid film box
- Q26 Pieces of burned papers
- Q27 Smoke residue on paper filter
- Q28 Three spiral notebooks, black and white and color photographs
- Q29 Samples from a piece of curtain fabric
- Q30 Residue from plastic and paper
- Q31 Portion of burned material
- Q32 Portion of video

**ALSO SUBMITTED:**

Picture album

**Result of examination:**

A physical examination was conducted on specimens Q12 through Q32. However, no conclusion could be reached regarding how the fire started.

The areas around all the holes found in the Q1 through Q11 articles of clothing were microscopically examined and chemically procured for the presence of gunshot residues. Some lead residues were found around two holes in the back of Q4, the right sleeve of Q5 and the right shoulder of Q6. The presence of these lead residues is

indicative of the muzzle of the firearm(s) being relatively close to Q4, Q5 and Q6 at the time of firing. This distance is probably within approximately two feet.

No gunshot residues were found around any other of the holes found in the above articles of clothing.

Specimens Q1 through Q32 and the ALSO SUBMITTED item are being returned by registered mail to:

U.S. Embassy  
San Salvador, El Salvador  
APO  
Miami, Florida 34023

Attention: Mr. Raymond L. Gagnon

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: LEGAT, Mexico City

FBI FILE NO. *75/63-61055-12*

Re: *15* UNSUB(S);  
KILLING OF 6 JESUIT PRIESTS;  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR  
FPC - Murder

LAB. NO. 91221027 S QX TI

YOUR NO.

OO: Mexico City

Examination by:

*Q1 - Q11 to T1 1/10/90*

Examination requested by: Addressee

*RJD 2/6/90*

Reference: Evidence received December 21, 1989

Examination requested: Chemical Analysis - Firearms

Specimens received: December 21, 1989

Specimens personally delivered by Mr. on December 21, 1989:

ITEMS FROM:

FATHER IGNACIO ELLACURIA

Q1 Pajama top

Q2 Robe

FATHER JOAQUIN LOPEZ Y LOPEZ

Q3 Pants

Q4 Undershirt

FATHER AMANDO LOPEZ

Q5 Towel poncho

Q6 Pajama top

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FATHER IGNACIO MARTIN BARO

Q7 Shirt

Q8 Pants

FATHER SEGUNDO MONTES

Q9 Pajama bottoms

FATHER RAMON MORENO

Q10 Pants

Q11 Shirt

MATERIAL FROM FIRST SITE (RECEPTION ROOM):

- ✓ Q12 Fragments of Coca Cola bottle glass
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- ✓ Q14 Burned metal box which contained completely burned paper money inside
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- ✓ Q17 Scraping from the floor
- ✓ Q18 Samples of smoke collected from the southern and western walls
- ✓ Q19 Particles from a socket

SECOND SITE (LIBRARY COMPUTATION OFFICE):

- ✓ Q20 Portion of burned cloth
- ✓ Q21 Burned portion of cloth
- ✓ Q22 Burned fragments of cloth, curtain and a partially burned cord

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- ✓ Q24 Residue from burned paper
- ✓ Q25 Partially burned Polaroid film box
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- ✓ Q27 Smoke residue on paper filter
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- Q29 Samples from a piece of curtain fabric
- Q30 Residue from plastic and paper
- Q31 Portion of burned material
- Q32 Portion of video

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Picture album

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Food used in three separate boxes and one large bundle was Continental Airlines (personally carried?) checked baggage.

Most items processed only in paper envelopes or plastic bags.

Q12 - Q20 Together in one manila envelope. Inside Q12 was in a separate envelope and Q20 in a plastic bag. Q12 was in a plastic bag with the two envelopes.

The Coca Cola? bottle was broken and food melted. Dry w/ essentially no odor. It was coated with an off white powder - possibly just ash.

Q20 - In another plastic bag, also. Burned to a black crisp.

Q15 - Typewriter packed with rubber from rubber in a separate bag.

Dry & completely burned. Only the metal portions remaining.

Q13 - In double plastic bag. Contains a melted plastic garbage can which

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and uncharred paper. Very dry.

Q14: In double plastic bags. Small metal box contained ~ 5 coins and some charred ~~piece~~ pieces of paper. There was also some charred metal — probably Aluminum. The other metal (box) was not melted.

Q16 - Q19 } all in one manila envelope  
Q24, Q27 }  
Q29 - Q32 }

Q16 - Small plastic zip lock bag containing two pieces of filter paper. Some soot on paper

Q17 - Zip lock bag. A few small fragments of charred material

Q18 - Same as Q16 (3 pieces of filter paper)

Q19 - Zip lock plastic bag - melted and broken plastic fragments

Q24 - Zip lock bag contains a piece of filter paper and small piece of black postcard (paper?)

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Q27 - Same as Q16 - one piece of filter paper

Q29 - Small piece of fabric, unburned & uncharred - in a small pill box.

Q30 - Zip lock plastic bag containing melted plastic & burned paper. Also contained some large particles, looked like sand, but granules are much larger

Q31 - small pill box - small piece of black burned material

Q32 - Zip lock plastic bag containing melted piece of plastic or glass

Q21 & Q25 - In same manila envelope  
Q21 → In double plastic bags. Completely burned black cloth

Q25 - In double plastic bags. Charred Polaroid film box

Q22 - In manila envelope. Its piece W/S. Burned & charred.

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Q23 - In manila envelope. In double  
plastic bags. One plastic bag  
containing 3 spiral note books.  
Three separate plastic bags  
containing Chaud photos

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Laboratory Work Sheet

12-21-89

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To: LEGAT, Mexico City

FBI FILE NO. 163-61055-12

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KILLING OF 6 JESUIT PRIESTS;  
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FPC - Murder

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Q3 Pants

Q4 Undershirt

FATHER AMANDO LOPEZ

Q5 Towel poncho

Q6 Pajama top

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FATHER IGNACIO MARTIN BARO

Q7 Shirt

Q8 Pants

FATHER SEGUNDO MONTES

Q9 Pajama bottoms

FATHER RAMON MORENO

Q10 Pants

Q11 shirt pajama bottoms

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ALSO SUBMITTED:

Picture album

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Please Furnish Complete Information

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Suspect(s) <i>UN'sub(s)</i>	Victim(s) <i>Rem - Killing of Six Jesuit Priests. FPC - Murder San Salvador, El Salvador</i>
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Offense <i>Murder - FPC - v.05</i>	Place and date of offense
Agency case #	

Date of hearing, grand jury, trial, or reason why expeditious handling is necessary

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short sleeve pajama  
top

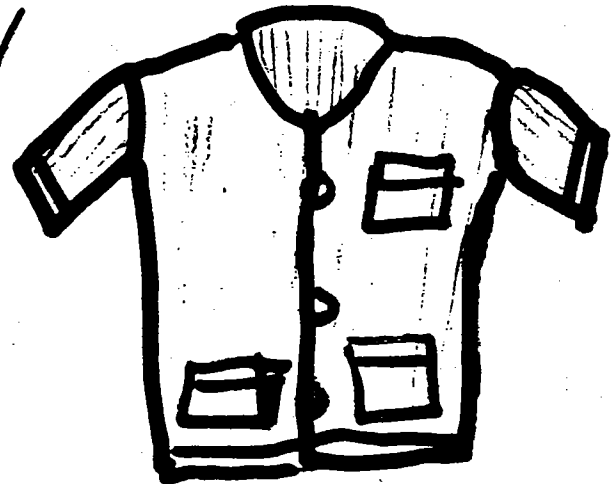
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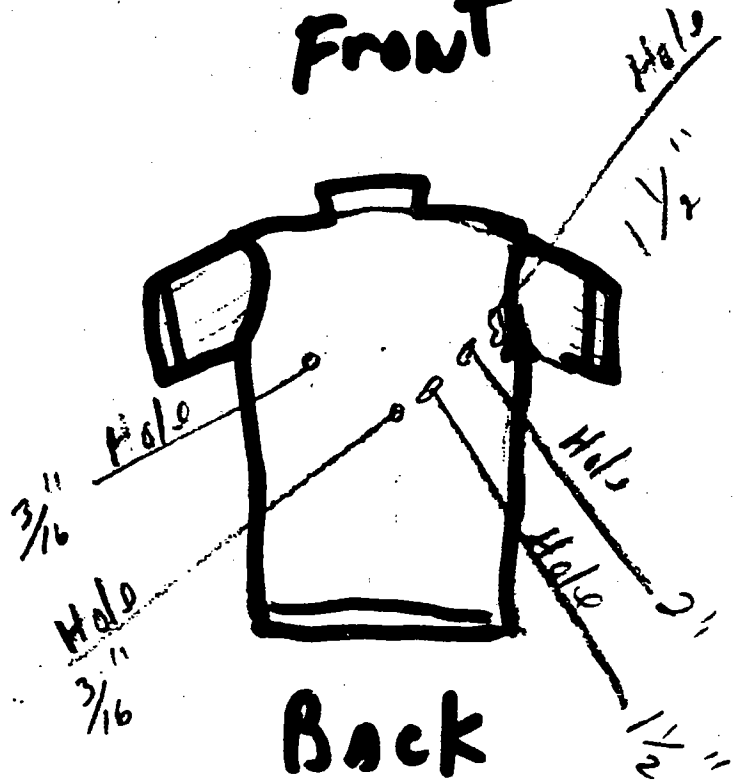
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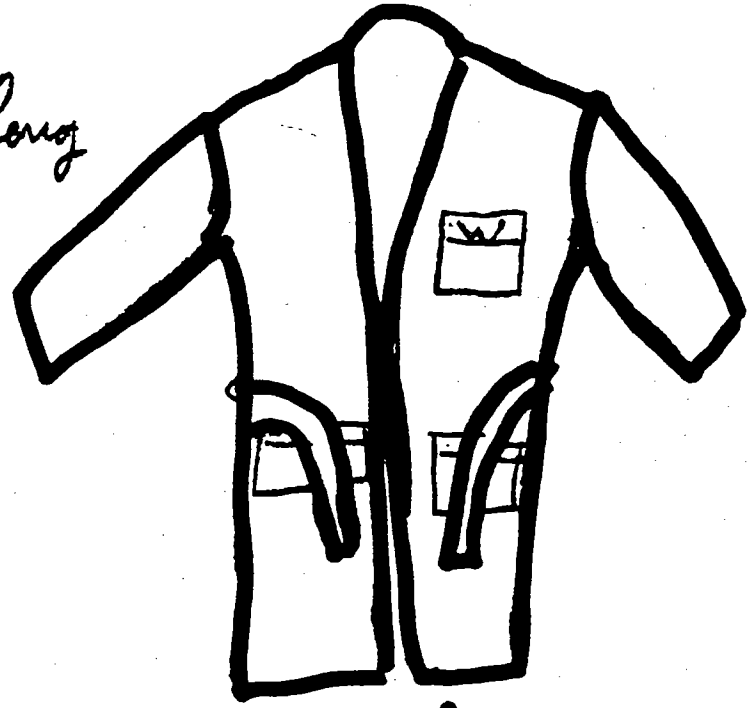
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Mol)

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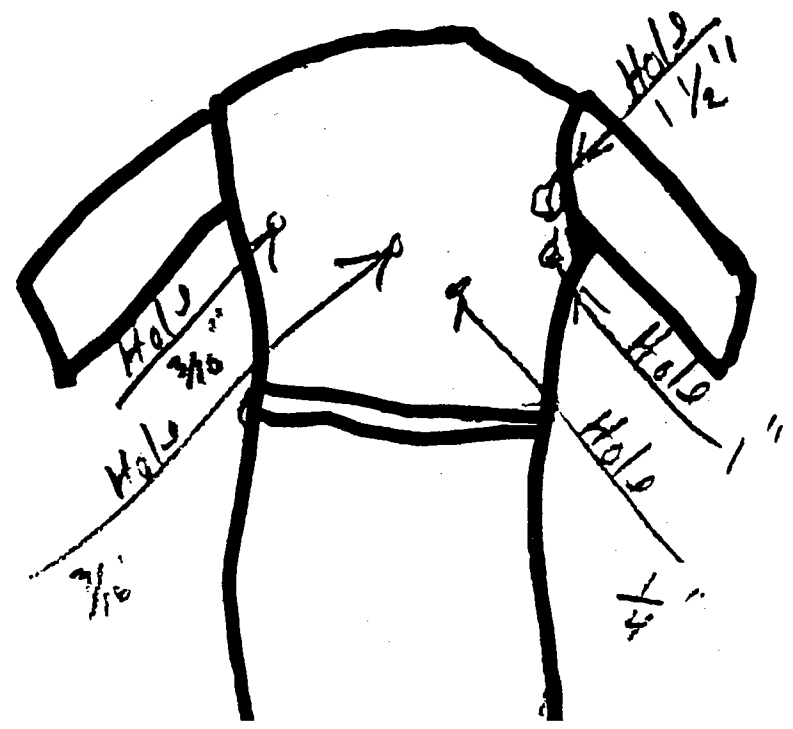


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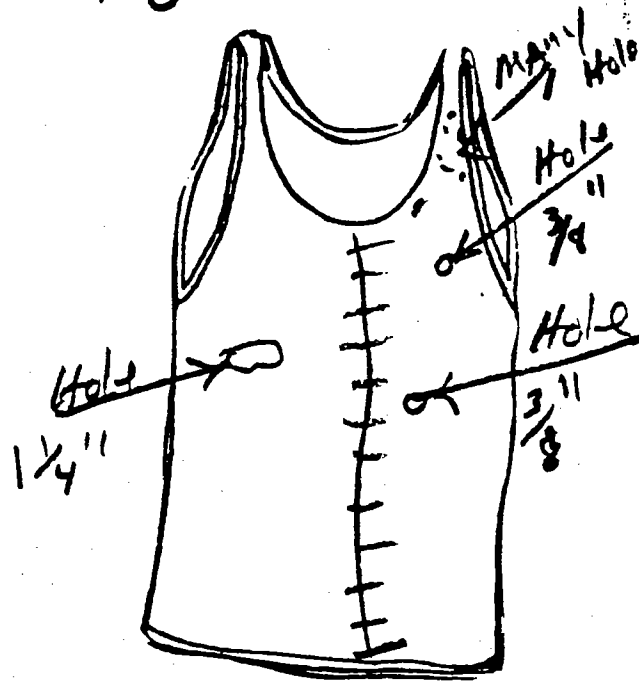
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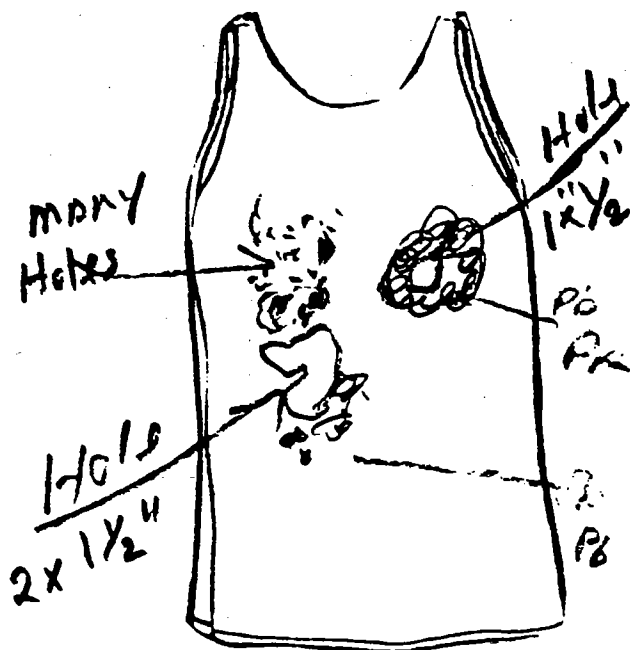


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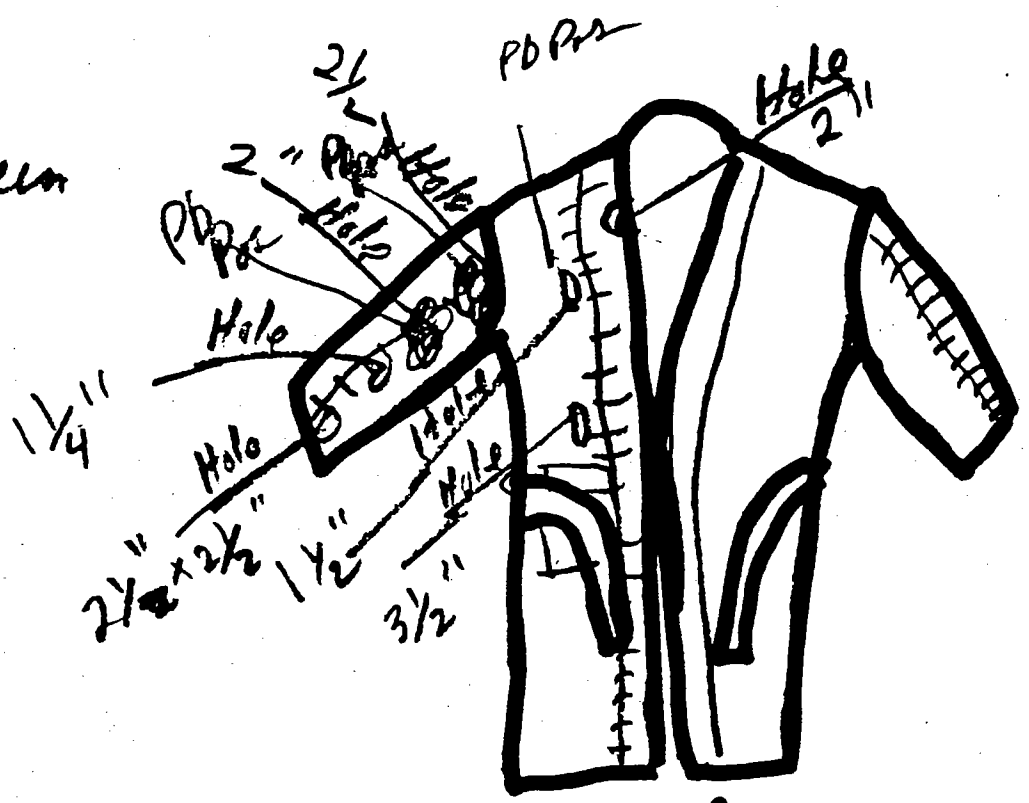
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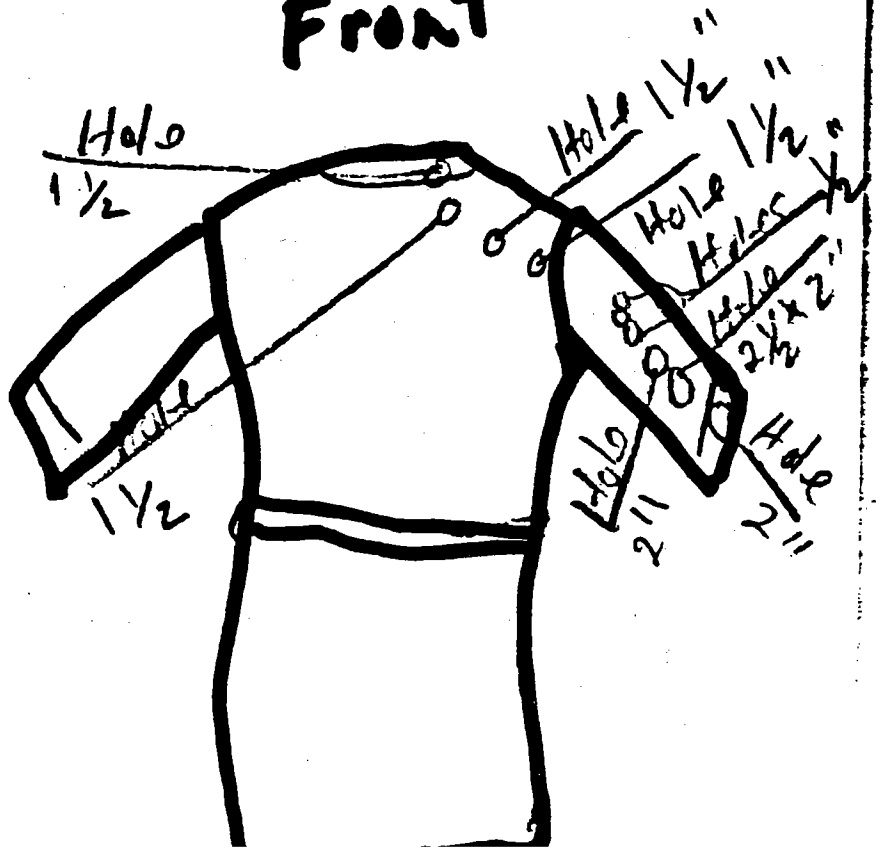
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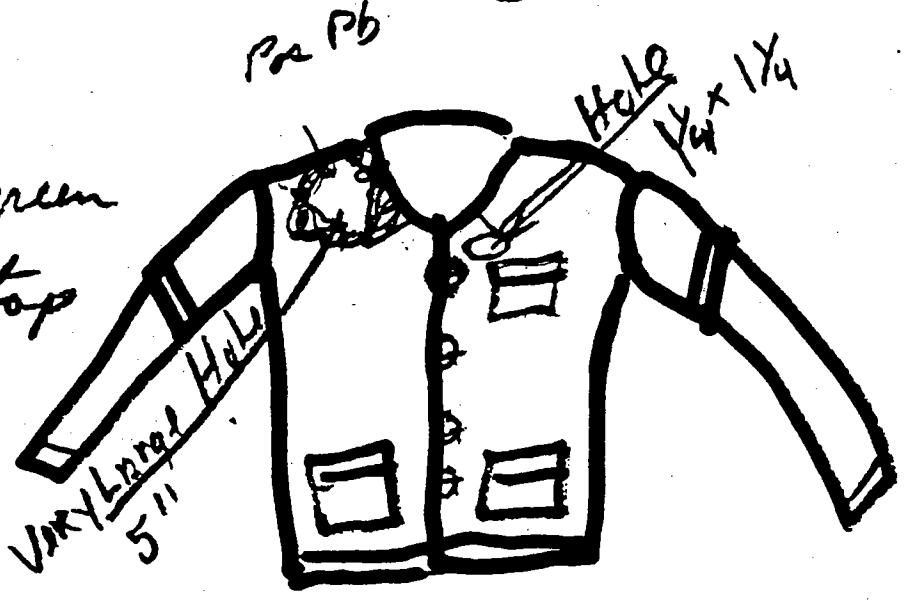


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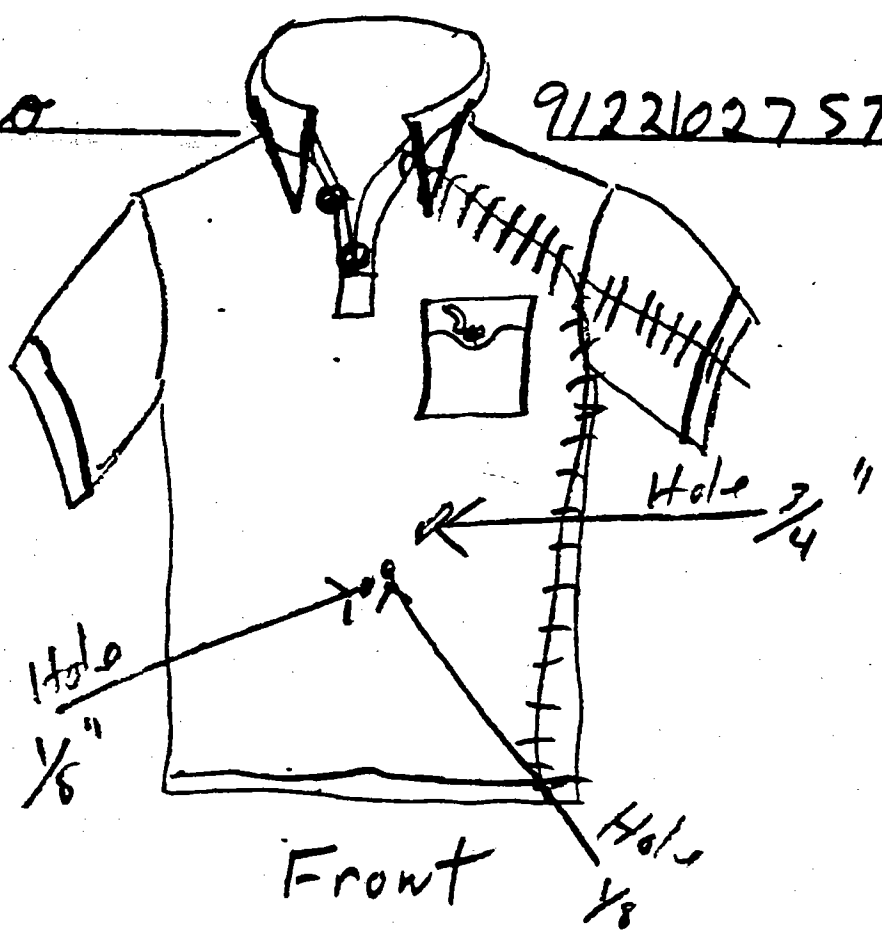
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mtd)

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Brand name Arman

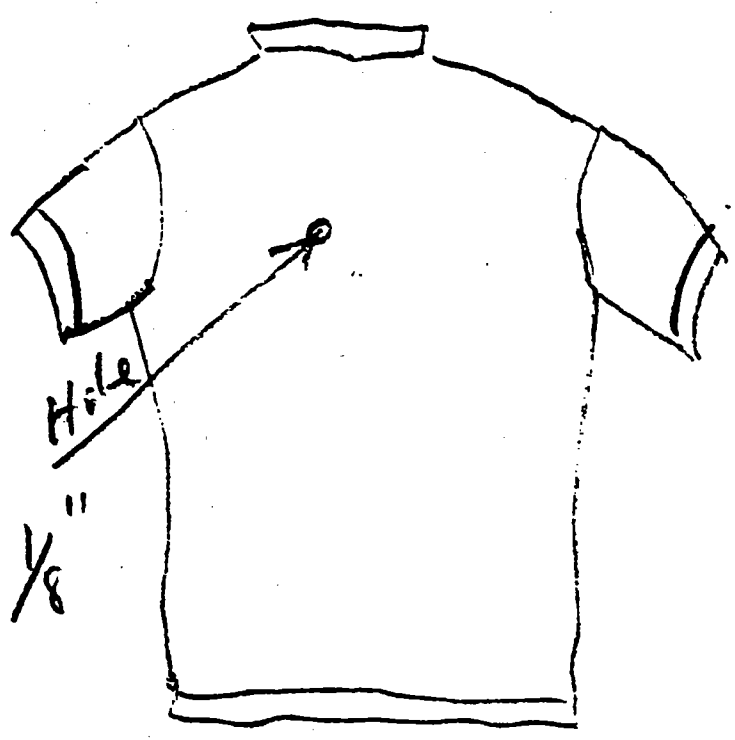
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Results:

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The areas around all the holes found in the Q1-Q11 articles of clothing were microscopically examined and chemically processed for the presence of gunshot residues. Some lead residues were found around two holes in the back of Q4, the right sleeve of Q5 and the right shoulder of Q6. The presence of these lead residues is indicative of the muzzle of the firearm(s) being relatively close to Q4, Q5 and Q6 at the time of firing. This distance is probably within approximately two feet.

No gunshot residues were found around any other of the holes found in the above articles of clothing.

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Señor  
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ATTN: EVIDENCIA CONTROL CENTER.

Atentamente me dirijo a Ud., a fin de solicitarle su valiosa colaboración, en el sentido de que sean analizados en los Laboratorios de la Institución que usted dirige, el material evidencial (calcinado) recolectado en las oficinas de la planta baja de la Facultad de Teología, de la Universidad Centroamericana "José Simeón Cañas" (U.C.A.).

Descripción del Caso:

Asesinato de 6 Sacerdotes de la Compañía de Jesús y 2 mujeres del servicio doméstico, hecho ocurrido en la residencia Universitaria de la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad Centroamericana "José Simeón Cañas" - (U.C.A.), a primeras horas del día 16 de noviembre del corriente año.

Motivo:

Determinar a través de los residuos enviados que sustancia o agente químico o físico fué utilizado para probocar el incendio.

Exposición:

El material consiste en:

Local número UNO (Sala de Recepción)

- Q12 a) Fragmentos de vidrio de envase "Coca Cola"
- Q14 b) Restos de basurero plástico que contiene papel higiénico y otros.
- Q15 c) Caja metálica quemada, la cual contenía en su interior papel moneda completamente quemado.
- Q22d) Restos de máquina de escribir completamente quemada
- Q23 e) Residuos de humo recolectados de dos escritorios y un archivero.
- Q24 f) Raspado de piso.
- Q25 g) Muestras de humo recolectadas de las paredes sur y poniente.
- Q26 h) Partículas de un toma corriente.

Local número DOS (Oficina de Computación de la Biblioteca)

- Q13 a) Porción de tela calcinada (cortina)
- Q17 b) Porción calcinada de tela
- Q21 c) Restos calcinados de cortina de tela y una cuerda parcialmente quemada.

PADRE AMANDO LOPEZ

- Un Poncho de toalla color verde claro
- Una camisa (pijama) color verde claro

PADRE IGNACIO MARTIN BARO

- Una camisa sport color azul
- Un pantalón color gris

PADRE SEGUNDO MONTES

- Un pantalón pijama corta color café claro

PADRE RAMON MORENO

- Un pantalón color negro
- Una camisa manga larga color celeste

Hago de su conocimiento que lo solicitado obedece a que el señor Presidente de la República, Lic. ALFREDO CRISTIANI, ha designado a la Unidad bajo mi mando, para que investigue el caso del asesinato en los Sacerdotes Jesuitas de la U.C.A.



Atentamente,

TCNEL. CAB. EJ. MANUEL ANTONIO RIVAS MEJIA  
JEFE DE LA UNIDAD EJECUTIVA



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Motivo:

Determinar a través del análisis de las vestimentas si presentan en los orificios producidos por arma de fuego algún elemento químico o físico que contiene las armas de fuego.

Exposición: El material consiste en:

PADRE IGNACIO ELLACURIA

- Una camisa (pijama), color blanco a rayas, sin marca
- Una bata color café oscuro, marca "Wilson Italiana"

PADRE JOAQUIN LOPEZ Y LOPEZ

- Un Pantalón café oscuro
- Una camiseta centro color blanco

Local número TRES ( Sala Estudio )

- Q17 a) Tres libros semidestruidos y una porción de periódico.
- Q29 b) Residuos de papel palcinado.

Local número CUATRO (Sala de Video No. 1)

- Q20 a) Una caja de película Polaroid parcialmente quemada
- Q16 b) Porción de papeles calcinados.
- Q28 c) Residuos de humo en papel filtro
- Q18 d) Tres libretas de espiral, fotografías blanco y negro y a colores

Local número CINCO (Sala de Video No. 2)

- Q27 a) Muestras de un trozo de tela de cortina

Se agrega a la presente álbum fotográfico del lugar donde fueron recolectadas las muestras.

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Q30 - Residue from photocopied paper

Q31 - Portion of burned material

Q32 - Portion of video

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# Slow Pace in Solving Slaying of Salvadoran Priests Imperils Continued Aid

By Douglas Farah  
Special to The Washington Post

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 5—The six-week-old investigation into the massacre of six Jesuit priests, viewed as crucial to continued U.S. aid to El Salvador, has produced a wealth of technical data but no concrete leads on who was responsible for the assassinations, according to sources close to the investigation.

Officials following the case say the investigation continues to focus on the military, and specifically on a group in the elite Atlacatl Immediate Reaction Battalion that participated in a search of the Jesuits' home the day before the killing Nov. 16 of the priests, a housekeeper and her daughter.

"The scientific aspect of the investigation is going well," said Maria Julia Hernandez, a scientist who worked with the FBI in the investigation.

Official, who has publicly blamed the military for the murders. "The question is: Is there the political will to let the truth come out? Will they manipulate the results or not? That is my question."

A solution to the murders is viewed by the United States and the Salvadoran government as crucial for the continued flow of U.S. economic and military aid, currently more than \$500 million a year.

The U.S. Congress will begin hearings Jan. 24 on El Salvador, and a number of congressmen have threatened to seek cuts in aid if the case is not solved. Several delegations of ranking congressional aides, as well as House and Senate members, are expected to arrive in the next few days to check on the investigation.

U.S. officials here and congressional aides who follow El Salvador say the bipartisan consensus that has enabled the flow of U.S. aid is in danger of unraveling and

that, for the first time since 1983, there is a real chance aid will be cut.

In an interview in December, U.S. Ambassador William Walker said American policy hinged on a resolution of the murders, or at least a credible investigation, so that there could be no allegations of a coverup.

The victims, including the Rev. Ignacio Ellacuria, rector of the University of Central America, and vice rector Ignacio Martin-Baro, were among the most respected leftist intellectuals in the country. Suspicion in the murders immediately centered on extremists in the military and right-wing paramilitary groups.

The government has offered a \$250,000 reward and immunity from prosecution for people with information on the killers and opened a telephone hotline that constantly receives tips, none of which has panned out. Two senior military officers said in inter-

Investigators say they now believe eight people were involved in the killings and used nine weapons: one AK-47 assault rifle, five M-16 rifles, one M-60 machine gun, one light anti-tank weapon and one grenade launcher.

With the help of the FBI, about 400 soldiers are being fingerprinted and the prints are being checked against those found at the site. Ballistic tests are being conducted on more than 300 weapons to see if any match those used in the killings.

"We are just going through each person one by one," said one person close to the investigation. "It is a time-consuming process."

"One of two things is likely to start happening as we draw the circle tighter," the source said. "Either people will start talking to us, or people will start dying because the person we are getting close to panics and wants to cover his tracks."

views that while no possibility has been discarded, as the investigation has progressed they have become convinced the murders were not the work of leftist guerrillas, as some members of the government and military have charged.

But the officers and senior government officials say they fear that if the killings are found to be the work of a group unrelated to the military, no one will accept the results of the investigation and the government and its institutions will pay the political price anyway.

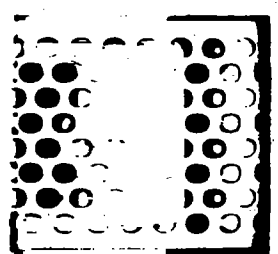
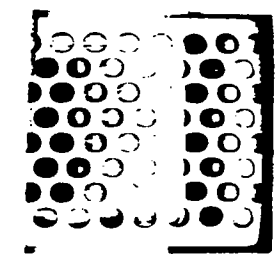
In a press conference earlier this week, President Alfredo Cristiani said that "advances" had been made in the case and that several officers had taken polygraph tests.

He said the list of all the soldiers who were on duty around the university where the murder took place had been turned over to investigators, along with the soldiers' weapons.

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CITE: //5200:LON874.049 19 FEBRUARY 1990//

PASS: HQ FOR OLIA, CID.

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR,  
 EL SALVADOR; FPC - GCM (MURDER); OO: FBIHQ.

REFERENCE LEGAT LONDON TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER 22, 1989.

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SUBJECT: MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR; FPC; OO:FBIHQ.

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To : *[Signature]* Baker

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From : J. W. Hicks *[Signature]*

Subject : UNSUBS;  
SHOOTING OF SIX-JESUIT PRIESTS  
IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR;  
FPS - MURDER

OO: FBIHQ

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 4-11-94 # 94-263  
 9-27-93 983 P/P # 329,075

PURPOSE: To forward the enclosed documents to the Criminal Investigative Division (CID).

DETAILS: On 1/11/90 and 1/12/90 polygraph examinations were given to Eric W. Buckland in regards to captioned matter.

RECOMMENDATION: That the enclosed documents be forwarded to CID and be placed in Bufile ~~67-HQ-16206~~ for retention.  
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Enclosures (12)

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- 1 - Mr. Hale, Room 7443, Attn: SSA *[Redacted]* (OLIA), Room 7446
- 1 - Mr. *[Redacted]* GRB-210

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January ~~18~~ 1990

Washington, D.C.

I, Eric Warren Buckland, Major, United States Army, due hereby provide the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>EWB</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>EWB</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation. h 7c

I am permanently assigned to the U.S. Military Group, El Salvador, where I work in the area of Civil-Military Operations. In that capacity, I am assigned as a National Staff Advisor to the El Salvadoran Armed Forces. I have served in that capacity since October of 1989. I served a temporary assignment in El Salvador during June and July of 1989.

I was assigned advisor responsibilities to Colonel Carlos Armando Aviles, who is the head of the C-5 (Civil-Military Operations) for the El Salvadoran Armed Forces. I developed an extremely close professional and personal rapport with Colonel Aviles and held him in the highest regards.

On November 11, 1989, the Salvadoran guerrilla movement began an offensive in the city of San Salvador. On or about November 16, 1989, six Jesuit priests were killed on the University of Central America campus. <sup>after abandonment - EWB</sup> Both Colonel Aviles and myself spoke of these killings with a mutual feeling that they were senseless and brutal. Both of us were well aware of the

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enclosure to Doc #116

On a day approximately 10 days prior to the killings (circa Nov. 6, 1989) I rode with Col. Aviles to the Military School on the southwest side of San Salvador, approx. 800 yards from the UCA (University of Central America). Col Aviles stated that Chief of Staff Ponce, of the El Salvadoran Armed forces, sent him there to solve a problem with Col. Benavidez. Aviles met with Col. Benavidez <sup>and another</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> approx. 15 min. Aviles appeared very uncomfortable about talking to Benavidez. Upon returning to the vehicle Aviles called me back to the vehicle (I was standing approx. 75 yards away watching the track) and told me that he had to work something out, Col. Benavidez is from the old school, he liked to handle things in his own way in the old style. Benavidez stated to Aviles that he wanted to do something about the priests and things coming out of UCA. Benavidez told Aviles that Ella Caria was a problem. Aviles told me they wanted to handle it the old way by killing some of the priests. I asked what happened when you (Aviles) talked to him. <sup>EWB</sup> ~~Aviles said that he talked him out of it.~~ <sup>EWB</sup> Aviles told me that Benavidez was old school and was still the "hammer". <sup>EWB</sup> ~~as part of~~ <sup>And Aviles added that there was some talk about</sup> the death squads which were run out of the military school at some time.

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I didn't think they would do something that  
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serious political implications these killings would have on El Salvador if the military and/or government were involved. We also had discussions regarding the status of the investigation into these killings.

On or about December 20, 1989, I was visiting with Colonel Aviles in his office when the topic of the killings once again was brought up. This discussion, I believe, took place on December 20, 1989; however, it may have occurred up to a week prior to that date. During that discussion, Colonel Aviles told me he was about to relay information to me not as an El Salvadoran military officer to an American military officer but from "Carlos to Eric." He said this information, to use an American expression, is "Break in Case of Emergency." In the ensuing discussion, he indicated to me that the information he was about to provide had serious consequences and, in response to my questions, told me that it should only be divulged in extreme circumstances. In the event the Jesuit investigation did not unfold properly or if he (Aviles) should be killed, then it was his desire that this information be made available to the appropriate authorities.

Colonel Aviles told me that Colonel Guillermo Benavides Moreno had visited Lieutenant Colonel Rivas, who is the current commander of the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) charged with the responsibility of investigating the Jesuit murders. Colonel

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Aviles said Benavides told Rivas words to the effect: "I did it. What can you do to help me?" Colonel Aviles did not tell me what response, if any, or what action, if any, Colonel Rivas made as a result of that conversation. ~~Colonel Aviles added that~~ EMB

However, Colonel Aviles further told me that at a later date, a Colonel Lopez y Lopez, who I believe was a former commander of SIU, visited with Colonel Rivas. Colonel Rivas told Colonel Lopez y Lopez of his conversation with Colonel Benavides. Colonel Lopez y Lopez then told Colonel Aviles of this sequence of events, possibly because I later learned that Colonel Aviles was one of the first commanders of SIU and possibly because of their very close professional association of many years, having graduated in the same class from the Escuela Militar.

Colonel Aviles told me he believed Colonel Lopez y Lopez went to Colonel Rivas to inquire about the status of the investigation because there was a perception that the investigative process had stagnated. According to Colonel Aviles, Colonel Rivas took that opportunity to "unload on Lopez y Lopez," or at least that was Colonel Aviles' perception. Colonel Aviles said that it was clear that Colonel Rivas was very concerned and may have been unsure of how he should treat the incriminating information obtained from Colonel Benavides due to cultural, political, and military considerations in El Salvador.

I questioned Colonel Aviles as to the veracity of the information. I did not understand how Colonel Benavides could have done this himself--how he could have shot the priests by himself. Colonel Aviles told me that the killings had been carried out under the direction of Colonel Benavides; however, the act(s) themselves had been done by members of ~~the~~ <sup>the Atlacatl</sup> "Grupo de Operaciones Especiales" (GOE). ~~That GOE platoon belongs to The~~ <sup>the Atlacatl</sup> Atlacatl ~~which~~ <sup>is</sup> is an indian name assigned to an immediate infantry reaction battalion, known by the Spanish acronym BIRI, comprised of 1,200 to 1,400 soldiers. The killings were actually supervised by a lieutenant from that unit, whose name I was not provided. I was not provided the identity of any other soldiers who allegedly participated in this attack. <sup>EVB</sup>

~~During that and subsequent days,~~ <sup>EVB</sup> The topic was discussed further. I asked Colonel Aviles who else knew. I asked him if the El Salvadoran Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Colonel Emilio Ponce, knew, and he told me he did not know <sup>if Ponce knew</sup>. He did not feel it was his place to tell Colonel Ponce, but assumed that Colonel Rivas or Colonel Lopez y Lopez would have informed Colonel Ponce. We both agreed over and over again that the killings were stupid, senseless, and the ramifications disastrous. I asked Colonel Aviles, "Why don't they arrest Benavides right now?" He told me that under El Salvadoran law the investigation must be fully completed before arrests are

made. I felt confident with his answers because of the trust I had in him and felt justice would be served.

As the days progressed, we discussed the killings and the investigation. He told me that several enlisted soldiers had been questioned and that their stories were "flaky." He subsequently told me that a lieutenant from the Atlacatl had been questioned and given at least two polygraph examinations. Although the lieutenant "blew it" during the examinations, he successfully attributed his lack of success to heavy smoking, recent battle experience, and illness.

On or about December 28, 1989, I had lunch with Colonel Aviles at which time the Jesuit killings were again discussed. While driving to lunch, Colonel Aviles, out of the blue, remarked to the effect, "Do you remember that case we were talking about? Well, I saw him over at the Escuela Militar. He looked as though he's losing weight, like he's not eating, and looks like something's on his mind or bothering him." I said, "preocupado" (the Spanish word for concerned or worried), and he told me, "Yes, that's the word." I took this conversation to indicate that Colonel Benavides was the party who Colonel Aviles was referring to and that Benavides knew the SIU was aware of his involvement and was closing in on him.

On another occasion in his office, I asked Colonel Aviles who else knew this information or was involved. He told

me he did not know who had been told or who was involved. It became clear that Colonel Aviles did not know if the Chief of Staff, Colonel Ponce, knew of this information. When I asked him, "Does Colonel Ponce know yet?" He told me, "I don't know. I don't know who knows. What if a higher-up ordered this thing?"

I continued my close relationship with Colonel Aviles through January 2, 1990. I spent New Year's Eve at his house. However, by January 2, 1990, it was apparent to me that the investigation was not progressing and that despite my feeling that I would be betraying my trust and friendship with Colonel Aviles, I had a responsibility to inform my superiors of this information. On Tuesday, January 2, 1990, I verbally informed Lieutenant Colonel William Hunter, the U.S. Army Senior Advisor to the National Staff of the El Salvadoran Armed Forces, who was my immediate superior. According to him, he thereafter informed Colonel Milton Menjivar, Commander, U.S. Military Group, El Salvador. I was told Colonel Menjivar then spoke with the El Salvadoran Chief of Staff, Colonel Ponce, regarding this information. Colonel Ponce denied knowledge of this information.

At 7:00 p.m. that night, I was called at home and ordered to report to Colonel Ponce's office where a meeting was held. Attending the meeting were myself, Colonel Aviles, Colonel Ponce, Lieutenant Colonel Hunter, and Janice Elmore (phonetic), a political officer in the U.S. Embassy,



San Salvador. During this meeting, the El Salvadoran military officers were again asked if they had knowledge of this information, which they denied. Colonel Aviles was specifically asked several times if he had discussed the Jesuit killings with me and if he had furnished me with the information related in this statement. Colonel Aviles said that he had in fact discussed the killings in general conversation, but he categorically denied furnishing any information the Armed Forces of El Salvador and Colonel Benavides were involved in these homicides.

I have had no further contact or discussions with Colonel Aviles since this meeting.

I fully realize in hindsight that some people may question why I furnished this information to the U.S. Government so many days after I received it. I can only say that I felt a strong sense of loyalty, not only to my mission in El Salvador, but to my friend and associate Colonel Carlos Aviles. I felt that the investigation would take its own proper course and that I and the U.S. military would be able to successfully maintain our relationship with Colonel Aviles and the El Salvadoran Armed Forces. I did not pass this information for any devious reasons "to get" Colonel Aviles. I did not feel heroic in doing it. I, in fact, now question whether or not Colonel Aviles is due my

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I ~~now~~ <sup>also</sup> remember and I'm now  
~~more~~ aware that I had knowledge  
of the killings and was told that they were  
planned by Benavidez however at the time  
it was told to me by Aviles I felt  
unconcerned that it would happen because  
other people were talking along those lines  
and I didn't feel that the El Salvadoran  
Armed forces would do something about it.  
Also because Chief of Staff Ponce assigned  
a senior col. (Aviles) to address the  
problem I felt that if there was any  
validity to this talk it would not happen.

loyalty and respect. I also have grave concern about the future of El Salvador now, and I only hope, rather than sincerely believe, that I have done the right thing. *See addendum 2*

*ws* I have reviewed this statement consisting of this page and ~~seven~~<sup>10</sup> other pages and find them to be accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

*Eric W. Buckland*  
Major Eric Warren Buckland

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO  
BEFORE ME AT WASHINGTON, D.C.  
ON THIS 11 DAY OF JAN, 1990

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POLYGRAPH REPORT

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FIELD OFFICE OR AGENCY REQUESTING EXAMINATION FBIHQ			DATE AUTHORIZED 1/10/90
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL ADIC, Criminal Division			
EXAMINEE NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) BUCKLAND, ERIC WARREN			
CASE TITLE	UNSUBS; SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR; FPS - MURDER		00126501 XZ
REFERENCES	OO: FBIHQ		

Polygraph Exam - January 5, 1990, El Salvador

CASE SYNOPSIS/EXAMINER CONCLUSION

Captioned subject, ERIC WARREN BUCKLAND, is a U.S. Army Major (Special Forces/Psychological Operations) who was permanently assigned in El Salvador as a military advisor to the El Salvadoran Army from October, 1989, through January, 1990.

During subject's period of assignment, specifically on November 16, 1989, six Jesuit priests were murdered at the University of Central America (UCA). Major BUCKLAND advised that in approximately mid-December, 1989, Colonel Carlos Armando Aviles, who is the head of C-5 (Civil-Military Operations), stated that he knew who was responsible for the killings of the Jesuits. Major BUCKLAND stated that he withheld this information and did not advise U.S. military officials until January 2, 1990 when he verbally informed Lt. Colonel William Hunter, his immediate supervisor. Prior to this; however, Major BUCKLAND did send a letter to his sister, who is a reporter for CNN news, on December 25, 1989 and advised her of his knowledge surrounding the Jesuit murders.

Major BUCKLAND denied any further knowledge of the killings during debriefings in January, 1990. He was afforded a polygraph examination at FBIHQ on January 11, 1990 to verify his statements. During this examination the following relevant questions were asked:

SERIES I

- A. Did you send a letter to your sister telling her about the killings? Answer: Yes.

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- B. Have you deliberately provided us with false information regarding the Jesuit killings? Answer: No.
- C. Did Colonel Aviles provide us with information about the Jesuit killings? Answer: Yes.

It is the opinion of the examiner that questions A and C did not indicate deception and question B did indicate deception. A second series was administered as follows:

SERIES II

- D. Did you make up the story about sending a letter to your sister? Answer: No.
- E. Are you making up the fact that Colonel Aviles told you about the Jesuit killings? Answer: No.
- F. Did you make up the information you provided about the Jesuit killings? Answer: No.

It is the opinion of the examiner that questions D and E did not indicate deception and that question F did indicate deception. A third series was administered as follows:

SERIES III

- G. Did you deliberately provide us with false information regarding the Jesuit killings? Answer: No.

It is the opinion of the examiner that there were indications of deception to question G. During a fourth series, the following relevant questions were asked:

SERIES IV

- H. Did you have prior knowledge that the Jesuit would be killed? Answer: No.
- I. Did you participate in the killing of the Jesuits? Answer: No.

It is the examiner's opinion that there were indications of deception to question H and that results of question I were inconclusive.

During post test discussion on January 11 and 12, 1990, Major BUCKLAND admitted that he obtained prior knowledge that the priests in the UCA were going to be killed, specifically ELLA CORIA, through conversations with Colonel Aviles. According to Major BUCKLAND, Colonel Aviles told him of the intent of certain officers of the El Salvadoran Army to conduct a military operation against the University

# Polygraph Examination Worksheet

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Location of Examination FBIHQ				Examiner Name [Redacted] <i>b7c</i>			
Examinee Name (Last, First, Middle) BUCKLAND, ERIC WARREN						SSN [Redacted]	
Date of Birth [Redacted] <i>b7c</i>		Age 35	Place of Birth [Redacted] <i>b7c</i>				
HT 5'11"	WT 185 lbs.	Sex Male	Marital Status Married	Current Address [Redacted]			
Previous Polygraph Examination FBI 1/5/90 El Salvador			Language During Exam		Requested By Examinee <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

Education (Total Years 16)  
 Hotchkiss H.S., Lakeville, Conn., grad. 1973.  
 University Kansas, B.A. English, grad. 1977.  
 ROTC to Military.

**Employment History/Military**

Major - U.S. Army Special Forces Psychological Operations, Spring 1977 - Date.

**Health/Medication**

No medication

**Arrests/Convictions**

None claimed

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CONSENT TO INTERVIEW WITH POLYGRAPH

PLACE: WASH. DC.  
DATE: 1-12-90  
TIME: 9:44 AM

Before we begin an examination by means of the polygraph in connection with your knowledge of the murder of 6 priests in El Salvador, you must understand your rights.

YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to refuse to take the polygraph test.

If you agree to take the polygraph test, you have the right to stop the test at any time.

If you agree to take the polygraph test, you have the right to refuse to answer any individual questions.

WAIVER AND CONSENT

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I voluntarily agree to be examined by means of the polygraph during this interview. I understand and know what I am doing. No threats or promises have been used against me to obtain my consent to the use of the polygraph. I understand that the examination room (DOES) ( ) contain an observation device and that the examination (WILL) ( ) be monitored or recorded.

SIGNED X Eric W. Buckland  
(Examinee)

[Redacted Signature]  
(Examiner)

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Wash DC.  
Date 1-10-90  
Time 9:46 AM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have a lawyer with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed X Eric W. Buckland

Witness:  [Signature]

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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS U.S. Military Group El Salvador, APO Miami 34023			

I, Eric Warren Buckland, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

I am writing this statement of my own will and will present all details, as I know them, to the best of my ability and as I remember them.

On or about 20 December 1989, I was in the office of the ESAF C-V, COL Carlos A. Aviles and we were talking about current events, ongoing projects for PSYOP - essentially the typical, almost daily conversation we had. During the course of our discussion, the case of the Jesuits arose and COL Aviles mentioned that he had some new information about the case. Before continuing, he repeated several times that I was to use this information for "Break in Case of Emergency." He then began to tell me the information:

COL Lopez y Lopez had told him (COL Aviles) that LTC Rivas had told him (COL Lopez y Lopez) that when the investigation of the killings had started COL Benavides had approached LTC Rivas and said something to the effect of, "I did it. What can you do to help me?" According to COL Aviles, LTC Rivas was scared and did not know what to do. As a result, the investigation slowed and eventually, COL Lopez y Lopez went to talk to LTC Rivas. During the conversation LTC Rivas told COL Lopez y Lopez about COL Benavides' comments. COL Lopez y Lopez then passed on the information to COL Aviles and COL Aviles told me. Additionally, he told me that members of the BIRI Atlacatl GOE, lead by a lieutenant had done the actual killing. The GOE had been working out of the Escuela Militar during the-offensive.

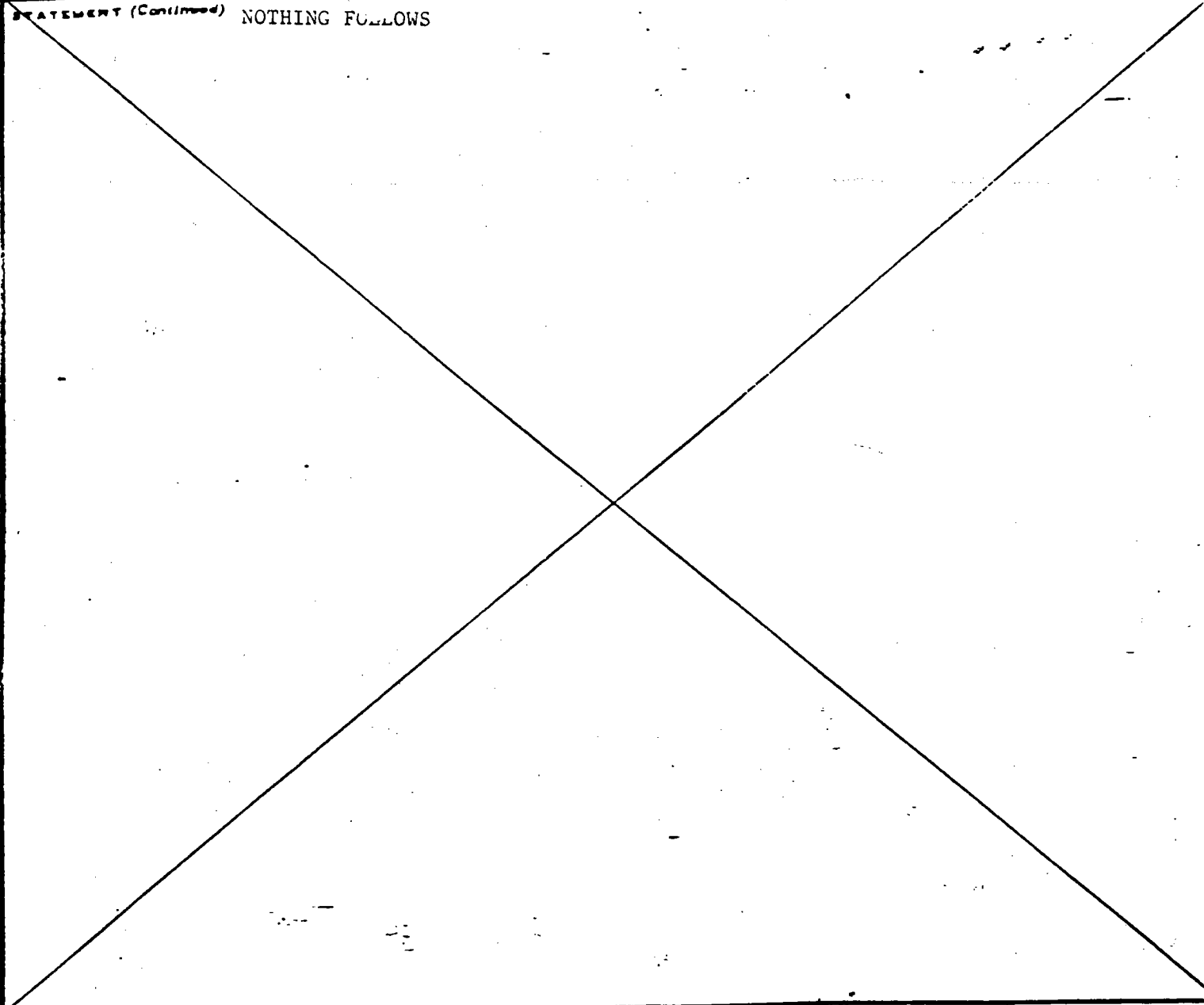
I asked COL Aviles who else knew and he said no one. I asked if COL Ponce knew and he said he believed that he did, but wasn't sure. He did not feel that it was his place to tell him. I wanted to know why they did not arrest COL Benavides right then and COL Aviles said that nothing could be done until the investigation was completed. We talked about the problem, in general terms and both agreed that the killings made no sense.

In subsequent discussions, I continued to ask about the investigation and COL Aviles told me that it was going well. One lieutenant from the Atlacatl had been questioned a few times and had done poorly with the polygraph - according to COL Aviles, the lieutenant had several excuses for why he had done poorly on the polygraph and that he appeared to be nervous. The Colonel also stated that the troops from the Atlacatl were being questioned and that their stories were starting to conflict. During our last discussion about the issue, COL Aviles told me that he had seen COL Benavides briefly at the Escuela Militar and that he looked like he had not eaten, was losing weight and seemed worried. *Nothing follows EWB*

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I, Eric Warren Buckland HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 1. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

*Eric W. Buckland*

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WITNESSES:

*Heriberto Rivera-Velez*  
HERIBERTO RIVERA-VELEZ

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 5th day of January, 19 90 at USMILGP, US Embassy, El Salvador

*Milton R. Menjivar*

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

MILTON R. MENJIVAR

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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Examinee Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Buckland, Eric Warren</b>					SSN <b>[REDACTED]</b>
Date of Birth <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Age <b>35</b>	Place of Birth <b>[REDACTED]</b>			
HT <b>5'11"</b>	WT <b>185 lbs.</b>	Sex <b>Male</b>	Marital Status <b>Married</b>	Current Address <b>[REDACTED]</b>	
Previous Polygraph Examination <b>FBI 1-5-90 El Salvador</b>			Language During Exam	Requested By Examinee <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Education (Total Years <u>16 yrs.</u> ) <b>Hotchkiss H.S., Lakeville, Conn., grad. 1973</b> <b>Univ. Kansas, BA English, grad. 1977</b> <b>Rotc to Military</b>					
Employment History/Military <b>MAJOR - U.S. Army Special Forces Psychological Operations</b> <b>Spring 1977 - Date</b>					

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**NO MEDICATION**

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of Central America. Major BUCKLAND became aware of this information several weeks before the Jesuits were murdered. He was also advised on the afternoon of November 16 that the operation would take place.

Major BUCKLAND denied being involved in these murders in any way. He stated that the reason it took him so long to come forward was because of his affection and loyalty to the people of El Salvador. He stated that he did not advise U.S. military officials of his knowledge prior to the murders because he felt the U.S. would mishandle the situation.

An additional polygraph examination was conducted on 1/12/90 during which the following relevant question were asked:

- A. Is what you told me about your talks with Colonel Aviles the truth? Answer: Yes.
- B. Did you discuss the operation at the UCA with Colonel Aviles prior to November 16, 1989? Answer: Yes.
- C. To the best of your knowledge did you tell the truth about the Jesuits? Answer: Yes.

It is the opinion of the examiner that the results of this examination were inconclusive.

Major BUCKLAND provided specific information regarding his knowledge of the Jesuit killings during a lengthy interview on 1/12/90 which was recorded on video tape. This video tape has been entered into evidence at FBIHQ (#00116093 P01 X0) and will be maintained at the Polygraph Unit, FBIHQ, GRB, Suite 2.

TO: Mr. Hicks

FROM: [REDACTED]

RE: UNSUBS;  
SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS  
IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR;  
FPS - MURDER

OO: FBIHQ

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As you are aware, the Laboratory Division has been providing assistance in support of the investigation of the murder of six Jesuit priests which took place during the evening hours of 11/16/89 at the University of Central America (UCA). In this regard, SA [REDACTED] our polygraph examiner from the San Antonio Division, returned to El Salvador on 1/5/90 to continue assisting their Special Investigations Unit (SIU).

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On 1/9/90, SA [REDACTED] notified me by phone that a U.S. Army Major (Special Forces/Psychological operations) on temporary assignment to serve with the Army of El Salvador had contacted U.S. officials at our Embassy in San Salvador and provided information regarding this matter.

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According to SA [REDACTED], Major ERIC W. BUCKLAND, white male, age 35, reported that he had learned from his counterpart in the Army of El Salvador, a Col. AVILES, the identity of one of the El Salvador Army officers responsible for the murder of the Jesuits. SA ESCOBEDO stated that Major BUCKLAND reported that he received this information in late December 1989. The Major was questioned by SA [REDACTED] and given a polygraph test regarding this information. SA [REDACTED] stated that after finishing the exams he concluded that Major BUCKLAND was not being completely truthful and that he did not pass the following questions:

1. Is anything in your statement a lie? Answer: No.
2. Did you make up anything about what Col. AVILES told you? Answer: No.

1 - Mr. Hicks

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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Note from [REDACTED] to Mr. Hicks  
Re: UNSUBS;  
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3. Did you lie about what Col. AVILES told you?  
Answer: No.

According to SA [REDACTED] he, [REDACTED] believed that Major BUCKLAND was providing some information which was truthful; however, he was either withholding or embellishing on other points in his statement. *hrc*

Major BUCKLAND subsequently returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and on 1/10/90 reported to FBIHQ at the invitation of the CLIA. He was interviewed on 1/10/90 and again on 1/11/90 after which he was given a polygraph examination to verify his statements. It was determined after this examination that the Major was still not completely truthful. During subsequent questioning, Major BUCKLAND admitted that he had become aware of the plans by certain officers of the Army of El Salvador to conduct a military operation against the University of Central America several weeks before the Jesuits were murdered. According to Major BUCKLAND, Col. AVILES told him that the intent of this operation was to clean up the UCA and the Jesuit priest ELLA CORIA was named specifically as a target. Major BUCKLAND said that Col. AVILES had gotten this information from Col. BENAVIDEZ who in fact was going to carry out the operation.

Major BUCKLAND continued that on the afternoon of the killing, 11/16/89, at about 2 or 3 p.m. Col. AVILES confided in him that the Army was going to clean the UCA that evening and the operation would be led by the ATLATCAL. He continued that later that evening, around midnight, Col. AVILES visited with him at his quarters which was located about 800 meters from the UCA. During this visit, he, Col. AVILES and U.S. Army Captain CARLOS PUENTAS, who shared quarters with BUCKLAND, heard rapid firing from the UCA.

Major BUCKLAND denied being involved in these murders in any way. He stated that the reason it took him so long to come forward was because of his affection and loyalty to the people of El Salvador.

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Note from [REDACTED] to Mr. Hicks  
Re: UNSUBS;  
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He stated that he did not advise U.S. military officials of his knowledge prior to the murders because he felt the U.S. would mishandle the situation.

Major BUCKLAND provided specific details of this matter during a lengthy interview on 1/12/90 which was recorded on video tape.

At the completion of this session, he was afforded a polygraph examination which focused on whether he had been completely truthful. The results were inconclusive.

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Ambassador David C. Miller  
Special Assistant to the President  
For National Security Affairs  
National Security Council  
OEOB, Room 302  
Washington, D.C. 20506

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Dear Ambassador Miller:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's report concerning the inquiry into allegations of mistreatment of two alleged witnesses to the murders of six Jesuit Priests in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, or need any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division

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- 1 - Mr. Baker
- 1 - Mr. Hale
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April 17, 1990

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Honorable Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Europe  
and the Middle East  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

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Jesuit PRIESTS

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your recent letter to Director Sessions you noted that the House Speaker's Special Task Force on El Salvador is monitoring the investigation of the murder of the six Jesuit priests in El Salvador during November, 1989. As you have also noted, the FBI provided assistance to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) of El Salvador by conducting polygraph examinations and furnishing forensic laboratory services.

You also asked several other questions which request particular details of the SIU's investigation. Because this is a pending criminal matter, I am unable to provide the specific information you request. We have a limited role and we are not in a position to judge the quality of the whole investigation.

We advised Mike Van Dusen and David Weiner of your staff about the limited role we have in the investigation. I would be happy to arrange a briefing for you to explain our procedure in responding to requests for law enforcement assistance in foreign police cooperation matters.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Collingwood  
Inspector-in-Charge  
Congressional Affairs Office

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1 - Honorable Joe Moakley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

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- 1 - Mr. Baker
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- 3 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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Honorable Lee H. Hamilton

**Note:** By letter dated January 22, 1990, Chairman LEE H. HAMILTON, Subcommittee on Europe and Middle East, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, wrote to advise that he is a member of the House Speaker's Special Task Force on El Salvador and he requested information regarding the SIU's investigation into the murder of six Jesuit priests in El Salvador. In our response, we described the assistance provided by the FBI. This response was coordinated with Inspector MARTIN V. HALE, Office of Liaison and International Affairs. Congressional Affairs Office (CAO) advised MICHAEL H. VAN DUSEN, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, of the general nature of our reply and the constraints we are under in commenting on pending criminal matters. VAN DUSEN advised he understood, and he said that it may be helpful to offer a briefing to Chairman HAMILTON. CAO believes this is reasonable.

On March 7, 1990, we advised DAVID WEINER of HAMILTON's staff that the investigation is still pending, and that we would offer a briefing.

Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legislative Affairs

May 5, 1990

Director, FBI

FBI RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM CHAIRMAN DON EDWARDS,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, REQUEST FOR FBI  
RECORDS AND BRIEFING REGARDING THE MURDER OF  
JESUIT PRIESTS IN EL SALVADOR

ACTION MEMORANDUM

By letter dated January 2, 1990, Chairman Don Edwards requested access to FBI records and a follow-up briefing regarding our handling of two reported witnesses to the murder of the six Jesuit priests, their cook, and her daughter in El Salvador on November 16, 1989. A copy of Chairman Edwards' letter is enclosed for your records.

Please forward the enclosed response. Questions may be addressed to SSA [redacted] Congressional Affairs Office, Ext. 324-4515.

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. Baker
- 1 - Mr. Hale
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Collingwood
- 3 - Mr. [redacted]
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MAIL ROOM

Honorable Don Edwards  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Civil and  
Constitutional Rights  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

May 5, 1990

Dear Mr. Chairman:

EL SALVADOR EL SALVADOR

In your letter of January 2, 1990, you advised that the Subcommittee is conducting a review of the FBI's treatment of Lucia Barrera de Cerna and her husband Jorge Alberto Cerna Ramirez. Mrs. Cerna was reported to have seen the individuals who killed the six Jesuit priests, their cook, and daughter in El Salvador on November 16, 1989.

In accordance with your request, we have located FBI records regarding our handling of the Cernas. These records have been reviewed by our Legal Counsel Division and are available for review at FBI Headquarters. We can also provide a follow-up briefing by Inspector Martin V. Hale, if that would be helpful.

Our Congressional Affairs Office looks forward to discussing this issue with you and I believe you will see that the FBI treated the Cernas with professional care and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

*SP7 Dept 4/1/90 CA#94/263*  
*3-10-92 1048DKM/CPR*

William S. Sessions  
Director

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. Baker
- 1 - Mr. Hale
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Collingwood
- 3 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

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**NOTE:** By letter dated 1/2/90, Chairman EDWARDS, House Judiciary, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, requested a follow-up briefing and access to FBI records regarding our handling of two alleged witnesses in the murder of the Jesuit priests, their cook, and her daughter in El Salvador on 11/16/89. This communication explains that records responsive to their request are available for review at FBIHQ and we offer a follow-up briefing.

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR,  
EL SALVADOR; FPC - MURDER; OO: BUREAU.

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REQUESTED TO INITIAL THE FD-302S AND RETURN THEM TO MIAMI.

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The attached documents are the translated versions of LUCIA BARRERA DE CERNA's testimony before a Magistrate in El Salvador. Copies of the originals in Spanish were provided by Colonel MANUEL RIVAS, Director of El Salvador Special Investigative Unit (SIU).

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Passage "A" Colonia La Mascota, Number 4546, S.S.

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November

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Witness, Lucia

Barrera de Cerna

C.I/P.N.-4-000946, "Held on 19th June, 85

at Antiqua Cucatlan

as has been written

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worker (domestic)

Reparto Sn. Fernando, Section 4, House

number 53D, Soyapango

"none"

"nor"

"without"

Whereas, upon request issued by the Department of the Public Prosecutor, in an effort to extend the case at hand, the witness hereby states:

That during the time in which the acts of violence took place, as related in the preceeding statement, her husband and her daughter remained in bed during the entire period in which said events took place. Upon re-questioning by the prosecutor, namely, his Honor, Saul Rigoberto Zelaya Castillo, attorney-at-law, through whom questions were answered, witness states:

That when she began to walk toward her dwelling, number fifteen, speaker was not certain whether or not Father Nachito would be waiting for her at aforementioned

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person witnessing arrived at house number fifteen and walked into the house, and during the time she remained in the house, Father Nachito was the only one there - no other person was there. That, the last time she saw Father Nachito, was approximately four-twenty in the afternoon on Wednesday the fifteenth. That house number sixteen, has based in witness' knowledge, three bedrooms on the second floor, a stairway leading to where the dining room was before, on the lower part, where there is a door that leads to the inner part facing an inner patio, where there are some clothes lines, and next, the two bedrooms adjoined by a single bathroom. Speaker chose one of these bedrooms facing the inside of "UCA", from where there could be seen part of the small hallway, including the sidewall and the backside of the chapel known as "Mon Senor Oscar Arnulfo Romero".

That, when she referred to in her previous statement as "camouflaged uniforms", she was referring to those uniforms made up of a number of colors as she has seen worn by soldiers on the street; that insofar as the caps were concerned, these had a short projecting brim or visor.

That, as Father Nachito screamed, speaker was able to trace his voice as coming from the residence of the Priests, not being able to ascertain if the aforementioned priest was in or out of the house.

That the house (of) which speaker refers to, is the one in which the priests had their quarters, within "UCA". That, after the bomb explosions, she did not hear any footsteps or anything; neither can she establish which way they left -- it would seem as though they had descended straight from heaven, nor did she hear the sound of any engine on its way out, and as stated, she heard nothing. That, when witness approached the area to see what had happened, and followed the small corridor leading to the Father's residence, the three rooms found on the corridor were open, noticing the two women already dead in the first one; in the second one she was able to grasp sight of a piece of pineapple in a vase, which led her to believe that the place was the dining room, and in the adjoining room there were a few armchairs. Not having walked up the steps to the Priest's quarters, she therefore was unable to find out if the Priests' quarters were left open or closed. That, witness upon spotting, the bodies was by herself; that grief expressed by witness was hers alone, and that she wanted to be of some assistance. That, when she arrived at the house where her husband and her daughter were, she informed her husband of what had happened, telling him at the same time, that she was going to get her documents as they were requesting them, grabbing hold of her purse and walking straightforward to house number 50, located on Calle Mediterraneo, in order that she might inform Father Ibis, referring to Father Ibisate, and that was when Father Pedraza came out, that when person making the present statement asked Father Nachito why he did not leave the country, she had said so

as there were shootouts breaking out all over the place, and because she wanted to overprotect him, given her fondness for him; and it was then that the Father replied that one must work. That the radio Father Nachito carried with him was a small one, and he always had it in his hand, lifting the little antenna it had, and he would always walk about listening to his music. That ever since the shootout began in the wooded area of the "UCA" unit she heard the detonations of the two bombs, and everything concluded, she figures that one half hour would have gone by. That in the room where she was located, she would imagine the wooded area on the left-hand side. That when she arrived at house 50 to give a full account of the developments, the man whom witness referred to during the developments aforementioned was in the garage, the one who had said that it was a miracle he had saved himself. Being the very first time she had seen him, she only noticed that his pants had two "paletones" (bit webs), and she really does not know if she would be able to recognize him if she saw him again. That Father Nachito's telephone, the one she dialed, was twenty-four-zero-nine-thirty-three. That speaker, ever since the acts of violence took place, has been staying at her mother's who lives in Antiquo Cuscatlan, but whose exact address is not known. That on Monday she appeared before Provincial Curia or Rectory where she also works.

Whereas this is all that she has to attest to, holding it to be the truth based on an eyewitness report; having the present testimony been read, she ratifies and signs it as to the

members of the District Attorney's Office, namely, Saul Rigoberto  
Zelaya Castillo, attorney at law, and Sotero Consuet Diaz, Esq.,  
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 Barrera de Cerna  
 C.I.P. N: 4-7-000946, Et. el 19-Jun-85. en Antigua Escatla.

como queda escrito  
 44 Empleada  
 Reparto Sn. Fernando, P. del. Casa 53-D. Soyapango.  
 ningún ni

de la casa.

Que en vias de ampliacion solicitada por el  
 Ministerio Publico, la testigo contesta: Que duran-  
 te sucedieron los hechos, relatados en su declara-  
 cion anterior, su esposo y su hija permanecieron  
 acostados durante todo el tiempo que duraron  
 los mismos. - A repreguntado seños Fiscal-  
 Especifico, Licenciado Saul Rigoberto Zelaya  
 Castillo, hechos a traves del suscrito Juez, la  
 testigo contesta: Que cuando se dirigió hacia  
la casa número quince la dicente no estaba  
segura si el Padre Nachito la iba estar espe-  
rando en dicha casa o no; que cuando llegó -

a dicha casa solamente se encontraba el Padre Nachito; y ninguna otra persona; que cuando la que declara llegó a la casa número quince y se introdujo dentro de ella y durante el tiempo que permaneció en ella solamente se encontraba el Padre Nachito, y ninguna otra persona; que la última vez que vio al Padre Nachito fue como a las cuatro y veinte de la tarde del día miércoles quince; que la casa número dieciséis consta, según tiene conocimiento la que declara, de tres habitaciones en el segundo piso se una escalera que da donde se encontraba el comedor antes, en la parte baja, en donde se encuentra una puerta hacia el interior que da a un patio interior en donde se encuentran los alambres para tender y después las dos habitaciones, juntamente con un baño, de las cuales es escogió una la dicente; la cual tiene una ventana que da hacia el interior de la "UCA", de donde se puede ver parte del corredorcito y también la parte de atrás y la lateral de la Capilla "Mon Señor Oscar Arnulfo Romero";

que cuando se referia, en su declaracion anterior a uniformes camuflajeados, se refiere a esos uniformes de varios colores que ha visto que llevan los soldados por la calle; que en cuanto a las cachuchas a que se refiere, estas tenian una viscera corta; que cuando el Padre Nachito gritaba, por el sonido, la dicente lo ubica en la casa de los Padres, no pudiendo precisar si dicho sacerdote se encontraba dentro o fuera de la casa, que la casa a la que se refiere es en donde residian los Padres en el interior de la "UCA"; que despues de las explosiones de las bombas la dicente no escucho pasos ni nada, ni tampoco puede establecer por donde se retiraron, parecia que hubieran caido del cielo; que tampoco escucho ningun ruido de vehiculo que se retirara, ya que como dice no escucho absolutamente nada; que cuando la declarante se acercó a ver lo que habia sucedido y se dirigió por el corredor cito que da a la residencia de los Padres, las tres habitaciones que se encuentran en dicho corredor se encontraban abiertas, viendo en la primera de ellas a las dos señoras ya muertas, en la siguiente pudo observar un pichel con un pedazo de piña por lo que

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dedujo que se trataba del comedor y en la siguiente un cuarto con unos sillones no llegando a subir las gradas que dan acceso a la residencia de los padres, por lo cual no pudo darse cuenta si las habitaciones de dichos padres se encontraban con las puertas abiertas o cerradas; que la declarante cuando vio los cadáveres iba ella sola, ya que la aflicción de la que declara era de ella, y quería ver si podía ayudar en algo; que cuando regresó a la casa en donde se encontraba su esposo y su hija, le comentó lo sucedido a su esposo diciéndole a su vez de que iba a sacar sus papeles por que los andaban pidiendo, cogiendo su billetera y dirigiéndose inmediatamente a la casa cincuenta de la Calle Mediterraneo, para avisarle al Padre Ibis, que se refiere al Padre Ibisate, que fue cuando salió el Padre Pedroza, que cuando la declarante le manifestó al Padre Nachito que, por qué no se iba fuera del país, lo hacía por el motivo de que habian balaceras por todos los sitios, y por que ella quería sobreprotegerlo por el cariño que ella le tenía, y fue cuando le contestó el Padre que hay que trabajar; que el radio que

y siempre lo cargaba a la mano, mandándole una antenita, y siempre andaba escuchando su música; que desde que comenzó la balacera en el bosque de la "UCA", hasta que escuchó la detonación de las dos bombas y pasó todo calcula que duró aproximadamente una media hora; que en la habitación en donde ella se encontraba, el bosque lo ubica al lado izquierdo; que cuando llegó a dar aviso a la casa cincuenta se encontraba a dentro de la cochera el hombre a quien se refiere en su declaración anterior, el que manifestó que por un milagro se había salvado, era la primera vez que lo veía y solamente se fijó que era bajito, ni gordo, ni flaco, y solamente se fijó que el pantalón tenía dos paltones, y que no sabe si lo podría reconocer al verlo de nuevo; que el teléfono del Padre Nachito, al que ella llamó es veinticuatro cero nueve treinta y tres; que la docente desde que sucedieron los hechos se ha encontrado en casa de su madre en Antiguo Coscatlán, no pudiendo precisar la dirección de ésta; que el día lunes se presentó a la Curia Provincial en donde ella también trabajó

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Que es todo lo tanto tiene que declarar por  
ser la verdad y constarle de vistas y oídas;  
leída que le fue la presente declaración,  
la ratifica y firma, juntamente con los  
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de la República, licenciado Saúl Rigoberto  
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Witness Testimony

San Benito, San Salvador

On Calle Reforma, at one hundred and sixty-four, Colonial at the fourteenth hour of 22nd November, 1989.

Appearing in person, Lucia Barrera de Cerna, witness, who identifies herself with personal identification N-4-7-000946, issued 19th June 1985, was sworn and instructed of the penalties incurred on those who make false statements.

Having thus given her name as noted above, 44 years old, occupation - employed, residing at Reparto Sr. Fernando, Section 4, Casa 53D, Soyapango, promised to tell the truth upon questioning by proper authorities, that, expressing no particular interest nor inability to testify on the present trial, questioned on the events at hand under subpoena issued \_\_\_\_\_ confesses:

That there are no ties of any personal relationship between her and the Jesuits who died, nor between her and Mrs. Elba Julia Ramos, nor with her daughter Celina Marisela Ramos, who as of today have also died.

That the witness was working, in charge of domestic chores at the Rectory of the Universidad CentroAmericana, "Jose

Simeon Canas", since 1982 under the orders of Chief of Maintenance, Mr. Raul Mendoza, who is in turn Father Rogelio Peldra's custodian.

That on the 15th day of the present month the witness left her residence located at the address mentioned above, close to six o'clock in the morning, accompanied by her husband, Jorge Alberto Cerna, and her daughter, Idalia Gerardina Cerna, five years old, en route to this city, arriving between ten-thirty and eleven in the morning of that same day, and having phoned Padre Nachito, referring to Father Ignacio Marta Barco, from the public phones located near Capri Furniture Store, opposite of the moviehouse Apolo, calling him at his office, although witness knew beforehand in spite of the fact that he was not working, "UCA" personnel -- the referred to Father, would be in his office, which is the Vice-Rectory, who was therefore informed.

That she needed help as she was running away from Soyapango and found herself helplessly alone, asking him to give her shelter, to which the Father abovementioned said that there would be no problem, that she could go to house fifteen of Calle Cantabrico in Colonia Jardines de Guadalupe, located in this city, indicating not knowing time of arrival, aware that the referred to Father was strict, as she was traveling on foot and looking for transportation in order to get there. Having arrived at house fifteen as mentioned earlier, at about two in the afternoon of the same day, having both her husband and her

daughter stayed behind taking care of the luggage, not far from "Big Boys" business district. A witness walked toward house number fifteen of aforementioned street, at the first ring, Father Nachito came out to receive her. Witness declares:

She asked for forgiveness as she had come to inconvenience him. At this Father replied: "Hey, listen! That's what we're here for - today you, tomorrow me", showing her to the rooms that were vacant so that she could choose. Having chosen one of the two rooms that were vacant at house sixteen, admitting to the Father that her only shelter was a bedspread. At this the Father asked her not to worry about anything. "We're going to resolve this, come on . . .". And so, the witness went with the Father toward the priest's quarters, within "UCA". Upon opening a room on the left-hand side, the referred to Father told her to take out a mattress from in there, to which the witness advised him that her husband and daughter be given permission to go in the house also, since they too were with her. At this point, the Father replied they would then need two mattresses. Having taken them, witness and Father returned together to house sixteen, where they chatted over current events affecting the country and it was then that the Father informed her that within the past few days, soldiers had come to conduct a search and that they behaved correctly. It was then when [the] witness offered herself to cook dinner for them. At this Father replied while walking toward his quarters, "By the way, the other workers have not shown up; they haven't been able to go by Tecla".

That previously while she chatted with the Father she had told him that better yet, why shouldn't he leave the country to go visit other places since she would joke around with him like that. He replied that he wouldn't because he had work to do.

That when she offered herself to cook for them the Father replied, "We'll see, we'll see . . .". Later on, the witness and her family returned to house sixteen at about four in the afternoon and began to wash and to dry some wet clothes brought along, returning once again to the Father at about four-thirty in the afternoon to find out if they had already gone by, and it was then that the witness introduced her husband, and after having discussed the country's situation with her husband, he asked the witness if she had taken along bedsheets, at which point she replied that she had only taken one for her child, and so the Father indicated that she would need another blanket, that he would get it for her. He left for the house but returned right away and so, hereby, the witness, upon hearing the music coming from his small radio, ran out to meet him and she asked him what he had decided, whether or not she would cook for him. The Father responded that he had been sent the wife of one of the Security officers, but did not go into specifics. Witness went about to bed at about seven o'clock since there was no light, after heating some water in a washbasin by using old newspaper sheets that were about the house. Falling asleep almost

immediately due to sheer exhaustion, they awoke some time later at about one o'clock in the morning on Thursday, the sixteenth, and this because of the shooting that could be heard within "UCA". Witness is of the opinion that said shooting took place near the woods in the "UCA" locality; and seconds later, she heard noises produced by the doors at the Fathers' quarters as if they were being opened and shut by slamming them, while the shooting, although less audible, continued. . . As a result witness got up slowly and barefoot, she began walking toward the adjacent room, finding a spot on the window that faces the inside of the Father's quarters, from where it could be observed parts of the hallway of the domicile, listening to faint voices but unable to distinguish what was being said, save for Father NACHITO's being able to hear what he said. Witness states that he said that it was an injustice, that they were nothing but trash. When person listening approached the window, she saw five subjects, two of whom were posted in front of the stairway leading to side section of the chapel known as "Mon Senor Romero", located in the aforementioned university, and there, some individuals were at the Father's residence. Person witnessing was able to notice that these subjects were attired in camouflaged uniforms wearing dark caps which hid their faces. They were tall and strongly built. Their shoes were not seen. Witness was able to see all of this, given the moon's glow, which made it as clear as daylight. Witness adds that she did not see any emblems worn by the individuals or any other visible signs.



That the other three individuals were on the left-hand side of those who were shooting, but those were not made visible by the moon's light, but witness was able to tell that these individuals wore dark uniforms, but not completely black, but they had seemed much darker and that aforementioned subjects wore caps just as the other two described previously. That, during all this time, the shooting continued and so did the opening and shutting of doors, and that some time later the five subjects walked along the small hallway toward the Father's quarters. Not being able to see any farther, person who witnesses, as the sidewall located on the aforementioned place blocked her view, but hearing a more intense noise of the shooting and Father NACHITO spoke no more. No other voices were heard. An interval of silence followed lasting just a few seconds approximately, while the sound of furniture being dragged was heard, and sounds of the violent brushing aside of glass and something was being hauled, but witness was unable to see anything - always at the window referred to previously - returning to the mattress where she sat down and her husband reprimanded her and told her: "You could've gotten shot for being nosey", as witness broke into tears figuring out what might have happened, not being able to hear the Father. Moments later, she heard a bomb explosion within the quarters of the "UCA" and second later, a second bomb went off - always within the "UCA" campus and followed by a grave silence, upon which, person witnessing fell asleep up until five-thirty in the morning as she was undergoing a nightmare. It was then that she awoke, and rising, she walked toward the bathroom

to make up a little, awaiting the hour of six in the morning in order that she might go and find out what had happened at the Father's residence. At the onset,, she first came across the women's slaughtered bodies thrown about. Walking forward, noticing that the dormitories were open, running on toward the priest's quarters, noticing a blue bulge, recognizing Father NACHITO blood stains on his head, moving onwards a bit farther, she saw a white head. At this point, witness stopped herself and she began walking toward her quarters to get her purse and her documents and she set out to inform on the events at the house of Calle Mediterraneo Fifty, being received there by Father PEDRAZA, whom she gave due report of what had taken place. While she was there, she listened to a man explain that he had been saved by a miracle of God since he had been standing at the room and managed to hide behind some wooden boards. What he did lament were his wife and daughter. Witness returned back with the Priests to the site where the killings had occurred. Witness declared that FATHER CHEMA that is to say, Father TOJERCA instructed her to control herself so that the rest of the people would not notice that she was crying. The Prosecutor's Office of this State requested the foregoing testimony to be served the following day in light of the fact that it was five-thirty in the afternoon and presently there was an imposed curfew. Not having anything else to attest to, we hereby conclude the testimony at hand as it is all that there is to be stated to be the truth. The present declaration was read and it is ratified as evidence, hereby signs jointly with the assigned members of the District Attorney's

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and SOTERO CONSUET DIEZ, Esq. testate - the court of law - W -  
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# DECLARACION DE TESTIGO



San Benito, San Salvador,

En la ciudad de Calle Reforma, Número Ciento Sesenta y Cuatro, Cobana,

a las setecientos horas y ...

minutos del día veintidos de Noviembre

de mil novecientos ochenta y nueve. Presente la testigo Lucia -

Barrera de Cerna quien se identifica con

Cédula de Identidad Personal N° 4-7-000946, Et. 19-Jun-81

fue juramentado e instruido de las penas a que incurrir quienes declaran falsamente.

Manifestando llamarse como queda escrito

ser de 44 años de edad, profesión u oficio Empleada

con domicilio en Reparto Sn. Fernando, P. de H., Casa 53-D, Soyapan

prometió decir verdad en cuanto fuere interrogado por autoridad competente, que sin

ningún interés ni incapacidad para

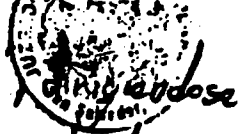
declarar en este juicio, preguntado sobre los hechos que se le interrogan conforme a la cita que

le aparece a fs. ... CONTESTA:

Que no le une ningún vínculo de parentesco entre los jesuitas fallecidos, así como tampoco con la señora Elba Julia Ramos, ni con su hija Celina Marcela - Ramos también hoy fallecidos. - Que lo declarante se encontraba laborando como encargado de la limpieza de la Rectoría de la Universidad Centroamericana - "José Simón Cañas" desde mil novecientos ochenta y dos, bajo los ordenes del Jefe de Mantenimiento, señor Raúl Merlozo, quien a su vez es custodia del Padre Rogelio Peltraz, quien es Jefe de Mantenimiento. - - - Que al día miércoles quince de los corrientes la declarante salió de su casa de habitación, situada en la dirección arriba mencionada, como a los seis de la mañana, junta-

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mente con su esposo Jorge Alberto Cerna y su hija Edelia Gerardiña Cerna, de cinco años de edad, con dirección a esta ciudad. Llegando como entre diez y media y once de la mañana de ese mismo día, llamando por teléfono al Padre Nachito, refiriéndose al Padre Ignacio Martín Baro, desde los teléfonos públicos que se encuentran ubicados cerca de los muebles-Capri, esquina opuesta al Cine Apolo, llamándolo a su oficina, ya que lo sabía que aunque no estuviere trabajando, el personal de la "UCA", el Padre mencionado si se encontraba en su oficina, que es la Vice-Rectoría, manifestándole, la que declara: Que necesitaba ayuda porque venía huyendo de Soyapango y se encontraba desahogado, solicitándole que le diera posada; a lo que el citado Padre le contestó que: No había problema, que se llevara a la casa quince de la Calle Cantabriga de la Colonia Jardines de Guadalupe, de esta ciudad, a lo que la que declara, manifestó que no sabía a la hora que iba a llegar, ya que conocía que el mencionado Padre era delicado, ya que ella andaba a pie buscando transporte para poder llegar; llegando a la casa quince, antes mencionada, como a las dos de la tarde del mismo día, habiendo quedado su esposo y la hija curando el furore.

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la que declara a la casa número quince de la calle mencionada, en donde al nomás tocar el timbre salió a recibirla el Padre Nachito, a quien la declarante le manifestó: Que perdonara por que ella solo a dar le molestias llegaba; a lo que el Padre le manifestó ¡ Hombre! para eso estamos, hoy por ti mañana por mí, enseñándole las habitaciones que se encontraban desocupadas para que ella escogiera, habiendo escogido una de las dos habitaciones que se encontraban desocupadas en la casa dieciséis, manifestándole al Padre que ella solo un cubre como se llevaba a lo que el Padre le dijo que no se preocupara, ya vamos a arreglar esto, venite; por lo que la declarante se fue juntamente con el Padre a la residencia de los Sacerdotes adentro de la "UCA", abriendo un cuarto, el mencionado Padre del lado izquierdo, diciéndole que tomara una colchoneta que ahí dentro se encontraba, a lo que la dicente le manifestó de que el esposo y la hija de la que decloro, le diera permiso de entrar también a la casa por que andaban con ella, a lo que el Padre le contestó de que entonces necesitaría dos colchonetas, habiéndolas tomado la que declara, regresando juntamente con el Padre a la casa dieciséis, en donde platicaban sobre la situación que atraviesa el país, y fue cuando el Padre le contó

Declarante

de que un día de estos habían llegado los soldados  
hacer un cateo y que se comportaron correctamente;  
fue entonces cuando la declarante se ofreció para  
irles a hacer la cena, a lo que el Padre le manifestó:  
A... proposito las otras empleados no han venido, no  
han podido pasar de Tecla, retirándose el Padre  
hacia su residencia. - Que anteriormente cuando  
platicaban con el Padre ella le manifestó que -  
porqué mejor no se iba del país y que fuera -  
pasar, ya que ella así bromaba con él, o lo -  
que le contestó que no por que había que trabajar. -  
Que cuando ella se ofreció a irles hacer la cena  
el Padre le contestó: "Ya veremos, ya veremos" - -  
Posteriormente, la declarante, juntamente con su  
familia, regresó a la casa dieciseiseno a las cuatro  
de la tarde, poniéndose a lavar y tender una ropa  
que traía mojada, llegando nuevamente el Padre como  
a las cuatro y media de la tarde, haber si ya se  
habían pasado; fue cuando la que declara le pre-  
sento a su esposo, y des pues de platicar sobre  
la situación del país con su esposo, le preguntó  
a la que declara si había llevado cobijas, a lo-  
que le contestó que solamente había llevado una para  
la niña; por lo que el padre dijo que necesita-  
ria otra frizada, que ya se la iba a conseguir

retirándose hacia la casa de ellos y volviendo  
mente, por lo que la que declara al oír la música  
del radio de él salió corriendo a encontrarlo y le  
preguntó que qué había dispuesto sobre si ella les  
hacía la cena, a lo que el Padre le respondió que  
ya les habían mandado a la mujer de un vigilante  
sin especificar nombre. - Dedicándose lo que  
declara a hacer sus oficios, accediéndose como  
a las siete de la noche, ya que no había luz,  
calentando agua para una pacha con unos pa-  
peles periodicos viejos que habían en lo caso.  
Habiéndose quedado dormidos casi de inmediato  
por el cansancio que tenían, despertándose  
posteriormente como a la una de la mañana  
del día jueves decisais por la disparación que  
se escuchaba a dentro de la "UCA", que dicha  
disparación, considera lo que declara, que fue  
por el bosque de la "UCA", que segundos despues  
oyó que sonaban las puertas de la residencia de  
los Padres, como que los habían y cerraban con  
fuerza siguiendo la disparación pero ya menos  
nutrida, por lo que la dicente se levantó y sin zapatos  
y despacio se dirigió a la otra habitación, ubicándose  
en la ventana que da hacia el interior de la resi-  
dencia de los Padres, desde donde se puede observar



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parte del corredor de dicha residencia, escuchando voces suaves, sin poder distinguir lo que decían, solamente la voz del padre Nachito, alcanzando a oír, la que declara, que decía: "Que era una injusticia, que eran carroña"; cuando lo que declaro se acercó a la ventana vió cinco sujetos, dos de los cuales se encontraban frente a los gradas que dan a la parte lateral de la Capilla "Mon Señor Romero", de la ciudad Universitaria, los cuales disparaban hacia la residencia de los Padres, pudiendo observar, la que declara, que dichos sujetos se encontraban vestidos con uniformes camuflajeados con cachucha oscuras, sin poder distinguir sus rostros, siendo dichos sujetos altos y fornidos; que los zapatos no se los alcanzaba a distinguir, que todo esto lo pudo distinguir, la dicente, por la luz de la luna que esa noche estaba como el día, agregando además que a dichas personas no les vio emblema ni distintivo alguno. Que los otros tres sujetos se encontraban a mano izquierda de los que se encuentran disparando, y a los cuales la luz de la luna no se los alumbraba, pero si pudo distinguir que éstos vestían uniformes oscuros, sin ser negros porque los hubiera visto más negros, que dichos sujetos también llevaban

cachucha como los otros dos que ha desc  
anteriormente, que en todo este tiempo continuaba  
la disparación y el abrir y cerrar de puertas; que  
luego los cinco sujetos se dirigieron por el corre-  
dorito hacia la residencia de los Padres, no pudien-  
ver más la declarante porque el bordo que se  
encuentra en dicho lugar la topó, oyendo más  
nutrida la balocera y el Padre Nachito ya no  
habló ni escuchándose ninguna voz, haciéndose  
una pausa de silencio que duró unos segundos,  
aproximadamente, oyéndose como que arrastraban  
muebles y también como si apartaran <sup>fuertemente</sup> vidrios y  
arrastraban algo, que la declarante no pudo ver,  
encontrándose siempre en la ventana a que ha-  
hecho referencia, retirándose hacia la colchoneta  
donde se sentó, y su esposo entonces, la regano  
y le dijo: "Hasta un balazo podía alcanzar por  
andar de metida", poniéndose a llorar la declarante  
por lo que se imaginaba que podría haber pasado,  
porque ya no oía hablar al Padre, momentos después  
escuchó la explosión de una bomba siempre dentro  
del recinto de la "UCA", y segundos después una  
segunda explosión de bomba siempre en el recinto  
de la "UCA", quedando todo posteriormente en

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un gran silencio, habiendose quedado dormida la que declara como hasta los cinco y media de la mañana porque tenia una pesadia i y fue cuando despertó y se levanto y se fue al baño a arreglarse esperando que dieran las seis de la mañana para ir a ver lo que habia sucedido en la casa de los padres, encontrandose primeramente con los cadáveres de las señoras que estaban desechos, siguiendo caminando, viendo que los cuartos se encontraban abiertos, y siguió caminando hacia la residencia de los padres, viendo un bulto de azul, reconociendo al padre Nachito quien tenia sangre en la cabeza, caminando un poco más vió una cabeza blanca; por lo cual se "cortó" la declarante y salió hacia su habitación a traer su cartera con sus documentos y fue a dar aviso a la casa de la Calle Medite franco cincuenta, habiendo sido recibida por el Padre Pedroza, a quien dió aviso de lo sucedido, encontrandose en el mismo lugar un hombre que le manifestó que se habia salvado de milagro de Dios, ya que se -

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encontraba en un cuarto donde se encontraban unas tablas, lo que si sentia era su mujer y su hija; habiendose regresado despues, lo que declara, de träs de los Padres al lugar de los hechos; habiendole manifestado el Padre Chen es decir, el Padre Tojerra, que se controlara para que la gente no se diera cuenta que andaba llorando. - En este estado el Ministerio Público solicita que la presente declaración sea anpleada el dia de mañana debida que son las cinco y media de la tarde, y el toque de queda vigente. - Y no habiendo nada mas que hacer constar, damos por terminada la presente declaración, por ser todo lo que puede manifestar por ser la verdad, leida que le fue la presente declaración la ratifica para constancia firma, juntamente con los Ag. Especificos de la Fiscalia General de la Republica Licenciado Saul Rigoberto Zelaya Castillo y Belar Sotero Consuel Diaz. - Testado el Juzgado. N vale. - Sobre lineas. San Benito, San Salvador. Vale. - Entre lineas fuertemente. Vale. Enmiendado. esta quince. Vale. -

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

PASS: UNIT CHIEF [REDACTED] OLIA.

CITE: 11545011

SUBJECT: JESUIT CASE UPDATE 70.

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"CONFIDENTIAL".

RE: DOS CABLE #9781, DATED 7/20/90.

THE FOLLOWING CABLE WAS RECEIVED BY LEGAT, MEXICO CITY:

ON JULY 18, 1990, JUDGE RICARDO ALFREDO ZAMORA TOLD THE ASSISTANT LEGAL OFFICER (A/LO) THAT HE STILL BELIEVES THE ORDERS-OF-THE-DAY REGISTER (LIBRO DE ORDENES; SEE REFTEL A, PARAGRAPH 3) IS A FAKE. HOWEVER, HE HAS REVERSED HIS PLANS TO TAKE THE

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REGISTER TO THE UNITED STATES FOR SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION (SEE REFTEL B, PARAGRAPH 3) BECAUSE, HE SAYS, SALVADORAN LAW MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO TAKE EVIDENCE OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

THEREFORE, HE REQUESTS THAT FBI TECHNICIANS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COME TO EL SALVADOR AND HE WILL SWEAR THEM IN AS AGENTS OF THE COURT. THE JUDGE BELIEVES THAT, DONE IN THIS WAY, THEIR RESULTS WILL BE ADMISSIBLE IN SALVADORAN COURT.

COMMENT: WHILE HAVING FBI PERSONNEL SWORN IN AS AGENTS OF A FOREIGN COURT MIGHT RAISE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE FBI, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE FORTHCOMING ON THIS ISSUE. END (1)  
COMMENT.

ACTION: POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONTACT FBI FOR APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

ON 7/23/90 LEGAT, MEXICO CITY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, RICK CHIDESTER, U.S. EMBASSY, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR REGARDING THIS MATTER. U.S. EMBASSY, EL SALVADOR WILL PAY ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE TRAVEL OF THE TWO LAB SPECIALIST REFERRED TO ABOVE.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS REQUEST BE GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO REQUEST U.S. EMBASSY AND FBI ASSISTANCE

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IN BRINGING THIS MATTER TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

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To : Mr. Davis

Date 7/25/90

From : J. W. Hicks *JWH*

Subject : JESUIT CASE

Reference teletype from American Embassy San Salvador to U.S. State Department dated 7/20/90 - copy attached.

**PURPOSE:** To respond to referenced teletype requesting FBI Laboratory personnel travel to El Salvador to conduct a field examination of evidence.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1. That Legal Counsel Division advise the Laboratory Division what if any difficulties occur if FBI personnel are sworn in as agents of a foreign court.

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2. That OLIA via Legat, Mexico City advise appropriate Salvadoran judicial officials of the Laboratory Division's concern regarding field examination of evidence.

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3. That OLIA, with Department of State concurrence, approve Laboratory Division involvement and any necessary foreign travel in this matter.

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Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Hicks, Room 3090 (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Davis, Room 7427 (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] Room 7443 (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] Room 3206 (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] Room 3232 (Enclosure)

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Memorandum from J. W. Hicks to Mr. Davis  
Re: JESUIT CASE

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DETAILS: For background, on 7/12/90, SA [REDACTED], Legat, Mexico City, telephoned Unit Chief [REDACTED] Document Section, Laboratory Division. He asked whether or not we were able to examine evidence in referenced case as a matter of foreign police cooperation. SA [REDACTED] told him that we had conducted these types of examinations in the past and saw no reason why we would not do so in this matter. At that time, SA [REDACTED] advised that he would send evidence in the captioned matter to the Laboratory Division for examination. He further advised that the Salvadoran court required the names of a primary and alternate examiner who would conduct these examinations. SA [REDACTED] was given the names SSA [REDACTED] primary, and SSA [REDACTED] alternate.

Referenced teletype indicates that on 7/18/90 Judge RICARDO ALFREDO ZAMORA reversed his plan to send the evidence to the FBI Laboratory stating Salvadoran law makes it impossible to send evidence out of the country. The teletype requests that FBI Laboratory examiners travel to El Salvador and conduct appropriate examinations in that country. In conjunction with this, the Judge will swear the examiner in as an agent of the Salvadoran court.

The only description of the examination to be conducted is a reference to the fact that the Judge "still believes the orders-of-the-day register (Libro De Ordenes ...) is a fake."

Referenced teletype also states that having FBI personnel sworn in as agents of a foreign court might raise legal difficulties for the FBI.

The Laboratory Division raises no objection to sending an examiner to El Salvador to conduct the requested examination. However, the examination of an official document believed to be a "fake" will probably require the resources of more than a field document examination. A thorough examination (ink and paper, indented writing, comparison with standards, et cetera) will probably require the document in question to ultimately be submitted to the Laboratory. For this reason, the Laboratory requests that Legat, Mexico City recontact appropriate Salvadoran judicial officials with our concerns that a thorough and technologically comprehensive examination cannot be conducted outside a proper laboratory environment. SSA [REDACTED] has been advised that she is the primary examiner in this matter.

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Memorandum from J.W. Hicks to Mr. Davis, dated 7/25/90  
Re: Jesuit Case

Addendum: Office of Liaison and International Affairs (OLIA)  
██████████ 8/2/90

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By enclosed teletype dated July 28, 1990 (see enclosure #2), the American Embassy, San Salvador, clarified the request in their July 20, 1990, teletype regarding travel of Laboratory personnel to El Salvador. Judge Zamora is not requesting that FBI technicians conduct a field examination in El Salvador, rather, once the technician is sworn in, Judge Zamora will give the evidence to the technician, who will bring it back to FBIHQ Laboratory for analysis. The technician should be prepared to return to El Salvador to explain how the analysis was done and submit to cross-examination from prosecutors and defense attorneys.

For the information of Legal Counsel, the State Department has advised that the U.S. Embassy, San Salvador, has offered to pay all transportation costs and related expenses for travel of Laboratory personnel to El Salvador. Per established policy, salaries and other related expenses for laboratory and identification services provided by the FBI are borne by the FBI. To the extent authorized by Title 5, United States Code, Sections 5751(b) and 7342(c)(1)(B)(ii), FBI personnel may accept remuneration for expenses related to travel taking place entirely outside the United States from countries requesting FBI assistance.

In addition to advising what, if any, difficulties occur if FBI personnel are sworn in as agents of a foreign court, Legal Counsel is also requested to provide their opinions regarding State Department's offer to pay costs re this matter. Due to the sensitivity and urgency regarding this matter, Legal Counsel is requested to advise of their conclusions as expeditiously as possible.

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR; FPC-MURDER; OO: HQ.

RE AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR TEL JULY 20, 1990.

~~THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "CONFIDENTIAL" IN ITS ENTIRETY.~~

FBI SPECIAL AGENT EXAMINER [REDACTED] DOCUMENTS SECTION, LABORATORY DIVISION, IS AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL TO SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE RE CAPTIONED MATTER. TRAVEL WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1990, WITH CONTEMPLATED RETURN OF NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 1990.

AMERICAN EMBASSY, SAN SALVADOR, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF MR.

- 1 - Mr. Baker
- 1 - Mr. Hicks
- 1 - Mr. Davis
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Hale
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TRAVEL PLANS.

~~BY: [REDACTED] DECL: OADR.~~

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NOTE: This matter was initiated on 7/20/90, following receipt of a teletype from the American Embassy, San Salvador, requesting FBI assistance. By way of background, a critical piece of evidence regarding this investigation is a register which documents the actions of military officers suspected of involvement in the murders of six Jesuit priests. Judge Ricardo Alfredo Zamora, who is presiding over this matter, believes that the register turned over by the military is a forgery and an attempt by the military officers to cover-up their involvement in the murders. Zamora bases his belief on the register's apparent new binding, evident page substitution and alteration of page numbers.

Judge Zamora has requested that an FBI Laboratory examiner travel to El Salvador, be sworn in as an agent of the Salvadoran Court, and transport the above-described document to the FBI Lab for processing. El Salvador rules of evidence require that the evidence be directly turned over to the examining official, who must also be a sworn agent of the Salvadoran court. The examining official is responsible for analyzing and subsequently providing testimony as to his/her findings. The evidence cannot be transported to the U.S. by anyone other than the examining official.

The above was coordinated with Legal Counsel Division which advised that being sworn in as an agent of the Salvadoran Court is strictly a procedural step and in no way obligates or restricts the examiner's actions. Legal Counsel Division has no legal objection to the FBI examiner being sworn in as an "Agent of the Court."

In conversation with Richard Chidester, Legal Officer, American Embassy, San Salvador, on 8/10/90, Chidester advised that he had been contacted by Judge Zamora who advised that it is imperative that the FBI's document expert take possession of the evidence on or about 8/13-14/90 for transport to the U.S. Judge Zamora stated that the defense counsel had petitioned the court for a change of venue, which the judge plans to deny during the week of 8/12/90. Defense counsel is expected to appeal the judge's denial. While the appeal is pending, the evidence cannot be turned over to the FBI for processing.

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# Memorandum

AUG 1990



To: FBI Laboratory Division  
Evidence Control Center  
Room 3233, TL 241

Date: 8/15/90

From: [REDACTED]

Section & Symbol Doc/0728(SM)

Subject: UNSUBS;  
SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS,  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR;  
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### OTHER COMMITMENTS

Bufile # 163A-HQ-61055 City & State SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR  
Agency USDS Dates 8/13-14/90  
(circle one) Bureau Federal Local Workdays 2

Purpose: (circle one)  
01. Lecture Training (Others) 06. Research Data Acquisition  
01A. Tours, Training, etc. at FBIHQ 07. \_\_\_\_\_  
02. Training (Self) 08. Investigative Support  
03. Speech 09. Communication Support  
04. Pretrial Conference 10. Conference Meeting  
05. Field Examination of Evidence 11. Deposition

Details Unusual or Interesting Circumstances

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FBI LABORATORY SUPPORT REQUESTED BY USDS RE  
FIELD EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN CAPTIONED  
CASE. SALVADORAN JUDGE/PROSECUTOR HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED  
THAT BEFORE EVIDENCE COULD BE REMOVED FROM HIS COURT FOR  
TRANSPORTATION TO FBI LABORATORY, EXAMINER MUST BE  
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"Isidro Menendez" Legal Center  
FOURTH CRIMINAL COURT  
Telephone: 25-5177, Ext. 33  
San Salvador

Re: UNSUBS; SHOOTING OF  
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I, the undersigned, Fourth Criminal Judge of this Judicial District, for the record state: that Mr. [REDACTED] has been appointed and legally sworn in as an expert technician for the GRAPHOTECHNICAL ANALYSIS EXAMINATION of the Log Book of the CAPITAN GENERAL GERARDO BARRIOS Military School.

For all legal intents and purposes I hereby issue, sign and seal this certification at the Fourth Criminal Court, San Salvador, on August 14, 1990.

(signature)

Dr. Ricardo Alberto Zamora Perez  
Fourth Criminal Judge

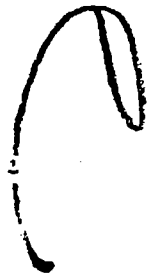
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To : Assistant Director  
 Laboratory Division

From : Legal Counsel *JRD/JS*

Subject : JESUIT CASE

Date 9/5/90  
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*# 329,075*

**PURPOSE:** To provide Legal Counsel Division's (LCD) opinion on issues relating to the forensic examination of evidence by Laboratory Division (LD) Special Agent examiners in the above-captioned case, an ongoing investigation in El Salvador.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None, for information only. *CBT/LWR*

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ Adm. Servs. \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Coun. *JRD/JS* Off. of Liaison  
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**SYNOPSIS:** No statutory or regulatory prohibitions exist to the swearing in of FBI personnel as agents of a foreign court. Based on the lack of prohibitions and on information provided by knowledgeable sources as to the duties and obligations of the recipient of such a title in El Salvador, LCD has no legal objection to a LD Special Agent examiner being sworn in as an agent of a Salvadoran court, should the policy decision be made to proceed with the examination of the evidence. Further, the acceptance of reimbursement from the Department of State (DOS) for the LD examiner's travel and related expenses would be an augmentation of FBI appropriations and unlawful.

**DETAILS:** By memorandum, dated 7/25/90, from J.W. Hicks to Mr. Davis, captioned as above, LCD was advised that the LD was requested by an El Salvadoran court to examine document evidence in the above-captioned case as a matter of foreign police cooperation. Initially, it was proposed that the evidence be submitted to the LD for examination. However, by teletype dated 7/20/90 from the American Embassy, San Salvador to the DOS, the LD was notified that the judge overseeing the investigation had decided that Salvadoran law made it "impossible for him to take evidence out of the country," and, consequently, had requested that an LD examiner travel to El Salvador, be sworn in as an agent of the court and conduct the examination, the results of

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- 1 - Mr. [redacted] Rm. 7458, TL 245
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] Rm. 3206, TL 241
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] Rm. 3232, TL 241
- 1 - Legal Research Unit, Rm. 3634, TL 231
- 1 - Ms. [redacted] Rm. 3634, TL 231

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which would then be admissible in Salvadoran court. The LD, while expressing no objection to this, believed that the examination would probably require the resources of more than a field document examination and requested that the Legat, Mexico City, obtain a clarification of the allowed examination procedure. Because the 7/20/90 teletype had raised the specter of possible legal difficulties for the FBI should its personnel be sworn in as agents of a foreign court, the LD memorandum requested that LCD address that issue and provide an opinion.

In an addendum to the LD memorandum, dated 8/2/90, the Office of Liaison and International Affairs (OLIA) provided further details concerning the proposed examination. OLIA stated that the American Embassy, San Salvador, by teletype dated 7/28/90, added the information that the FBI examiner, sworn in as an agent of the court, could bring the evidence back to the FBI Laboratory for analysis with the understanding that he or she be prepared to return to El Salvador to testify to the results of the examination. Further, OLIA advised that the U.S. Embassy, San Salvador (i.e., DOS) offered to pay all transportation costs and related expenses for travel of LD personnel to El Salvador. LCD was requested to provide an opinion as to whether the FBI could accept the DOS offer to pay travel and related expenses.

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By telephone call on 8/9/90 from Mr. Richard Chidester, DOS, U.S. Embassy, San Salvador, LCD was informed that defense counsel in the above-captioned case had entered a petition for a change of venue which would be denied by the judge sometime during the week of 8/13/90. The defense was expected to appeal the denial. While the appeal was pending, the evidence could not be turned over to the FBI for processing. Therefore, the judge and Mr. Chidester requested the presence of the LD examiner early in the week of 8/13/90. Because of the changed circumstances and need for an expeditious response, LCD provided an oral opinion to the LD (Mr. Ronald Furgerson, Section Chief, Document Section) and OLIA (Mr. [REDACTED] Unit Chief, Interpol/Foreign Cooperation Unit) on 8/9/90.

The following confirms and amplifies LCD's oral opinion on the issues of 1) whether the swearing in of an FBI Special Agent as an agent of the Salvadoran court would present legal difficulties and 2) whether the FBI can accept reimbursement of the LD examiner's travel and related expenses from the DOS.

FBI Personnel as Agents of a Salvadoran Court

LCD has determined that no Federal statutes or regulations bar FBI personnel from being sworn as agents of a

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foreign court. Moreover, no case law discussing the issue was found. Since neither statutory and regulatory prohibitions nor guidance exists in this matter, a threshold determination of the duties and obligations of an agent of the Salvadoran court was made to assess the procedure's legal impact on a LD examiner's position as an FBI Agent.

A brief discussion of El Salvador's criminal justice system is necessary for an understanding of the concept of an agent of the court. In the Salvadoran system, which has been derived from nineteenth-century Spanish jurisprudence, the courts become involved in the case almost immediately after a crime is committed. If the police conduct a preliminary investigation, they must submit their results to the court within seventy-two hours; minor cases are forwarded to a judge in a "court of first instance." The judge then begins the investigation phase, actually conducting an in-depth investigation into the crime. Presiding over each step of the investigation, the judge may himself visit the crime scene, order the police to perform forensic tests and issue orders for witnesses to testify. Once the judge is satisfied that all available information has been collected, the case may be dismissed or moved to the plenary phase of the trial. During the process, the accused has the right to file petitions either with the Supreme Court or with a court of second instance. When a petition is filed with a higher court, the judge in the court of first instance ceases work on the case. See generally R. Hudson, "Crime and Punishment," in Salvador a country study, Federal Research Division, Library of Congress (research completed 1988) (R. Haggerty ed. 1990).

It is during the investigative phase overseen by the judge that agents of the court are utilized. LCD determined through discussions with Mr. Chidester, on 8/7/90, and with Mr. Rubens Medina, Chief of the Hispanic Division, Library of Congress, on 8/8/90, that the judge must swear in an individual as an agent of the court to order that individual to perform a task necessary to the investigation, e.g., to perform a forensic examination. The action is a procedural step, which, in effect, "deputizes" the individual to act for the judge. In this way, any report, such as the results of a forensic analysis, or the testimony of the examiner can be received as evidence in the Salvadoran court. The procedure would neither restrict the LD document examiner in his examination of the evidence and in his duties as an FBI employee, nor obligate the examiner to anything but his professional responsibility--examination of the evidence with subsequent courtroom testimony as to the results. Further, Mr. Medina advised that the oath taken would be a promise to perform some task and would not involve a pledge of allegiance to

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the Salvadoran government.

The Office of International Affairs (OIA), Department of Justice (DOJ), advised LCD on 8/9/90, that it would be ill-advised to allow FBI personnel to be sworn in as agents of a Salvadoran court and to subsequently leave the country with the evidence. OIA objected less to an examination performed while the LD examiner remained in El Salvador. OIA's objection was not based on perceived legal difficulties with the agent of the court procedure, but rather on a concern that the LD examiner could provide an opportunity for claims of evidence tampering or "stealing" of the evidence, exacerbated by removal of the evidence from the country. OIA concluded that the decision to allow a LD examiner to become an agent of the Salvadoran court and examine the evidence, whether at FBIHQ or in El Salvador, was a policy decision between the FBI and the DOS.

On the basis of the above information, and the lack of statutory or regulatory prohibitions, LCD has no legal objections to the LD examiner being sworn in as an agent of a Salvadoran court should the policy decision be made to proceed with the examination. Further, Mr. Chidester advised LCD that he would be present to monitor the procedure.

#### Payment of Travel and Related Expenses

Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Section 0.85(g), states in pertinent part that the services of the FBI Laboratory may be made available to foreign law enforcement agencies and courts, as provided in procedures agreed upon between the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. Those procedures are delineated in an agreement between DOJ and DOS, entitled "Procedures for Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Assistance to Foreign Law Enforcement Agencies and Courts" (DOJ/DOS Agreement), signed on 7/5/85 by then Attorney General Edwin Meese III and on 8/2/85 by then Secretary of State George P. Shultz. The agreement includes the following provision concerning payment of expenses:

Salaries and other related expenses for laboratory and identification services provided by the FBI will be borne by the FBI. To the extent authorized by Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 5751(b) and 7342(c)(1)(B)(ii), FBI personnel may accept remuneration for expenses related to travel taking place entirely outside the United States from countries requesting FBI assistance.

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The agreement comports with general appropriation law in placing the burden of payment on the FBI. It is a fundamental principle of appropriation law that appropriations may be used only for the purposes for which they were made, except as otherwise provided by law. Title 31, U.S.C., Section 1301(a). Further, Title 31, U.S.C., Section 3302(b), states that any money received by a Federal agency from any source must be deposited in the general fund of the U.S. Treasury. Based upon these statutes, a body of case law has evolved the general rule that an agency may not augment its appropriations from outside sources without specific statutory authority. See, e.g., 61 Comp. Gen. 419, 420 (1982); 59 Comp. Gen. 415, 417 (1980); and 46 Comp. Gen. 689, 690 (1967).

Funds have been appropriated to the FBI for the performance of the LD services specified in Title 28, C.F.R., Section 0.85(g), discussed above. Funding of the LD programs would include monies for any travel and related expenses necessary to provide those services. Although contrary to the DOJ/DOS Agreement, the DOS has offered to pay the travel and related expenses of the LD examiner. Since the FBI has previously received funding for programs which would include monies for the LD examiner's travel and related expenses, LCD believes that receipt of the DOS reimbursement by the FBI would be an augmentation of our appropriated funds and unlawful.

Assuming that the DOS is, in fact, authorized by its Authorization Act to make such reimbursement and receives appropriated funds for such a purpose, LCD notes that DOS reimbursement of the expenses under Title 31, U.S.C., Section 1535 (Section 601 of the Economy Act of 1932, 47 Stat. 417, as amended), would not be a viable option. Section 1535, which is a statutory exception to Section 3302, authorizes the inter- and intra-departmental furnishing of materials, or the performance of work or services, on a reimbursable basis. However, Section 1535 is applicable where no other statute specifically authorizes the provider agency to render the service in question and when the requested service is not a part of the provider agency's mission for which it has already received appropriated funds. See 59 Comp. Gen. 415, 416 (1980); 40 Comp. Gen. 369 (1960). The FBI is by statute authorized "to conduct such other investigations regarding official matters under the control of the Department of Justice and the Department of State as may be directed by the Attorney General." Title 28, U.S.C., Section 533(3). Further, and more specifically, the FBI Laboratory is by regulation mandated "to provide without cost, technical and scientific assistance" to other law enforcement agencies, DOJ organizational

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units and other Federal agencies, and has been granted the discretion to provide those same services to foreign law enforcement agencies and courts. Title 28, C.F.R., Section 0.85(g). Since forensic laboratory services are a part of the FBI mission for which we receive appropriated funds, LCD concludes that reimbursement under Section 1535 would not be legally permissible.

Additionally, neither Title 5, U.S.C., Section 5751(b) nor 7342(c)(1)(B)(ii), cited in the DOJ/DOS Agreement, is applicable to the issue of DOS payment of travel and related expenses. Section 5751(b) concerns payment of travel expenses for an employee summoned or assigned by his agency to testify in his or her official capacity on behalf of a party other than the United States, entitling that employee to travel expenses paid by his or her agency except to the extent that the travel expenses are paid by the entity which caused the employee to be summoned. Section 7342 concerns the receipt and disposition of gifts and decorations from any unit of foreign governmental authority, any international or multinational organization, or any agent or representative of such unit, with Section 7342(c)(1)(B)(ii), specifically providing for acceptance of a gift of travel expenses if certain conditions are met.

LCD concludes that the FBI should not accept DOS reimbursement of the LD examiner's travel and related expenses. Notwithstanding that DOS payment of the expenses would be contrary to the DOJ/DOS Agreement, any monies received from DOS would have to be deposited in the U.S. Treasury, since acceptance of the monies by the FBI would constitute an augmentation of our appropriations and be unlawful.

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To: Office of Liaison and International Affairs

September 19, 1990

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FBI FILE NO. 163-61055

LAB NO. 00815021 D SM

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS,  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR;  
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION

*YOUR NO. 4-11-94 00815021-263*

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Examination requested by: Dr. Ricardo Alberto Zamora Perez,  
Reference: Fourth Criminal Judge, Centro Judicial "ISIDRO MENENEDEZ" Fourth Criminal Court, San Salvador, El Salvador  
Examination requested: Letter received August 15, 1990  
Document - Translation

Specimens:

- Q1 Log book with written entries beginning on first page "El presente ..."
- K1 Log book with blank pages *163-61055-118*
- Kc2 Photocopies of three documents bearing known signatures of RICARDO ALFONSO CASANOVA SANDOVAL

Result of examination:

It was determined that signatures appearing on pages 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 290, 291, 295, 302 and 305 of the Q1 log book were prepared by the individual responsible for preparation of the Kc2 signatures. The presence of unexplained handwriting characteristics and limited number of available known signatures prevented additional positive handwriting identification, but other characteristics in common with the Kc2 writer were observed in virtually all of the remaining signatures appearing on pages 185 through 355, indicating that involvement of a second writer is unlikely.

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Signatures appearing on pages 4 through 180 of the Q1 log book were mechanically prepared, probably with a stamping device. Nothing was observed to indicate that more than one stamping device was utilized to prepare the seal impressions appearing on pages 1 through 180 and pages 185 through 355 of the log book.

Fabric material used to bind the Q1 and K1 log books differs in composition, but nothing was observed to indicate that pages of the Q1 book were added or altered.

The submitted evidence is returned herewith. Photographs are being retained in the Document Section of this Laboratory.

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To: Office of Liaison and  
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Attention: Mr. [REDACTED]

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Re: UNSUBS; SHOOTING OF  
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San Salvador

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Examination requested:

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Reference: Letter received in  
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Specimens received:

August 15, 1990

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- K1 Log book with blank pages,
- K2 Photocopies of three documents bearing the known signatures of RICARDO ALFONSO CASANOVA SANDOVAL

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SIX JESUIT PRIESTS,  
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Examination by: *J. 9.5.90*

Examination requested by: Dr. Ricardo Alberto Zamora Perez,  
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This certifies that the attached FBI Laboratory report dated September 19, 1990, assigned FBI file number 163-61055 and FBI Laboratory number(s) 00815021 D SM,

is a true and accurate report of the results of the Laboratory examination(s) performed on the described evidence submitted by Fourth Criminal Court, San Salvador, El Salvador. Further, that the evidence examined was received at \_\_\_\_\_ (am/pm) on August 15, 1990 by the FBI Laboratory and subsequently by the below-named individual(s) who performed the examinations requested on September 6, 1990.

Signed [Redacted] [Signature]  
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Washington,  
District of Columbia

Before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, the above-named individuals appeared and signed this affidavit first having sworn that the statements made therein are true.

Notary Public in and for the  
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My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



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SAC, San Antonio (163A-EQ-61055)  
Attn: SA [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI

FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION;  
GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR;  
MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS;  
NOVEMBER 11, 1989,  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

A technical review of the polygraph examination documents pertaining to the examination of [REDACTED] on 7/11/90 has been completed. Review personnel concur with the examiner's conclusion.

All documents are enclosed herewith, for appropriate filing.

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POLYGRAPH REPORT

DATE OF REPORT 8/31/90	DATE OF EXAMINATION 7/11/90	BUREAU FILE NUMBER	FIELD FILE NUMBER 163A-HQ-61055
FIELD OFFICE OR AGENCY REQUESTING EXAMINATION U.S. Department of State via FBIHQ			
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL Asst. Director, Laboratory Division			DATE AUTHORIZED 1/2/90
EXAMINEE NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) [REDACTED]			

CASE TITLE

FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION;  
GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR;  
MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS;  
NOVEMBER 11, 1989,  
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

REFERENCES

CASE SYNOPSIS/EXAMINER CONCLUSION

On the night of 11/15-16/89, unknown individuals entered the Central American University (UCA) campus in San Salvador and killed six Jesuit priests, their cook, and the cook's daughter. Investigation by El Salvador's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) developed several military enlisted men and officers as those responsible for the murders. Four Officers and eight enlisted men have been indicted and are presently in prison. Additional witnesses, however, are needed to prosecute this case.

The American Embassy (AMEMB), San Salvador received information indicating that [REDACTED] had witnessed some of the meetings where the plans to murder the priests were discussed. [REDACTED] however, claimed to be afraid to talk for fear of retaliations. AMEMB representatives talked to [REDACTED] and he advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] consented to a polygraph examination in order to prove his statements. During the pre test interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] appoligized and was later removed from the Embassy.

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# Polygraph Examination Worksheet

Date of Report 8/31/90		Date of Examination 7/11/90		Bureau File Number		Field File Number 163A-HQ-61055	
Location of Examination San Salvador, El Salvador				Examiner Name SA [REDACTED]			
Examinee Name (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]						SSN N/A	
Date of Birth [REDACTED]		Age [REDACTED]	Place of Birth [REDACTED]				
HT	WT	Sex Male	Marital Status [REDACTED]	Current Address [REDACTED]			
Previous Polygraph Examination none			Language During Exam Spanish		Requested By Examinee <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Education (Total Years _____)							

Employment History/Military  
[REDACTED] *h7c*

Health/Medication  
claimed to be in good health. Not under M.D. care and not taking medication/drugs.

Arrests/Convictions  
Claimed none

<b>Check One Only</b>		<b>FBI EMP/APP</b>		<b>Type of Investigation</b>		<b>Total Examiner Time (Include Travel)</b>	
Subject		Special Agent		Criminal		8 Hours	
Victim		Support		FCI	X		
Witness	X	Translator		Admin. Inquiry		Estimated Property Value	
Suspect		Contract		PSPP			
Asset		Leak Case <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Applicant			
Informant				WITSEC			
Applicant				Other Federal			
FBI Employee							

Date(s)	Time In	Time Out
7/11/90	10:00A	1:00P



Examination Results

DI	X	INC		Pretest Admission		Confession	
NDI		NO		Post Test Admission		Confession	X

Comments (Name of Witness or Interpreter)

No test required.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: 11545011

PASS: ATTN: FBIHQ/INTERPOL/FPCC, GLIA.

SUBJECT: SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR: FPC; OO: FBIHQ.

RE MEXTEL DATED 7/24/90, AND BUTEL DATED 3/11/91.

A REVIEW OF THIS FILE REVEALED THAT THERE ARE NO LEADS PENDING IN MEXICO CITY, THUS THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC.

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Memorandum



To : Mr. Baugh *Web/2/a* Date 9/16/92

From : *[Redacted]* *b7c*

Subject: SHOOTING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS  
IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, 11/16/89;  
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION;  
OO: FBIHQ  
BUFILE: 163-61055

The Information Management Division is requested to place this memorandum and the enclosed videotapes in Bureau file 163-61055.

2 - Enclosure

1 - Mrs. *[Redacted]*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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