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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you about El Salvador. It is apparent to thinking Americans that we are drifting into a Viet Nam type situation. I strongly deplore this situation. Let us get out of El Salvador and let what is the natural expression of the population -- massive reform -- take place. We are blocking the tide of inevitability just as we did in Viet Nam. Why are we always on the wrong side, thwarting the political expression the populace wants. Remember, the United States started its government through revolution. We should keep that in mind.

I want us to get out of El Salvador completely and immediately. The facade of having "advisors" there is a neutral role simply does not ring true to the American public. Also, we should not be training their rightist government troops in the United States. I am also strongly opposed to increased arms expenditures for El Salvador.

And, under no circumstances should we consider sending any troops to El Salvador. One can see how the media is slowly introducing the concept. In the event of such a proposal you would have some real trouble on your hands with the U.S. voters.

Sincerely,

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