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MUCH OF WHAT WAS DISCOVERED IN THE AUTOPSIES YESTERDAY IS VERY INCONSISTENT WITH THE VARIOUS VERSIONS OF THE EVENTS OUT AT THAT CRASH SITE PUT FORWARD BY THE FMLN OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS. FIRST THAT THEY DIED IN THE AIRCRAFT. SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THAT STORY ARE ALSO INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE FMLN IS TRYING TO PORTRAY THIS AS.

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I MEANT TO START OFF WITH THE PRESS CONFERENCE BY SAYING A FEW WORDS IN TERMS OF HOW I AND THE U.S. EMBASSY AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS REACTING TO THIS EVENT. I THINK I AM GOING TO SAVE THAT FOR THE CERIMONY WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TOMORROW DOWN IN COMALAPA IN WHICH WE WILL HAVE A SMALL, SHORT MEMORIAL SERVICE BEFORE WE PUT THESE THREE SERVICEMEN ABOARD A PLANE TO BE TAKEN BACK TO THE U.S. WHAT I WANT TO HAVE THIS PRESS CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO IS BEING ABLE TO TALK TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ASK WHATEVER QUESTIONS YOU WANT FOR THEM TO DEFEND THEIR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF WHAT TOOK PLACE AND WITH THAT I THINK I WILL TURN IT OVER TO QUESTIONS.

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O. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOUR PROSPECTS ARE NOW OR WHAT IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE POSSIBLE RESTORATION OF MILITARY AID.

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A. (AMB) WE ARE GIVING YOU THE RESULTS OF A REPORT THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME AN HOUR AGO. WE ARE FAXING THIS HARD COPY UP TO WASHINGTON AS WE SPEAK. I OBVIOUSLY CANNOT

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SAY HOW THAT WILL BE INTERPRETED IN THE CONTEXT OF WASHINGTON'S DISCUSSIONS OVER THAT ISSUE OR ANY OTHER ISSUE. IT IS MUCH TOO EARLY TO TELL THE IMPACT OF THIS. BUT OBVIOUSLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE U.S. PEOPLE WOULD NOT TAKE LIGHTLY THE COLD-BLOODED ASSASSINATION, EXECUTION OF TWO AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. WE ALREADY HAVE STATEMENTS FROM CONGRESSMEN INDICATIVE OF WHAT THEY WOULD THINK SHOULD IT TURN OUT TO BE A COLD-BLOODED ASSASSINATION. I WILL LEAVE IT TO THEM TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES WHEN THEY HAVE THIS SORT OF EVIDENCE.

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SUBJECT: U.S. HELICOPTER CREWMEN INCIDENT -- TRANSCRIPT OF 1/5/91 PRESS CONFERENCE IN SAN SALVADOR WITH AMBASSADOR WALKER AND THE U.S. FORENSIC TEAM

11. FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 ON THE U.S HELICOPTER CREWMEN INCIDENT, FEATURING AMBASSADOR WALKER AND THE TWO U.S ARMY FORENSIC SPECIALISTS WHO PERFORMED THE AUTOPSIES ON THE DECEASED CREWMEN:

AMBASSADOR WALKER: (INTRODUCES THE FORENSIC SPECIALISTS AND SUMMARIZES THEIR PRELIMINARY FINDINGS.) THERE IS NOTHING IN THE REPORT THAT WE HAVE SEEN THAT I RECEIVED THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TESTIMONY THAT WE'VE SEEN ON TELEVISION FROM CAMPESINOS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN AT OR NEAR THE SITE WHEN THIS THING HAPPENED, OR INCONSISTENT WITH TESTIMONY TAKEN AT THE THIRD BRIGADE FROM OTHER CAMPESINOS. ON THE CONTRARY, EVERYTHING THAT COMES FROM THE AUTOPSY EXAMINATIONS OF THESE BODIES IS TOTALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE STORY THAT TWO OF THE THREE CREW MEMBERS -- THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS -- GOT OUT OF THAT HELICOPTER CRASH ALIVE, AND IN THE CASE OF THE LTC HE GOT OUT OF THE CRASH WITH VIRTUALLY NO INJURIES, CERTAINLY NO LETHAL INJURIES.

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THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE TWO SURVIVING CREW MEMBERS WERE SHOT AT CLOSE RANGE FROM BEHIND AND FROM ABOVE, THE FACT THAT LTC PICKETT WAS SHOT WHILE ON THE GROUND WITH MULTIPLE BURSTS, HIGH VELOCITY, IS INDICATIVE TO US OF

EXECUTION STYLE ASSASSINATIONS.

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BE SIGNING THESE DEATH CERTIFICATES (AT LEAST THE AMERICAN DEATH CERTIFICATES) WITH MANNER OF DEATH AS HOMICIDE, AS I WOULD IN ANY OTHER TERRORIST ACTION.

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Q. IT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS?

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A. (WAGNER) THE FIRST, IS THAT THE INJURY TO PFC DAWSON IS CLEARLY A GUNSHOT WOUND THAT CANNOT HAVE BEEN INFLICTED BY HIM. IT IS A WOUND BY DIRECTION AND BY CHARACTER THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY SOMEONE ELSE AND WOULD HAVE TO BE AN INTENTIONAL FIRE. IT WAS DESIGNED BY EXPERIENCE OR OTHERWISE TO PENETRATE VERY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE BRAIN BRINGING ABOUT SIGNIFICANT INJURY THAT WOULD BE --

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Q. HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THIS IS AN EXECUTION? THEIR HELICOPTER, AFTER ALL, WAS SHOT DOWN.

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A. (WAGNER) O.K. YOUR QUESTION THEN REALLY IS, IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT THESE BULLETS WERE SHOT IN THE AIRCRAFT VS OUTSIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'RE ASKING?

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Q. WELL, IT WAS ALL PRETTY OBVIOUS FROM THE REPORT. COULDN'T THIS HAVE HAPPENED IN A GUN FIGHT? EXECUTION MEANS --

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A. (WAGNER) I CANNOT TELL YOU AT THIS POINT WHETHER OR

NOT THESE SERVICE MEMBERS FIRED UPON WHOEVER WAS FIRING UPON THEM. WE TOOK CHOICE EVIDENCE WHICH WILL BE ANALYZED BY THE FBI LABORATORIES IN WASHINGTON. THAT WAS THE QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED, WHETHER OR NOT THESE PEOPLE FIRED THEIR WEAPONS. UPON GROSS EXAMINATION WE DON'T SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF THAT. IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. THEY COULD HAVE BEEN IN A FIREFIGHT. NO, THEY WERE NOT SHOT AND INJURED IN THE AIRCRAFT. AND THAT IS BASED ON THE X-RAYS AND RATHER EXTENSIVE AUTOPSIES THAT RESULTED IN THE RECOVERY OF BULLETS OR PROJECTILE FRAGMENTS THAT CLEARLY HAD NOT PENETRATED AIRCRAFT STRUCTURES.

Q. WERE THERE ANY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS THAT WERE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE CREW WHILE THEY WERE UNDER FIRE.

A. (AMB) AS FAR AS I KNOW, ABSOLUTELY NONE. WE DID NOT REALLY KNOW THEY WERE MISSING UNTIL THEY WERE WELL OVERDUE.

Q. THERE IS NO INDICATION ANYWHERE IN THIS REPORT THAT THIS WAS AN EXECUTION, NO SPECIFIC USE OF THAT TERM. IS THAT YOUR SURMISE?

A. (GLENN WAGNER, FORENSIC EXAMINER) THE DECISION NOT TO USE THE TERM EXECUTION WAS BASED ON A NUMBER OF CONSIDERATIONS. FIRST, THIS IS A PRELIMINARY REPORT AND AS SUCH NEEDS TO BE CORROBORATED WITH TESTIMONIAL EVIDENCE, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND AT LEAST THREE OTHER ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS. ONE OF THE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, THE AUTOPSY OF THE AIRCRAFT, IF YOU WILL, AN AUTOPSY OF THE MISSION THAT THIS FLIGHT CREW WAS ON, AS WELL AS THE AUTOPSY OF THE CREWMEMBERS.

GENERALLY, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER HAS AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE FACTUAL FINDINGS OF HIS OR HER EXAMINATION BUT TO RESERVE THE SPECULATIONS, THE OPINIONS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS FOR A COURT OR OTHER

BOARD OF INQUIRY. I THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO EMPHASIZE THE EXECUTION WHEN I THINK IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS FROM THE REPORT. I WILL SAY TO YOU THAT I WILL

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Q. REGARDING DAWSON, YOUR REPORT IS QUITE DETAILED ABOUT THE KIND OF GUNSHOT AND THE WEAPON THAT WAS USED. COULD YOU NOT DETERMINE THE RANGE AT WHICH HE WAS SHOT?

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A. (WAGNER) NO WE COULD NOT WITH ABSOLUTENESS. WHAT THAT REQUIRES IS LOOKING FOR POWDER RESIDUE OR TATOONG AND CORRABORATIVE EVIDENCE OF DISTANCE (OBVIOUSLY A KEY CONSIDERATION). ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL IS THAT HE'S GOT VERY DENSE, CURLY HAIR SO THAT THOSE TRACE EVIDENCES WOULD BE CAUGHT UP IN THAT HAIR. WHAT WE DID WAS SHAVE THE AREA, COLLECT THAT HAIR WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY ANALYSIS IN WASHINGTON. WE BELIEVE THAT THAT WILL CONCLUSIVELY SHOW THAT IT IS A CONTACT OR LOOSE CONTACT INJURY. IT MEANS THAT THE GUN WAS HELD VERY CLOSE TO THE HEAD, WITHIN INCHES OF THE HEAD.

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Q. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

A. (WAGNER) IT MEANS THAT THE GUN WAS HELD VERY CLOSE TO THE HEAD, WITHIN INCHES OF THE HEAD VS. SOME DISTANCE BEYOND TWO OR THREE FEET.

Q. CAPTAIN, YOU SHOW HERE IN YOUR CREDENTIALS THAT YOU ARE OR VERY CLOSE TO BEING THE WORLD'S GREATEST PATHOLOGIST. THE AMBASSADOR HAS CHARGED, NOT FORMALLY, THAT THEY WERE EXECUTED. IS THIS YOUR PRELIMINARY CONCLUSION AS WELL? IS IT THE AMBASSADOR'S CONCLUSION BASED ON WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD HIM, AND DO YOU AGREE WITH

THE AMBASSADOR'S CONCLUSION?

A. (WAGNER) A SIMPLE ANSWER: YES. I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE. BRINGING TOGETHER TESTIMONIAL EVIDENCE, THE LIMITED INVESTIGATIVE ASPECTS THAT I HAVE AND CORRELATING THAT WITH OUR FINDINGS, NOTHING THAT DISAGREES WITH THAT.

Q. CAPTAIN, CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE INJURIES THAT THEY SUSTAINED IN THE CRASH. IT SAYS HERE THAT THE PILOT SUSTAINED VERY SERIOUS INJURIES DURING

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE ANY INTERMEDIATE TARGETS?

A. (WAGNER) WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE ANY INTERMEDIATE TARGETS. IF A BULLET WENT THROUGH THE AIRCRAFT IT HAS TO GO THROUGH METAL, PLASTIC OR UPHOLSTERY OR ARMOR AND IN DOING WILL DEFORM AND FRAGMENT AND WHAT WE WOULD HAVE IS A HOST OF SHRAPNEL INJURIES AND VERY IRREGULAR WOUNDS. WHILE WE DO HAVE VERY IRREGULAR WOUNDS, THE FRAGMENTATION AND SHRAPNEL INJURIES ARE THE RESULTS OF THE BULLETS PASSING THROUGH BODY PORTIONS AND STRIKING BONE.

Q. WHERE WERE THESE PEOPLE SEATED IN THIS HELICOPTER? WAS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE BULLETS THAT WERE FIRED COULD HAVE COME THROUGH AN OPEN DOOR AND NOT MADE THE PRELIMINARY IMPACT?

A. (WAGNER) I CANNOT ANSWER THAT BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROCEDURES ARE FOR FLYING A MISSION. THE DOORS ARE OPEN, CERTAINLY THE CREW CHIEF WOULD BE EXPOSED. THE PILOT/CO-PILOT SHOULD BE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE, THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WAS IN THE LEFT HAND SEAT OF THE AIRCRAFT AND BASED ON THE INJURIES OF THE CREW CHIEF, PFC DAWSON, HE PROBABLY WAS ALSO ON THE LEFT SIDE. THAT WOULD MEAN

THAT LTC PICKETT WAS IN THE RIGHT SEAT IN THE FRONT.

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POINT. THOSE INJURIES WOULD MAKE HIM INJURED, REQUIRING
MEDICAL ATTENTION BUT THEY ARE NOT LETHAL INJURIES, SO
HE SHOULD HAVE SURVIVED.

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Q. WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN?

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A. (WAGNER) TYPICAL SEATBELT INJURIES CAN RESULT IN
CONTUSIONS OR BRUISING OF THE (INDISTINCT) AND THE
SUPPORTING (INDISTINCT) AND BRUISING OF THE ABDOMINAL
STRUCTURES, LIVER AND SPLEEN. THAT RESULTS IN BLEEDING,
BUT BECAUSE IT'S NOT GETTING OUT THAT BLOOD ESSENTIALLY
CAN BE REINFUSED.

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A. YOUR CONCLUSION IS THAT NONE OF THE TWO SUSTAINED
GUNSHOT WOUNDS WERE SUSTAINED INSIDE THE HELICOPTER?
NONE OF THEM WAS SHOT THROUGH THE HELICOPTER?

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A. (WAGNER) THAT'S CORRECT.

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Q. YOU ALSO SAID THAT JUDGING FROM THE WOUNDS THAT
YOU SAW YOU WERE SURMISING WHAT THEIR POSITIONS WERE
INSIDE THE HELICOPTER.

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A. (WAGNER) NOT THE GUNSHOT WOUNDS. I KNOW THAT
THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER IS A PILOT. THERE WERE TWO
PILOTS ABOARD. HE WAS FLYING THE AIRCRAFT. THAT

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LIMITS HIM TO EITHER THE LEFT OR RIGHT FRONT SEAT. I
KNOW THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE CREW MEMBER OR GUNNER,
WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL HIM, HE HAS TO BE AFT OF
THAT OR IN THE FUSILAGE. (PASSAGE OMITTED).

THE CRASH. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE OTHER TWO GUYS
WERE IN GOOD SHAPE.

Q. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT NONE OF THE PRELIMINARY
RESULTS OF THE AUTOPSY WERE IN CONFLICT WITH THE
TESTIMONY FROM THE CAMPESINOS. WELL, AS FAR AS I
UNDERSTAND, THE TESTIMONY FROM THE CAMPESINOS THEY

NOTE: (#) OMISSIONS. CORRECTIONS TO FOLLOW.

A. (WAGNER) ALRIGHT. YOU NEED A BRIEF COURSE IN CRASH
SURVIVABILITY. BASICALLY, AS I INDICATED IN THAT
PRELIMINARY REPORT, THERE ARE THREE MAJOR FACTORS THAT
CONTROL SURVIVABILITY. OCCUPIABLE SPACE, THAT IS HOW
THE INTEGRITY OF THE VEHICLE HOLDS UP DURING THE CRASH,
THE CRASH (#) FORCES. DECELERATIVE FORCES ARE ANY
NUMBER OF FACTORS WITH YOUR BODY WEIGHT. IF YOUR
TALKING ABOUT 4 G'S (#) A POST-CRASH
ENVIRONMENT. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, BASED ON SCENE
INVESTIGATIONS BY OTHER INVESTIGATORS, IT IS A
RELATIVELY LOW-SPEED CRASH, A CONTROLLED CRASH IF YOU
WILL, RESULTING IN BASIC STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY. OUR
EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FORCE THAT
WAS APPLIED WAS TO SCOTT; THAT THAT CAME AS A RESULT OF
HIS BEING RESTRAINED IN HIS SEAT BY A LAP BELT AND
SHOULDER HARNESS AND COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE
STRUCTURES IN FRONT OF HIM AND ON THE SIDE. THIS
RESULTED IN INJURIES TO HIS NECK AND A WHIPLASH TYPE
INJURIES AND INJURIES TO HIS CHEST RESULTED IN TEARING
VESSELS TO THE HEART, RIB FRACTURES LEADING INTO AND
AROUND THE LUNGS. IT'S A RESULTS OF THE RESTRAINTS.

DAWSON WAS SEATED SIDEWAYS, HIT HIS CHIN ON THE MACHINE
GUN AND SUFFERED INJURIES AROUND THE LOWER ABDOMEN AS A

RESULT OF THE SEAT FAILING AND HIS RESTRAINT TEARING
FREE. AT LEAST THAT'S OUR INTERPRETATION AT THIS

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ARE TALKING ABOUT A FEW SHOTS, FOUR SHOTS, FIVE SHOTS, THREE SHOTS, THEY HEARD WHILE THEY'RE SOMEWHERE AWAY, OUT OF EYE CONTACT WITH THE HELICOPTER. YOUR REPORT SAYS THAT THESE GUYS HAD GUNSHOT WOUNDS FROM AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT (INTERRUPTION) SO THAT WILL SUGGEST THAT THEY WERE SHOT UP A LOT PLUS THE OTHER GUY HAD TEN SHOTWOUNDS, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT MORE THAN FOUR SHOTS FROM THE GROUND.

A. (WAGNER) I THINK, YOU MAY BE TRYING TO DIVIDE THIS TOO CLOSELY. HAVE YOU TRIED AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON? I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD IT HERE. TYPICALLY YOU'LL GET IN FIRING AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON A BURST, A RATHER RAPID BURST THAT CAN VERY MUCH SOUND LIKE A SINGLE SOUND. NOW GIVING WHATEVER ELSE IS GOING ON, I CAN SEE INDIVIDUALS OR WITNESSES TALKING ABOUT TWO OR THREE FOCUSES OF SOUND, AND NOT REPRESENTING MULTIPLE GUNSHOTS IN EACH FOCUS, I CAN ACCEPT THAT GIVEN THE CHANGING PERCEPTIONS OF WITNESSES, WHICH IS WHY WE USE OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AS WELL. (AMBASSADOR) OBVIOUSLY IF THEY WERE TEN BULLETS, TEN GUNSHOT WOUNDS IN ONE OF THE BODIES, THAT DOES IN FACT CONTRADICT ANYONE WHO SAID THAT THERE WERE ONLY THREE OR FOUR SHOTS. I MEAN THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IS THERE, SO THEN YOU GET INTO PEOPLE HEARING SOUNDS AND WHETHER THEY COUNT ONE SOUND OR A COMBINATION OF

SOUNDS THAT SOUNDS LIKE ONE SOUND.

Q. YOUR CONCLUSION THAT YOU'RE REACHING FROM THIS REPORT IS THAT THESE GUYS CRASHED, ONE OF THEM PROBABLY FELL ON IMPACT, TWO OF THEM WERE TAKEN OUT, AND BOTH MACHINEGUNNED AND SHOT WITH A PISTOL.

A. (AMBASSADOR) NO, WE'RE SAYING THAT PRIVATE DAWSON WAS KILLED WITH A SINGLE SHOT FROM BEHIND, LIKELY FROM VERY CLOSE RANGE, AND FROM ABOVE, WHICH IN MY MIND ELIMINATES THE POSSIBILITY THAT WHILE IN THE AIRCRAFT HE GOT A SHOT FROM THE GROUND. IN THE CASE OF COL. PICKETT, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS AND IN THE CASE OF COL. PICKETT, THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TWO DIFFERENT WEAPONS INVOLVED BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF BULLETS INVOLVED. THE NATURE OF THE WOUND IN DAWSON INDICATES A SMALLER CALIBER, PROBABLY A HANDGUN, WHICH WOULD BE A THIRD WEAPON. THAT IS WHY I'M TALKING ABOUT MULTIPLE WEAPONS, OR WHY THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT MULTIPLE WEAPONS.

Q. YOU SAY THAT PICKETT WAS ABLE TO MOVE AROUND. HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR HIS PATTERN OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS -- WERE TWO SHOOTERS INVOLVED?

A. (WAGNER) IT COULD BE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE, I CANNOT DETERMINE THAT. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE GRAZE INJURIES, MY INITIAL INTERPRETATION IS THAT THIS PERSON WAS TRYING TO EVADE THIS TO HAPPEN. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE, IF YOU HAVE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE

SHOOTING AT HIM, HE'LL SURELY BE DOING THAT ANYWAY, I WOULD.

Q. BUT THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH CAMPESINO TESTIMONIES THAT SAID ONLY ONE GUERRILLA STAYED BEHIND.

A. (AMBASSADOR) WELL, I THINK THERE COULD BE VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS OF THAT. THE CAMPESINOS THAT I'VE HEARD THEIR TESTIMONY INDICATE THAT THEY LEFT THE AREA AND DESCRIBE ONE INDIVIDUAL AMONG THE

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GUERRILLAS STAYING BEHIND AND THEN (HEARING) THE GUNSHOTS, THEN YOU COME BACK AND FIND THE BODIES. THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A SECOND SHOOTER OBVIOUSLY AND THE FACT THAT THERE WERE MULTIPLE WEAPONS USED, WOULD AGAIN INDICATE TO ME THAT THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IS GOING TO TAKE PRIORITY OVER THE CAMPESINOS OFF-SITE HEARING THINGS AND HAVING SEEN ONE GUY STAYING BEHIND. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE WASN'T ANOTHER PERSON STAYING BEHIND.

Q. DO YOU THINK IT'S FAIRLY UNLIKELY THAT ONE GUY WOULD KILL THESE TWO GUYS USING THREE DIFFERENT WEAPONS?

A. (AMBASSADOR) WELL, AGAIN THE TESTIMONY OF THE CAMPESINOS INDICATES THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A FAIRLY SHORT TIMEFRAME. IT'S OBVIOUSLY POSSIBLE THAT ONE PERSON WAS CARRYING A SIDEARM, AN AK-47 AND AN M-16 AND INTERCHANGED THEM AS HE FIRED ON THESE TWO AMERICANS. I THINK, COMMON SENSE TELLS ME THAT IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT IT WAS AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS, MAYBE MORE.

Q. WERE THERE ANY WEAPONS ON BOARD THE HELICOPTER?

A. (WAGNER) CAN'T TELL YOU, I DON'T KNOW. ALL OF THESE WEAPONS WERE GONE OR SECURED BEFORE WE HAD

ACCESS TO THE BODIES.

Q. SOME CAMPESINO TESTIMONY INDICATES THAT THE GUERRILLAS WERE STILL FIRING ON THE HELICOPTER AFTER IT WAS DOWN. COULDN'T SOME OF THESE GUNSHOT WOUNDS HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED IN THAT WAY?

A. (WAGNER) IF THE DOOR WAS OPEN, SURE.... THEY MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN EXITING THE AIRCRAFT AND SUSTAINED SOME OF THE INJURIES AT THAT TIME.

Q. IN THE CASE OF COL PICKETT THEN, DOESN'T THIS CAST SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER HE WAS EXECUTED. EVEN WITH HIS POSTURE LIKE THAT, I MEAN IF HE COMES OUT OF THE DOOR AND PEOPLE ARE SHOOTING AT HIM, WHY DOES THIS NECESSARILY MEAN THAT HE WAS EXECUTED?

A. (WAGNER) WELL, HE DIDN'T SHOOT HIMSELF, DID HE?
Q. NO. BUT I WAS SAYING--

A. (AMBASSADOR) BACK TO THE CAMPESINO TESTIMONY. AS SOME OF YOU HAVE POINTED OUT, THEY TALK ABOUT HELPING THE GUYS OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT AND IT IS NOT INCONSISTENT TO ME THAT SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT SUSTAINED MANY INJURIES WOULD STILL NEED HELP TO GET OUT OF A HELICOPTER LYING ON ITS SIDE AND ALL TANGLED UP. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. THE CAMPESINOS WERE AT THE HELICOPTER FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND. THEY WERE ASKED TO HELP OR THEY ASKED TO HELP, WHATEVER VERSION YOU BELIEVE, THESE GUYS WERE HELPED OUT. THAT TO ME IS NOT INDICATIVE OF THE GUERRILLAS STANDING OFF AT SOME

DISTANCE AND FIRING AT THE HELICOPTER.

Q. COULD IT HAVE HAPPENED THAT THE HELICOPTER, ONCE IT GOT CLOSER, COULD THEY HAVE STOPPED FIRING AND ASCERTAIN THE SITUATION AND ASK THE PEASANTS TO HELP THEM OUT?

A. (WAGNER) I TAKE YOU BACK TO THE FATAL INJURY THAT KILLED PFC DAWSON. SINGLE SHOT, BACK OF THE HEAD, CLOSE RANGE. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSIONS ARE WITHIN ONE OR TWO FEET OF THE VICTIM, OR A CONTACT. WE'RE

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Q. JUST TO CLARIFY THAT, DOES THIS MEAN THAT THERE WOULDNT HAVE BEEN A GREAT LOSS OF BLOOD FROM THAT WOUND?

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A. (WAGNER) THERE CAN VERY MUCH BE A LOT OF BLEEDING. IN THE CASE OF DAWSON THE BLEEDING IS PRIMARILY INTO THE BRAIN. BUT SINCE THE INJURY IS GOING FROM BACK TO FRONT, THERE'S INJURIES TO THE FACIAL STRUCTURES HE IS SWALLOWING A LOT OF BLOOD ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT CONSCIOUS DURING THAT TIMEFRAME WHERE A LOT OF BLOOD IS GETTING INTO HIS AIRWAYS. IN THE CASE OF COL PICKETT, TO GET BACK TO YOU, THE MAJORITY OF HIS INJURIES ARE TO THE FACE THAT RESULTED IN LARGE, GAPING EXIT WOUNDS WHICH ACT AS A DECOMPRESSIVE EFFECT ON THE BLAST THEREFORE THE HEAD MAINTAINED SOME INTEGRITY RATHER THAN DEFORMING AND FLATTENING AS YOU SEE IN OTHER CASES. IN THOSE SITUATIONS THE BULLET IS PASSING THROUGH THE BRAIN. IN THE CASE OF DAWSON, WHILE HIS SKULL WAS EXTENSIVELY INJURED AND HIS FACE WAS EXTENSIVELY INJURED, THERE WERE NO BULLETS THAT PASSED THROUGH THE BRAIN ITSELF.

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Q. DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE ON THE DISTANCE, OF THE FIRING AT PICKETT, HOW FAR AWAY THEY WERE FIRING?

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A. (WAGNER) THERE ARE SOME INJURIES ON THE FACE THAT

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INDICATE THAT AT LEAST ONE OR TWO OF THE INJURIES WERE AT CLOSE RANGE (WITHIN 2 OR 3 FT) GIVEN THAT IT'S A RIFLE. THE REST LOOK LIKE DISTANCE WHICH CAN BE ANYWHERE FROM FIVE FEET ON.

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Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG THEY SURVIVED?

INCLINED TO THINK CONTACT BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT UNTIL THE LABORATORY TESTS ARE BACK.

A. (WAGNER) THAT'S STATED AT LEAST IN TERMS OF ESTIMATES IN OUR REPORT, FOR THE WARRANT OFFICER (SCOTT), HE COULD HAVE DIED IMMEDIATELY -- AT LEAST UP TO 30 MINUTES, SINCE IT'S A FUNCTION OF HOW FAST

Q. WHAT KIND OF OTHER INJURIES DID DAWSON HAVE?

A. (WAGNER) I AM GOING TO PASS TO MY COLLEAGUE DR. MCCLANE WHO CAN ENUMERATE THIS FOR YOU.

Q. CAN I ASK YOU JUST ANOTHER QUESTION?

A. SURE.

Q. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A LAYMAN'S INEXPERT QUESTION. WHEN WE SAW THE BODIES OF THE JESUITS, A YEAR AGO, I REALIZE THAT YOU WERE NOT HERE FOR THAT, OR WERE YOU? (NO). THE BODIES OF THE JESUITS WHO WERE SHOT IN THEIR HEADS, WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR HEADS LOOKED LIKE A FOOTBALL THAT HAD BEEN DEFLATED. THESE GUYS, ALSO SHOT IN THEIR HEADS, DIDN'T APPEAR THAT WAY, AT LEAST FROM WHAT I SAW, IT LOOKED LIKE HEADS THAT HAD HOLES IN THEM. THE HEADS (SKULLS) DIDN'T ACTUALLY COLLAPSE. WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

A. (WAGNER) IN THE CASE OF DAWSON, IT'S A LOW-CALIBER, ESSENTIALLY IT'S A PUNCH THROUGH INJURY WITH THE VAST DAMAGE AFFECTING THE BRAIN. THAT INJURY IS VERY CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TYPE OF HOMICIDES THAT WE SEE IN THE STATES IN MOST OF OUR

CITIES AND WOULD INDICATE A LOW VELOCITY PROJECTILE CONSISTENT WITH A HANDGUN RATHER THAN A RIFLE OR A

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HE EXSANGUINATED OR BLED OUT. IN THE CASE OF DAWSON,
HIS FATAL INJURY IS THE HEAD WOUND WHICH WOULD HAVE
BEEN IMMEDIATELY FATAL TO HIM BUT HIS HEART WOULD
CONTINUE FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES, COULD LAST AS MUCH
AS 11 MINUTES.

Q. YOU HAVE NO WAY OF ASCERTAINING HOW LONG AFTER
THE CRASH HE SUSTAINED --

A. (WAGNER) NO SIR, I CANNOT. OF COL PICKETT,
WHENEVER HE SUSTAINED THE FACIAL INJURIES HE DIED.
AGAIN, THOSE INJURIES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO KNOCK
HIM DOWN AND MAKE HIM UNCONSCIOUS, BUT IN FACT THAT
OCCURRED AT THE TIME THAT HIS HEART STOPPED WHICH
WOULD BE SEVERAL MINUTES LATER.

Q. ARE YOU ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THAT THEY WERE BOTH
SHOT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME?

A. (WAGNER) THERE IS NO WAY I CAN DO THAT, BUT THERE
IS NOTHING THAT CONFLICTS WITH THAT. I KNOW THAT
THEY WERE SHOT WITHIN THE SAME 24 HOUR PERIOD IN THE
SAME AREA WHILE ON THE SAME MISSION. THAT'S IT.

Q. AS THE WORLD'S SECOND GREATEST PATHOLOGIST, DO
YOU AGREE THAT THESE WERE EXECUTIONS?

A. (JONI MCCLAIN) WELL, AS A MEDICAL EXAMINER, WE
DON'T USE THE TERM EXECUTION. WE HAVE VARIOUS

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MANNERS OF DEATH. IT'S A NATURAL DEATH. IT'S
ACCIDENTAL. IT'S A HOMICIDE. AND THESE WOULD BE
CLASSIFIED AS A HOMICIDES BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE
INFLECTED THE FATAL WOUND. LIKE DR. WAGNER SAID THAT
IS UP TO THE COURTS OR WHOEVER TO MAKE THE JUDGEMENT
OF AN EXECUTION, WE JUST MAKE HOMICIDE --

Q. O.K. LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY. AMBASSADOR WALKER
MADE A FORMAL CHARGE THAT THESE MEN WERE EXECUTED.
DO YOU AGREE?

A. (MCCLAIN) ALL I CAN SAY, THEY WERE SHOT BY
SOMEONE ELSE.

A. (AMBASSADOR) LET ME CLARIFY FOR THE RECORD. I
THINK IF I GET A TAPE FROM THOSE CAMERAS AND YOU GO
BACK OVER MY WORDS YOU WILL NOT HEAR ME SAYING,
"I ACCUSE" FORMALLY. I AM SAYING THAT BASED ON THE
PRELIMINARY REPORT GIVEN TO ME BY THESE PATHOLOGISTS,
BASED ON THE TESTIMONY WE HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED FROM
CAMPEINOS, BASED ON SOME THINGS WE'VE --

Q. "INDICATIVE TO US OF EXECUTION-STYLE
ASSASSINATIONS" IS WHAT YOU SAID.

A. (AMBASSADOR) INDICATIVE TO US OF EXECUTION STYLE
ASSASSINATIONS. RIGHT.

Q. OBVIOUSLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND YOU PEOPLE DO
NOT TAKE LIGHTLY THE COLD-BLOODED ASSASSINATIONS --

A. (AMBASSADOR) ABSOLUTELY TRUE. DO YOU DISAGREE
WITH THAT? DO YOU DISAGREE THAT THE U.S. PUBLIC
WOULD BE... NO, YOU SAID I FORMALLY DECLARED THAT
THESE WERE EXECUTIONS. YOU JUST READ BACK TWO
SENTENCES THAT DO NOT SO FORMALLY DECLARE, LINDSAY.
QUESTIONS.

Q. INTERNAL INJURIES ON DAWSON?

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FMLN WITH THE TESTIMONY OF THE CAMPESINOS, I BELIEVE
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A. (MCCLELLAIN) O.K., THE INTERNAL INJURIES ON DAWSON. HE HAD LEFT-SIDED FRACTURES POSTERIORALLY OR BEHIND THE RIBS TEN AND ELEVEN AND ALSO THERE WAS A RIGHT SEVENTH RIB FRACTURE. LOOKING INSIDE THE BODY, THE LUNG SHOWED A FEW AREAS OF FOCAL HEMMORHAGE, BOTH LUNGS DID. THERE WAS A LITTLE AREA OF HEMMORHAGE AROUND THE PANCREAS, ALSO A SMALL AMOUNT OF DAMAGE AROUND THE KIDNEY, NOT ENOUGH TO BE FATAL, LIKE A BRUISE ... A HEMMORHAGE IN THAT RESPECT.

Q. WERE THESE MEN EXECUTED?

A. (AMBASSADOR) I AM TELLING YOU, AS BOTH THESE MEDICAL EXAMINERS TOLD YOU, THEY WOULD CLASSIFY THESE DEATHS AS THE RESULT OF HEAD PROBLEMS HOMEKID. FOR SOMEONE TO BE SHOT FROM BEHIND TOP TO BOTTOM WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF ARMED MEN BASED ON THE CAMPESINO DESCRIPTION OF THEIR EXTRACTION FROM THE HELICOPTER THERE IS NO CLAIM BY ANYONE THAT I KNOW OF THAT THEY HAD THEIR WEAPONS OR HAD THEM OUT. I WOULD CLASSIFY THEM AS UNARMED MEN IN THE CUSTODY OF A LARGER FORCE WITH WEAPONS AIMED AT THEM AND THEY ALREADY HAD BEEN SHOT. I COME TO THE CONCLUSION FROM THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THESE MEN WERE MURDERED WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF ELEMENTS OF THE FMLN. YOU OBVIOUSLY CAN DRAW OTHER CONCLUSIONS.

Q. WERE THEY EXECUTED?

A. (AMB) I DRAW THE CONCLUSION THEY WERE MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF AN ARMED UNIT OF THE

Q. WHY DID THEY CHOOSE THAT ROUTE BY WHICH TO FLY HOME?

A. (AMBASSADOR) WE HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY INCIDENT ALONG THE PANAM HIGHWAY, THAT DAY OR FOR SEVERAL DAYS. IF YOU ARE IN A PEACEFUL MISSION AND YOU'RE HEADING HOME, YOU DON'T CHOOSE TO GO SOME PLACE THAT IS CONFLICTIVE. THEY WERE GOING TO THE EAST TO AVOID GOING DIRECTLY NORTH, SO THEY WERE TRYING TO AVOID CONFLICTIVE ZONES.

Q. BUT THEY WEREN'T OVER THE PANAM HIGHWAY AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH.

A. (AMBASSADOR) AT THE POINT THEY CAME DOWN THEY WERE NOT, BUT THEY WERE USING THE PANAM HIGHWAY AS A NAVIGATIONAL AID TO GET THEM TO SAN MIGUEL. I HAVE FLOWN IN THAT DIRECTION MANY TIMES. THAT'S THE WAY YOU FLY IT.

HAVE YOU EVER FLOWN IN A HELICOPTER AND GONE FROM POINT A TO POINT B, AND SOMETIMES YOU FOLLOW A RIVER, AND SOMETIMES YOU FOLLOW A ROAD WHICH TENDS TO TURN, WHICH TENDS TO DO THIS. AS YOU'RE FLYING ALONG YOU CAN SOMETIMES LEAVE THE ROAD HERE AND PICK IT UP OVER THERE, IF YOU SEE IT, AND THAT CAN TAKE YOU A GOOD NUMBER OF KILOMETERS OFF THE TRAIL YOU'RE FOLLOWING.

Q. MR. AMBASSADOR, WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT A WISE PRACTICE FOR U.S. SERVICEMEN TO BE TRAVELLING IN A HELICOPTER AT 50-70 FT. OVER WHAT IS CONSIDERED A CONFLICTIVE ZONE AT A TIME WHEN THE FMLN IS KNOWN TO HAVE MISSILES AND, IN FACT, FLYING SO LOW BECAUSE OF THAT BIT OF A CONCERN. DO YOU CONSIDER IT A WISE COURSE OF ACTION FOR U.S. SERVICEMEN IN THIS COUNTRY?

A. (AMBASSADOR) THE U.S. SERVICEMEN IN THIS COUNTRY, THE HELICOPTER PILOTS THAT WERE ON THAT MISSION, HAVE A

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MISSION TO PERFORM, RIGHT? AND THEY DO THAT MISSION AS WELL AS THEY CAN CONSISTENT WITH CONSIDERATIONS FOR THEIR SAFETY WHILE THEY'RE DOING THE MISSION. THEY CAME OVER HERE TO PERFORM A NON-LETHAL MISSION, A SUPPORT MISSION, THEY WERE HEADING HOME, OK? THEY GO HOME, AS I SAY, IN A MANNER AS CONSISTENT WITH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE. YES, THE FMLN HAS ESCALATED THE VIOLENCE IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, WE ALL KNOW THAT. YES, THEY HAVE USED MISSILES. THAT IS WHY THEY WERE FLYING SO LOW TO THE GROUND, BECAUSE MISSILES ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT A WEAPON TO USE AGAINST A HELICOPTER GOING OVER YOUR HEAD AT FIFTY FEET. AS I SAID EARLIER, THAT INCREASES THE RISK, UNFORTUNATELY, OF GROUND FIRE. FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD OF THE TESTIMONY OF THE VARIOUS PEOPLE WHO'VE LOOKED AT THIS, THIS PLANE MUST HAVE FLOWN RIGHT OVER THEM. THAT IS VERY BAD LUCK, OBVIOUSLY. BUT YOU CANNOT FORESEE EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE AND OBVIOUSLY WE DO PAY GREAT ATTENTION TO WHERE IT IS SAFER TO FLY THAN WHERE IT IS MORE DANGEROUS TO FLY.

Q. HAD THESE CREWMEN FLOWN THIS ROUTE BEFORE?

A. (AMBASSADOR) I JUST DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THE HISTORY OF WHEN THESE PARTICULAR CREW MEMBERS WERE IN EL SALVADOR, SO I DON'T KNOW.

Q. DOES THE ESAF APPROVE US MILGROUP FLIGHT PLANS?

A. (AMBASSADOR) THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. I DON'T KNOW. MARK? FLIGHT PLANS. ARE THEY SANCTIONED BY,

Q. AND DO YOU KNOW IF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES WOULD UNDERTAKE A SIMILAR FLIGHT PLAN?

A. (AMBASSADOR) YOU'D HAVE TO ASK THE SALVADORANS.

Q. WOULD THEY DO IT DURING THE DAY?

A. (AMBASSADOR) I HAVE NO IDEA.

Q. WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE WITNESSES WHO WENT TO THE THIRD BRIGADE. WERE THEY DETAINED?

A. (AMBASSADOR) THEY WERE CERTAINLY NOT DETAINED. SEVERAL CAMPESINOS WHO WERE AT THE CRASH SITE AND RECOGNIZED THE ENORMITY OF WHAT THEY HAD SEEN, VOLUNTARILY HEADED FOR THE THIRD BRIGADE THE NIGHT OF THE CRASH. WHEN THEY GOT THERE, OBVIOUSLY, THEY GAVE THEIR VERSIONS OF WHAT THEY HAD SEEN. THAT WAS RECORDED, TAKEN DOWN. WE GOT SOME OFFICERS OUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS SOON AS WE COULD, TO TALK TO THEM APART FROM THIRD BRIGADE PRESENCE. THEIR DESCRIPTIONS (WORD INDISTINCT) AMONG THEMSELVES, ONE WITH THE OTHER, AS WELL AS WHAT THEY TOLD THE THIRD BRIGADE, WHAT THEY TOLD US, AND WHAT THEY'VE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD OTHER

PEOPLE. SO, YES, THEY WERE NOT DETAINED, THEY WERE NOT HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL. WE WERE WORRIED, THEY WERE WORRIED, OTHERS WERE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF HAVING GONE IN AND SAYING SOME OF THE THINGS THEY SAID. I REMAIN CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF THOSE PEOPLE. WE TALKED AT GREAT LENGTH OVER THE PAST YEAR AND THREE MONTHS ABOUT WITNESSES, THE PROTECTION OF WITNESSES, HARRASMENT OF WITNESSES, PRESSURE ON WITNESSES. WE ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO THAT ISSUE. THE WITNESSES, AS I UNDERSTAND, HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES BUT THEY ARE GOING TO BE CHECKED

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ON CONTINUOUSLY BY US, BY SALVADORANS, BY INDEPENDENT ENTITIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE PEOPLE DO NOT PAY A PRICE FOR COMING FORWARD AND VOLUNTEERING WHAT THEY SAW.

Q. HOW MANY WERE THERE AND HOW DID THEY GET TO SAN MIGUEL?

A. (AMBASSADOR) THERE WERE A LITTLE OVER A HALF DOZEN; OR A HALF DOZEN, THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE BACK THERE, ONE HOLDING UP SIX, ONE HOLDING UP SEVEN. SEVEN. AND THEY WENT OF THEIR OWN MEANS, RIGHT? HAD A PRIVATE TRUCK.

Q. WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT POLICY ON A REQUEST OF AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE AUTOPSY REPORTS, OR AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY INDEPENDENT FORENSIC EXPERTS--

A. AS I SAID--

Q. THERE WILL BE BY THE FMLN. I THINK THEY'VE ALREADY CLAIMED THAT--

A. (AMBASSADOR) I TOLD THE TEAM WHEN THEY GOT HERE, AS I SAID EARLIER, THAT THEY HAD TO GO UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THEIR RESULTS, THEIR EXAMINATIONS, WOULD BE EXHAUSTIVELY STUDIED, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BY YOU GUYS, IN THE SECOND INSTANCE BY OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS INCIDENT. BY THE CONGRESS OF THE

UNITED STATES.

Q. SPECIFICALLY, HAVE YOU GOTTEN AN EXACT DEMAND FOR--

A. (AMBASSADOR) YOU'D BE BEYOND MY LIMITS IN TERMS OF WHAT WE CAN SUPPLY AND WHAT WE CAN'T SUPPLY. I PERSONALLY WOULD WELCOME WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF WHAT HAPPENED IN LOLOTIQUE, AND WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THAT PLANE WENT DOWN.

Q. THE STATE DEPARTMENT REFUSES REQUESTS FROM OUTSIDE ENTITIES ASKING FOR AN INDEPENDENT AUTOPSY OR EXAMINATION (WORDS INDISTINCT).

A. (AMBASSADOR) I AM SAYING THAT EVERY INDICATION I HAVE IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS INTERESTED IN GETTING THE TRUTH OUT. THE QUESTION REMAINS IF THE INFORMATION THAT THIS TEAM, OR THIS EMBASSY, OR OTHER TEAMS THAT COME IN HERE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DO NOT SATISFY ALL QUESTIONS, AND THERE IS SOME REASONABLE WAY OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN ANSWERED, THEN I THINK, I SPEAK ON THE BASE OF SOME KNOWLEDGE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO AFFORD THEM WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PROVE THAT THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED. THAT WE ARE NOT TRYING --

Q. YOU'RE CONFIDENT ABOUT THAT?

A. (AMBASSADOR) I AM TELLING YOU, I DON'T KNOW. WE HAVE GOT THREE U.S. SERVICEMEN'S BODIES THAT ARE GOING TO BE TRANSPORTED BACK TO THE UNITED STATES (RECORDING INTERRUPTED) IF THAT DOES NOT SATISFY NAY-SAYERS, LET

THEM COME FORWARD WITH THEIR REQUEST AND WE WILL DEAL WITH IT.

Q. SPANISH)

A. (AMBASSADOR) PRIMERAMENTE QUIERO DISCULPARME POR HABLAR TANTO EN INGLES. A PROPOSITO, AL PRINCIPIO ESTA CONFERENCIA ERA SOLO YO HABLANDO CON 3, 4 O 5 DE LA PRENSA INTERNACIONAL. NO SABIA, NO PREVEIA QUE USTEDES TENEAN TANTO INTERES ESTA MANANA.

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EVIDENCIA TECNICA DE LOS DOCTORES CON LAS DECLARACIONES DE LOS CAMPESINOS HABLANDO DE UN SENOR EVIDENTEMENTE MUERTO O CERCA DE MUERTO, PERO DOS OTROS SACADOS DEL AVION CON ASISTENCIA PERO SIN, EN EL CASO DE DAWSON, CON NADA EVIDENTE DE HERIDAS, LOS DOS AMERICANOS FUERON SACDOS DEL AVION VIVOS, PRESOS DEL GRUPO ARMADO, NO HABEA NADA EN EL TESTIMONIO DE LOS CAMPESINOS DE QUE LOS AMERICANOS DISPARAN Y DESPUES DE 5, 10, 15 MINUTOS, LOS DOS AMERICANOS MUERTOS, UNO CON BALA DE AQUI ATRAS, UNO CON MULTIPLES HERIDAS. MI CONCLUSION, PERO USTEDES PUEDEN TENER OTRAS CONCLUSIONES, MI CONCLUSION: ASESINADOS A UNA DISTANCIA PEQUENA EN SANGRE FRIA, MUY FRIA.

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Q. EXISTE EVIDENCIA QUE PUDIERON HABER SIDO ASESINADOS A CORTA DISTANCIA O SEA, HAY EVIDENCIA COMO TATUAJES O ALGO ASI?

A. AMBASSADOR) EN LA ULTIMA PARTE ELLOS DICEN QUE VAN A MANDAR A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EL PELO PORQUE ESTE FUE DE DAWSON. EL SR. DAWSON ES UN NEGRO AMERICANO. SU PELO ES MUY CRESPO. ENTONCES TIENEN QUE MANDAR ESTAS PARTES DEL EXAMEN HACIA WASHINGTON PARA UN EXAMEN MAS INTENSIVO. PERO, ELLOS DICEN QUE, POR LO QUE SABEN AHORA EL DISPARO ERA DE UNA DISTANCIA CORTA. DOS, TRES, CUATRO PIES. UN METRO, Y TALVEZ DE CONTACTO CON LA CABEZA, PERO ESTO TIENE QUE ESPERAR HASTA QUE VENGAN LAS EVIDENCIAS TECNICAS DEL LABORATORIO.

Q. NO TIENEN ALGUN INFORME SI LOS DOS NORTEAMERICANOS CAYERON Y LUEGO PUDIERON HACERLE FRENTE, DISPARARLE, AL GRUPO DE REBELDES COMO DECIAN ALGUNOS CAMPESINOS?

A. AMBASSADOR) PRIMERO, TENEMOS QUE ESPERAR TAMBIEN LOS RESULTADOS DE LOS EXAMENES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE EVIDENCIA DE LAS MANOS DE LOS TRES PARA AVERIGUAR SI ELLOS DISPARAN O USARON ARMAS. ELLOS DICEN, DE SU EXPERIENCIA, PARECE QUE NO. PERO VAMOS A PROBAR CON EVIDENCIA MAS TECNICA. ESTA ES UNA COSA QUE TENGO QUE DAR ENFASIS. ESTOS SON RESULTADOS PRELIMINARES; PERO EN EL CASO DE DAWSON MURIO UNA BALA EN LA CABEZA, DE ATRAS,

DE ARRIBA, MAS POSIBLE CON PISTOLA Y DE UNA DISTANCIA ESTE. MI CONCLUSION: ASESINATO. SI COMPARAN LA

Q. QUE HACIAN LOS NORTEAMERICANOS EN ESA ZONA? CUAL ERA SU PROCEDENCIA, CUAL ERA SU VIAJE? SABRIENDO QUE TIENEN PROHIBIDO QUE SALGAN Y NO PUEDEN ANDAR EN ZONAS TAN CONFLICTIVAS COMO ESA?. QUE HACIAN ELLOS?

A. (AMBASSADOR) ESTE HELICOPTERO FORMO PARTE DE UN GRUPO DE CINCO HELICOTEROS QUE TIENEN SU BASE EN HONDURAS. VIENEN AQUI TODOS LOS DIAS DANDO APOYO LOGISTICO A ESTA EMBAJADA, A NUESTRO GRUPO MILITAR. ETC. VIENEN AQUI EN UN PAPEL DE NO COMBATE. ESTE AVION EN PARTICULAR LLEGO AQUI, HIZO SUS FUNCIONES, Y ESTABA EN EL PROCESO DE REGRESAR DE AQUI HACIA SU BASE EN HONDURAS. PORQUE ENTRE AQUI Y HONDURAS LA RUTA MAS DIRECTA ES SOBRE CHALATENANGO Y MORAZAN, LA DECISION ERA DE PASAR AL ESTE, QUE ES UNA ZONA MENOS CONFLICTIVA.

ESTE AVION ESTABA SIGUIENDO LA CARRETERA PANAMERICANA PARA LLEGAR A SAN MIGUEL Y HACER UNA SALIDA HACIA HONDURAS POR ALLA. SI, ES UNA ZONA DONDE HAY COMBATE, PERO NO HAY TANTO COMO EN CHALATENANGO O MORAZAN. NOSOTROS PRESTAMOS MUCHA ATENCION A LA SEGURIDAD DE NUESTRA GENTE, PERO EN ESTE CASO, EL AVION ESTABA TRATANDO DE LLEGAR A SAN MIGUEL SIGUIENDO LA CARRETERA COMO UNA AYUDA DE NAVEGACION Y SALIR POR HONDURAS.

Q. HAY ALGUN TESTIGO QUE TENGAN USTEDES QUE PUEDA AFIRMAR QUE VIO A LA GUERRILLA DISPARAR CONTRA LOS DOS

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DAWSON, ESTAMOS HABLANDO DE UN NEGRO NORTEAMERICANO. FISICAMENTE, SERIA MUY DIFICIL IDENTIFICAR ESTA GENTE COMO SALVADORENOS. ENTONCES, LA RESPUESTA SENCILLA ES QUE NO, NO HAY, EN MI CONOCIMIENTO, PERSONAS QUE VIERON ESTE INCIDENTE.

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Q. SEGUN LA GUERRILLA, EL HELICOPTERO SOBREVOLÓ LA ZONA Y, AL PARECER, VIÓ UN MITIN DONDE ESTABA LA GUERRILLA Y LES DISPARÓ, SEGUN LO QUE DICE LA MISMA GUERRILLA A TRAVES DE SUS RADIOS CLANDESTINAS.

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A. (AMBASSADOR) YO NO ESTOY HABLANDO DE QUE CONCLUSIONES ESTABAN EN LAS CABEZAS DE LOS GUERRILLEROS CUANDO DISPARAN AL HELICOPTERO EN EL AREA. YO ESTOY HABLANDO DEL CRIMEN EN TODAS LAS NACIONES CIVILIZADAS DEL MUNDO, DE CAPTURAR PRESOS Y MATARLOS. ESTE ES EL PUNTO FUNDAMENTAL.

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Q. EN UN COMUNICADO DEL PENTAGONO SE VEIA LA POSIBILIDAD QUE ALGUNOS MIEMBROS DEL EJERCITO HUBIESEN MATADO A ESTOS DOS MIEMBROS DEL EJERCITO NORTEAMERICANO, SE DESCARTA CON LAS INVESTIGACIONES DEL TODO?

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A. (AMBASSADOR) EL SEBOR DEL PENTAGONO QUE CONTESTO UNA PREGUNTA: 'HAY UNA POSIBILIDAD DE QUE ESTOS HOMBRES QUE DISPARAN ERAN MIEMBROS DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS DE EL SALVADOR', EL COMENTO: 'NO PUEDO DAR COMENTARIOS SOBRE ESO', ALGO ASI. EL NO DESCONTO EN AQUEL MOMENTO ESTA POSIBILIDAD. YO ESTOY HABLANDO DE UN INCIDENTE EN QUE

NORTEAMERICANOS?

A. COMO?

LOS GUERRILLEROS TOMARON CREDITO DE SER LA CAUSA DE LA CAIDA DE ESTE HELICOPTERO. TENEMOS VARIOS CAMPESINOS QUE CONDUJERON LOS GUERRILLEROS AL LUGAR DEL EVENTO. NO HE VISTO NINGUNA INDICACION DE QUE ESO FUE OTRA COSA. YO ESTOY 100 POR CIENTO CONVENCIDO DE QUE LOS HOMBRES QUE COMETIERON ESTE ASESINATO ERAN MIEMBROS DE LOS GUERRILLEROS.

Q. HAY ALGUN TESTIGO QUE VIÓ A LA GUERRILLA DISPARANDO CONTRA LOS DOS NORTEAMERICANOS? O NADA MAS VIERON HASTA DESPUES QUE YA TENIAN LOS DISPAROS?

Q. A PARTIR DE ESTE HECHO Y SUPONIENDO DE QUE LOS RESULTADOS FUERAN POSITIVOS DE LA AUTOPSIA, QUE EFECTO POLITICO PODRIA TENER PARA EL FMLN ESTO, Y QUE USTEDES

A. (AMBASSADOR) YO NO SE SI HEMOS TENIDO LOS RESULTADOS DE TODOS LOS TESTIGOS QUE EXISTEN. YO HE VISTO LAS PALABRAS DE ALGUNOS Y TODOS ESTAN DE ACUERDO ENTRE SI, Y DE ESTA EVIDENCIA, DE ESTE TESTIMONIO, NO HABIA UN CAMPESINO QUE VIÓ EL MOMENTO DE DISPARAR, PERO ESTAMOS HABLANDO DE UN PERIODO DE TIEMPO MUY CORTO. ESTAMOS HABLANDO DE DIEZ, QUINCE MINUTOS. LOS CAMPESINOS LLEGARON AL HELICOPTERO, DANDO ASISTENCIA PARA SACAR A LOS DOS NORTEAMERICANOS, LOS GUERRILLEROS ESTABAN DE ACUERDO QUE LOS CAMPESINOS PODIAN SALIR PARA SACAR AGUA PORQUE LOS DOS NORTEAMERICANOS ESTABAN PIDIENDO AYUDA Y AGUA. LOS CAMPESINOS SALIERON PARA OBTENER ESTA AYUDA, ESCUCHARON TIROS, REGRESARON PARA VER LOS DOS CUERPOS DE DAWSON Y DE PICKETT. HABIA TESTIMONIO DE QUE LOS GUERRILLEROS SACARON LAS BOTAS, ALGUNAS COSAS PERSONALES DE LA GENTE Y SUS IDENTIFICACIONES DE METAL QUE LLEVAN TODOS LOS SOLDADOS NUESTROS. NO ERA POSIBLE QUE LOS GUERRILLEROS NO SABIAN QUE ESTOS FUERAN NORTEAMERICANOS. ESTAMOS HABLANDO DE TRES HOMBRES, CADA

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SERVIR PARA REFLEXIONAR SOBRE LA NECESIDAD DE IMPULSAR LA NEGOCIACION, Y NO ESTOY OBUVIANDO DE QUE FUERON ASESINADOS O NO. ESTOY HABLANDO DEL MARCO DE LA NEGOCIACION PORQUE USTED HA DICHO TAMBIEN DE QUE IBAN SOBREVOLANDO UNA ZONA DE GUERRA; IBAN VOLANDO MUY BAJO, Y ERAN NORTEAMERICANOS QUE NO TENIAN QUE ESTAR EXPUESTOS A SITUACIONES DE COMBATE AUNQUE NO ERA SU OBJETIVO PARTICIPAR EN ACCIONES DE COMBATE PERO SOBRE ESAS REFLEXIONES, COMPARTE USTED LA POSICION DEL FMLN DE QUE (WORDS INDISTINCT)--

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SE CONSIDERAN BLANCO MILITAR A PARTIR DE ESTO?

A. (AMBASSADOR) ESO NO DEPENDE DE MI CONCLUSION, YO HE VISTO UNA DECLARACION DEL FMLN QUE DICE QUE 'VAMOS A CONTINUAR CON NUESTRA POLITICA DE NO HACER A LOS AMERICANOS BLANCO DE ESTA GUERRA'. LAS CONSECUENCIAS, YO SOLAMENTE REPETI LAS PALABRAS DEL CONGRESISTA MOAKLEY, EN MI DECLARACION Y NO EN LAS PALABRAS EXACTAS QUE ESTABAN AYER EN LOS PERIODICOS DE AQUI. EL CONGRESISTA MOAKLEY QUE TIENE ALGO QUE VER CON ESTE PAIS HA DICHO QUE SI FUERA UN ASESINATO DE SOLDADOS AMERICANOS VA A TENER CONSECUENCIAS MUY SERIAS. YO ESTOY COMPLETAMENTE DE ACUERDO CON ESTE ANALISIS.

Q. CUALES CONSECUENCIAS SERIAS PODRIA TENER ESTO?

A. (AMBASSADOR) DEMASIADO TEMPRANO. CUALES ERAN LAS CONSECUENCIAS SERIAS DE INCIDENTES DE ESTE TIPO EN EL PASADO AQUI EN EL SALVADOR Y OTROS PAISES, PERO ESPECIALMENTE COMO USTEDS TIENEN CONOCIMIENTO DE LOS EVENTOS DE AQUI DE LOS ULTIMOS ANOS, ASESINAR EN SANGRE FRIA, INDEFENSOS, ES UN CRIMEN. YO ESTOY SEGURO QUE VAMOS A INSISTIR EN JUSTICIA EN ESTE CASO. HAY CONSECUENCIAS MUY SERIAS, SEGUN LA LEY DE EL SALVADOR, SEGUN LA LEY DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, ASESINAR PERSONAS A SANGRE FRIA, ESTAS SON LAS CONSECUENCIAS DE LAS QUE ESTOY HABLANDO.

Q. USTED COMPARTE LA POSICION DEL FMLN CUANDO DICE QUE LA MUERTE DE LOS ASESORES DE ALGUNA MANERA DEBE DE

A. (AMBASSADOR) YO ESTOY DE ACUERDO EN QUE TENEMOS QUE REFLEXIONAR SOBRE ESTE EVENTO, SI. Y CLARO QUE TENEMOS QUE PENSAR EN LAS CONCLUSIONES DE ESTE TIPO DE REFLEXION, Y QUE EFECTO VA A TENER EN BUSCAR LA PAZ EN ESTE PAIS, QUE ES EL OBJETIVO MAS IMPORTANTE QUE TENEMOS, Y USTEDS TIENEN, QUE TODO EL MUNDO TIENE. YO ESTOY CASI SEGURO QUE MI INTERPRETACION DE QUE CONCLUSIONES DEBEMOS LLEGAR Y LAS CONCLUSIONES DE LOS SENORES DEL FMLN VAN A SER DIFERENTES.

Q. EL FMLN YA DESMINTIO TODO LO SUCEDIDO EN EL ASESINATO DE LOS ASESORES, ESO POR UNA PARTE, Y OTRA ES QUE ESTE HECHO COINCIDE CON LAS DECLARACIONES QUE SE HABIAN DADO HACE POCO, DE QUE EL FMLN PODRIA IMPULSAR UNA NUEVA OFENSIVA.

A. AMBASSADOR, YO HE VISTO VARIAS DECLARACIONES QUE SUPUESTAMENTE SON DECLARACIONES OFICIALES DEL FMLN Y HE VISTO COMO TRES VERSIONES. YO NO SE EXACTAMENTE CUAL ES LA OPINION DE ELLOS EN ESTE MOMENTO. YO TENGO LA IMPRESION DE QUE ELLOS ACEPTAN LA RESPONSABILIDAD DE LA CAIDA DE ESTE AVION. ELLOS DICEN QUE LOS TRES MURIERON EN ESTE ACCIDENTE. NO ES LA VERDAD. ELLOS DICEN OTRAS COSAS QUE NO SON CONSISTENTES CON LA EVIDENCIA FISICA QUE YA TENEMOS. YO TENGO QUE HACER OTRAS COSAS AHORA.

Q. SENOR EMBAJADOR, SOBRE LA PARTE DE INGLES, QUE IBA A TENER UNA PARTE DIRECTO SOBRE EL CONGRESO, ESTO VA

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TIENEN LA RESPONSABILIDAD Y SEGUIR ADELANTE...

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Q. SE PODRIAN EXTRADITAR?
A. (AMBASSADOR) ESTAMOS EN UN PUNTO MUY, MUY, MUY
TEMPRANO PARA DECIR.

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Q. PODRIA FORMAR UNA COMISION DE GUERRILLA, BUENO NO
PERO NEUTRAL...UNA COMISION NEUTRAL QUE PODRIA
INVESTIGAR EL CASO, SERIA BUENO?

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A. (AMBASSADOR) TODO ES POSIBLE, AHORA YO NO SE,
ESTAMOS EN LOS PRIMEROS MOMENTOS DE TENER EVIDENCIA DE
LOS HECHOS DEL CASO DESPUES DE UNA HORA DE SABER ESTE
TIPO DE COSAS, COMO PUEDO DECLARAR QUE SI VAMOS A TENER
COMISION O LO QUE SEA? ESTOY DIGIENDO, QUE TODO ES UNA
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TAMBIEN A LLEGAR A LA GENTE DEL CONGRESO TODO ESTOS
DATOS. CUANDO VA A CONOCER EL CONGRESO DE ESTE...

A. (AMBASSADOR) EL CONGRESO ACABA DE REGRESAR DE SUS
VACACIONES, ES UN NUEVO CONGRESO ENTONCES TENEMOS QUE
ESPERAR PARA VER QUE EXACTAMENTE ES EL ANALISIS DE LOS
CONGRESISTAS Y QUE DICEN SOBRE ESTE EVENTO, PERO YO
ESTOY SEGURO QUE NINGUN CONGRESISTA NORTEAMERICANO NO
PUEDEN NO DECIR QUE ES UN ACTO HORRIBLE, ES UN ACTO EN
QUE TENEMOS QUE TENER JUSTICIA. COMO HE DICHO EL PRIMER
CONGRESISTA DE HACER UNA DECLARACION ERA JOE MOAKLEY,
ENTONCES YO ESTOY SEGURO QUE LOS OTROS CONGRESISTAS VAN
A HABLAR EN ESTA MANERA COMO JOE MOAKLEY Y SI FUERA UN
ASESINATO DE DOS NORTEAMERICANOS LAS CONSECUENCIAS VA A
SER MUY SERIAS.

Q. CONSIDERA USTED DE QUE TERMINOS DE JUSTICIA ES UN
RETO MAS PARA LA JUSTICIA DE ESTE PAIS PARA ESCLARECER
TODO ESTO.

A. (AMBASSADOR) COMO HE DICHO EN ESTE CASO PORQUE LAS
VICTIMAS ERAN NORTEAMERICANOS, Y PORQUE SUPUESTAMENTE
ERAN VICTIMAS DE TERRORISMO, NOSOTROS TAMBIEN PODEMOS
HACER UN PROCESO LEGAL EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS CONTRA LOS
CRIMINALES QUE COMETIERON ESTE ACTO, ENTONCES ES UNA
COSA DE LOS DOS SISTEMAS DE JUSTICIA. YO VOY A DEJAR A
USTEDES COMO SALVADORENOS LO QUE PUEDE PASAR AQUI SEGUN

EL SISTEMA DE USTEDES. YO PUEDO ASEGURARLES QUE SEGUN
EL SISTEMA NORTEAMERICANO PROBABLEMENTE VAMOS A TENER UN

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