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27 November 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: HPSCI Staff Briefing on Reporting Related to the Murder of the Jesuit Priests in El Salvador

1. On 21 November 1991 at 1330 hours HPSCI staffers Dick Giza, Louie Dupart, Chris Healey, Mike Sheehy, Mike O'Neil and Tom Smeeton received a briefing from [REDACTED] Chief/LA, [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] the murder of the Jesuit priests in El Salvador.

2. Chief/LA said that there were two memo dissem reports, one dated 29 June 1990 and the other 18 June 1991, that provided information on the Jesuit priests murders. The first report is a chronology of events surrounding the murders and Chief/LA provided a detailed briefing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chief/LA pointed out that Rep. Moakley's report mentions unmarked uniforms being distributed to the soldiers [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] Mr. Dupart asked if [REDACTED] had been able to confirm that a meeting of several high ranking officers had indeed taken place at the school on 15 November at 1400 hours. [REDACTED] responded negatively. Dupart: Had Deputy Commander Carlos Camilo Hernandez destroyed the log books at the school used to record arrivals and departures for that day? [REDACTED] Yes.

4. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] following the murders, a task force was established at the Embassy to follow every lead that came to its attention. This group met twice a week and reported its findings back to Washington via the Embassy. [REDACTED] these two reports were the only ones that indicated possible involvement by higher authorities within the government. However, [REDACTED] have been unable to collect any reliable information that indicts these higher authorities and it is not impossible that Benavides acted on his own. [REDACTED] who in the Embassy would have seen these memo dissems and was told Ambassador Walker and the task force. [REDACTED] Rep. Moakley's paper claims that there was a cover-up and the response was that there was no doubt that the military could have found out immediately about the murders, however there is no information to prove it.

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