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Date 27 July 1982

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HILL CONTACT Ginny Blase Kinzler 225-2301

COMMITTEE/MEMBER Congressman William J. Coyne

SUBJECT Slain American Churchwomen - El Salvador

ACTION OFFICER 25X1

SUMMARY: Letter dated 22 July 1982 from Congressman Coyne on behalf of Mr. William P. Ford, brother of one of the four slain Churchwomen. It appears Mr. Ford has written to a number of Congressmen and Congresswomen stating the difficulties he is encountering obtaining information from Federal agencies concerning subject above.

ACTION ITEMS:

I called Ginny and asked the date of Mr. Ford's letter to Congressman Coyne and she stated 30 June 1982. I then explained that the CIA never received a direct request from Mr. Ford but that we had in fact responded to a request for information in our files from Mr. Michael Posner, Ex. Dir., Lawyers Comm. for International and Human Rights who stated he was acting on behalf of the four families of the slain women. In addition, I mentioned that we had requested an "expedited" search of our files and forwarded all materials located (with appropriate sanitizations protecting sources and methods) to Mr. Posner on 15 July. Ginny suggested that perhaps the letters had crossed and I specifically asked whether she would like a written response and she said not to bother. I then said if she decided otherwise, to please let me know.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

No letter response necessary.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

July 22, 1982

Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing on behalf of William P. Ford, whose sister, Ita Ford, was one of the four American churchwomen murdered in El Salvador on December 2, 1980.

Mr. Ford has requested my assistance in enabling the families of these four women to obtain documents relating to the murders and subsequent investigation.

The families are greatly distressed at the lack of information which they have been able to obtain concerning the deaths of their loved ones.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance which you are able to give to Mr. Ford and the other families involved in this matter.

Sincerely,

William J. Coyne
Member of Congress

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