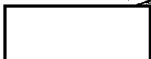


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~~SUBJECT: SALVADORAN CAPTURE OF SANDINISTA GUERRILLA~~

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 1788 (NOTAL)

(B) SAN SALVADOR 1830 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: THERE FOLLOWS A DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES

SURROUNDING THE CAPTURE AND SUBSEQUENT ESCAPE OF THE SANDINISTA GUERRILLA, LIGDAMIS ANAXIS GUTIERREZ ESPINOZA, A LIST OF DOCUMENTS NOW IN POSSESSION OF GOES POLICE, A SUMMARY OF GUTIERREZ' CONFESSION MADE TO THE NATIONAL POLICE.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES: ON FEBRUARY 22, A SANDINISTA GUERRILLA, LIGDAMIS ANAXIS GUTIERREZ ESPINOZA, WAS CAPTURED BY THE SALVADORAN MILITARY IN THE TOWN OF LAS CHINAMAS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AHUACHAPAN, APPROXIMATELY 5 KMS FROM THE GUATEMALAN BORDER. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL POLICE FOR INTERROGATION ON FEBRUARY 22. GUTIERREZ WAS INTERROGATED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE DETECTIVES UP UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, THEN ON MARCH TAKEN BY THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENTS TO THE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY HIS (GUTIERREZ') CONTACT BY THE NAME OF JORGE, WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MEXICAN EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE REPORT, WHEN THE POLICE AGENTS AND GUTIERREZ ARRIVED AT THE EMBASSY, THE EMBASSY GATE WAS BEING OPEN TO ALLOW A VEHICLE TO DEPART. AT THAT TIME GUTIERREZ ASKED ONE OF THE PERSONS INSIDE THE COMPOUND, "WHO IS JORGE?" IMMEDIATELY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, IN A VIOLENT MANNER, GRABBED GUTIERREZ BY THE

ARM AND PULLED HIM INTO THE EMBASSY. WHEN THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENTS TRIED TO TAKE HIM AWAY, THE SAID INDIVIDUAL INFORMED THEM THAT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO ENTER THE EMBASSY PREMISES AS IT IS CONSIDERED MEXICAN TERRITORY. AT THE SAME MOMENT, TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS ARRIVED AND TOOK GUTIERREZ INTO THE EMBASSY BUILDING. IT IS PRESUMED BY THE POLICE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO GRABBED GUTIERREZ' ARM IS THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS JORGE BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH THE AGENTS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS NATIONAL POLICE USING THEIR POLICE IDENTIFICATION, THEY DID NOT RELEASE GUTIERREZ. LATER THE SAME DAY, MR. CARLOS EDUARDO AMEZQUITA MARTINEZ, MEXICAN CHARGE D' AFFAIRES, ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR GUTIERREZ AND TWO SALVADORANS ALONG WITH SAFE CONDUCT PASSES FOR THE THREE INDIVIDUALS. THE NATIONAL POLICEMEN WHO ACCOMPANIED GUTIERREZ TO THE MEXICAN EMBASSY MADE A COMPOSITE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD GRABBED GUTIERREZ AND PULLED HIM INTO THE COMPOUND. THE COMPOSITE IS AN IDENTICAL LIKENESS OF THE MEXICAN CHARGE D' AFFAIRES. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CAPTURED SANDINISTA GUTIERREZ IS STILL LOCATED IN THE MEXICAN EMBASSY AWAITING GOES DECISION REGARDING THE

MEXICAN REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM AND SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

3. DOCUMENTATION IN THE POSSESSION OF THE GOES AUTHORITIES:

- A. CAPTURED SANDINISTA GUTIERREZ' NICARAGUAN PASSPORT WHICH DOES NOT BEAR AN ENTRY STAMP FOR EL SALVADOR.
- B. STATEMENT MADE TO THE GOES AUTHORITIES BY GUTIERREZ THAT HE RESIDED AT VISTA IDEAL NO. 517, COLONIA LINDA VISTA, GUADALUPE, MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON.
- C. GUTIERREZ' STATEMENT TO THE GOES AUTHORITIES THAT HE IS A STUDENT AT ESTUDIANTE DE FACULTAD DE FISICA IN MONTERREY.
- D. GUTIERREZ' NICARAGUAN PASSPORT SHOWS THAT HE APPLIED FOR A US VISA AT THE US CONGEN AT MONTERREY ON MAY 20, 1981. HIS PASSPORT ALSO SHOWS THAT HE RECEIVED A MEXICAN TOURIST VISA NO. 721 ON JANUARY 30, 1981 FOR 90 DAYS. HIS PASSPORT ALSO SHOWS AN ENTRY STAMP INTO GUATEMALA ON FEBRUARY 19, 1982 AT TALISMAN L CARMEN, SAN MARCOS AND A STAMP SHOWING DEPARTURE FROM GUATEMALA ON FEBRUARY 20, 1982 AT VALLE NUEVO, JUTIAPA.
- E. STANDARD POLICE AND FBI FINGERPRINTS OF THE CAPTURED SANDINISTA GUTIERREZ.

THE STATEMENT WHICH HE MADE IN WHICH HE MADE HIS DECLARATIONS HAS BEEN ALTERED IN ORDER TO GIVE THE STATEMENT CHRONOLOGICAL SENSE.

5. QUOTE OF GUTIERREZ' STATEMENT:

THE DECLARANT REPORTS THAT HIS FULL NAME IS LIGDAMIS ANAXIS GUTIERREZ ESPINOZA. HE WAS BORN IN MANAGUA, NICARAGUA. SINCE JULY 1978 (AT ANOTHER POINT HE SAID JANUARY 1979), HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SANDINISTA MOVIMIENTO ESTUDIANTIL SECUNDARIO (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MOVEMENT). HE FOUGHT WITH THE FSLN IN THE SEIZURE OF THE NICARAGUAN TOWN OF JINOTEPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 2 OF 2 SAN SALVADOR 1889 ON 7/5/79. AFTER TAKING THE TOWN, GUTIERREZ JOINED THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF JINOTEPE AND CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE FSLN WAS EFFORT. AFTER THE SANDINISTA VICTORY ON 3/24/80 (DATE AS STATED), GUTIERREZ REPORTS THAT HE SPENT FIVE MONTHS TEACHING SANDINISTA POLITICS AND IDEOLOGY. HE THEN RETURNED TO SCHOOL

UNTIL JANUARY 1981.

6. IN JANUARY 1981, THE CHIEF OF THE SANDINISTA YOUTH FOR GUTIERREZ' ZONE -- WILMER GARCIA KLETER CALLED WILMER RAMIREZ BY THE DECLARANT -- ORDERED GUTIERREZ TO ATTEND A GUERRILLA TRAINING SCHOOL IN MEXICO. GUTIERREZ IDENTIFIES THE SCHOOL AS "EL INSTITUTO DE SALTILLO" LOCATED IN COAHUILA, MEXICO. HE TRAVELED TO MEXICO ON 2/15/81 IN THE COMPANY OF TEN OTHER NICARAGUANS: LUIS ROMON, JAIME PEREZ, OSCAR ESTRAGEN, EDUARDO LAU, EDUARDO JUNICA, ARNOLDO CONTRERAS, WILLIAM SIU, MARIO BOANORGE, EDUARDO QUINTEROS, AND JUAN ROMERO. ONCE IN MEXICO, THE GROUP CONTACTED A NICARAGUAN NAMED "WILLIAM", WHOM GUTIERREZ IDENTIFIES AS THE FORMER FSLN COMMANDER OF THE SOUTHERN FRONT DURING THE NICARAGUAN REVOLUTION. GUTIERREZ REMAINED AT THE GUERRILLA TRAINING SCHOOL IN MEXICO FROM 2/20/81 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1981. HE REPORTS THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 40 TRAINEES AT THE INSTITUTE, TWENTY WERE SALVADORANS, SIX WERE MEXCIANS, AND THE REMAINDER WERE NICARAGUANS. THERE

WERE THREE INSTRUCTORS -- TWO NICARAGUANS AND ONE CUBAN. THE STUDENTS WERE TAUGHT SOPHISTICATED GUERRILLA TACTICS, INSTRUCTED IN THE USE OF VARIOUS WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES, AND TRAINED IN GUERRILLA LOGISTICS. HE DESCRIBES THE COURSE AS AN ADVANCED GUERRILL TRAINING COURSE. GUTIERREZ LEARNED THAT THERE WERE SIMILAR GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS IN JALISCO, ZACATECAS, DURANGO, AND CHIHUA -- ALL IN MEXICO. HE REPORTS AS WELL THAT THEY WERE RECEIVING HELP FROM THE PRI.

7. IN JANUARY, 1982, GUTIERREZ WAS INFORMED BY HIS CHIEF INSTRUCTOR "WILLIAM" THAT HE WAS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO EL SALVADOR. HE WAS TO BECOME THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND AT A GUERRILLA CAMP SOMEWHERE IN EASTERN EL SALVADOR. HIS PRIMARY FUNCTION WOULD BE THE TRAINING OF THE INEXPERIENCED SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS. GUTIERREZ DEPARTED FOR EL SALVADOR ON 2/16/82. HE TRAVELED WITH A GROUP OF NINE OTHER GUERRILLAS. THE OTHERS CARRIED MEXICAN PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION. SEVEN MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WERE TO REMAIN IN GUATEMALA TO

ASSIST THE GUATEMALAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. GUTIERREZ AND TWO OTHER WERE TO CONTINUE ON TO EL SALVADOR. HE WAS GIVEN A SMALL SUM OF MEXICAN PEGS AND TOLD THAT HIS MONTHLY SALARY WOULD BE 300 U.S. DOLLARS. GUTIERREZ CLAIMS THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN EL SALVADOR FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME. HE WAS TO STAY ONLY SO LONG AS IT TOOK HIM TO TRAIN HIS GUERRILLA UNIT. HE WAS GIVEN TO BELIEVE THAT THE FMLN WOULD LAUNCH A MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN EL SALVADOR ON 3/10/82.

8. GUTIERREZ' ODERS STATED THAT HE WAS TO MEET A CONTACT CODE-NAMED "DAVID" OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF APANECA, AHUACHAPAN DEPARTMENT, EL SALVADOR ON 2/21/82. DAVID, IN TURN, WAS TO GUIDE HIM TO HIS GUERRILLA UNIT. NOTE: AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS STATEMENT, GUTIERREZ SAID THAT HIS GUERRILLA CAMP WAS LOCATED ON THE SAN VICENTE VOLCANO. AT THE END OF HIS STATEMENT, HE CLAIMS THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS TO SERVE.

9. GUTIERREZ PROVIDES CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ABOUT HIS

SUPPOSED CONTACTS IN EL SALVADOR. "DAVID", HIS SUPPOSED GUIDE IN WESTERN EL SALVADOR, IS THE DEPUTY TO A MAN CODE-NAMED "JORGE". JORGE WORKS IN THE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN SAN SALVADOR. MR. GUTIERREZ BELIEVES THAT JORGE IS A NICARAGUAN. ALTHOUGH HE IS THE LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN THE GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS IN MEXICO AND THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT IN EL SALVADOR. HE HAS BEEN IN EL SALVADOR SINCE JANUARY 1982. HE HANDLES THE PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE FOREIGN GUERRILLAS WHO ARE PASSED INTO AND OUT OF EL SALVADOR. GUTIERREZ IS UNCLEAR ABOUT WHETHER HE HAS ACTUALLY MET EITHER "JORGE" OR "DAVID". HE WAS CAPTURED AT LAS CHINAMAS, AHUACHAPAN DEPARTMENT, EL SALVADOR ON 2/20/82 -- ONE DAY BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED RENDEZVOUS. END QUOTE.

10. THE STATEMENT IS TAKEN IN LONGHAND. IT IS NOT SIGNED.

11. PRESIDENT DUARTE WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT MORNING OF MARCH 6.

12. ACTION REQUESTED: BY SEPTEL, POST IS REQUESTING

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA, AMEMBASSY MANAGUA, AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY AND AMCONSUL MONTERREY TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS OUTLINED TO DEPARTMENT AND THIS EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THIS CASE. HINTON