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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senate
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Dear Joe:

Thank you for contacting me regarding hearings on El Salvador.

It seems to me that this is a very pertinent subject for our Committee to consider, especially with regard to the adequacy of U.S. intelligence programs to support U.S. policymakers. As far as certification is concerned, this may be something that the Foreign Relations Committee is better able to consider, but I suppose there is no harm in asking some questions.

Joe, I had told Rob to set these hearings up for yesterday's date, even though I would not be able to attend. Now I hear that the last week of the month is better for the witnesses. As you know, Wednesday will be a busy day for the Committee, but we should be able to get time on Tuesday or Thursday of that week.

I look forward to hearing from Casey on this matter. The intelligence from Central America has to be first rate, or our policies there are sure to fail.

Sincerely,

Barry Goldwater
Chairman

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