

EL SALVADOR/CIA>BROKAW: Another aircraft crashed in El Salvador last < >PLANE CRASH>Friday, killing all four men aboard, and all four of them were working for the American CIA. They were killed in the line of duty, but Fred Francis reports tonight, they have not been treated like heroes.

FRANCIS: The CIA tried to hide their mission, their names and the way they died, but three of the four are no longer anonymous victims of the administration's involvement in Central America. The bells of this Cudahy, Wis., church tolled yesterday for 28-year-old Scott Van *Leishout, a three-year employee of the CIA. Van Leishout, a mapping specialist, did not die in a Miami car crash, as his family was told to say. He perished early last Friday with three others when a plane slammed into the side of a Salvadoran volcano. Fifty-three-year-old Richard *Spicer was also buried yesterday in Warren, Pa. He was a veteran pilot on contract to the CIA. He did not die in south Florida, as his wife reported. And Curtis Wood, a former Air Force physicist, who told friends he was now doing something exciting, was interred yesterday by his wife and son outside Atlanta. It's believed they hit the volcano while tracking a small plane carrying arms to Salvadoran guerrillas. The CIA plane carried special radar and infrared gear which should have prevented the accident. They were the first known CIA men to die in the region,

and one intelligence source complained today that they weren't getting the honor they deserved. He said, 'The cover-up wasn't necessary. They were just regular guys who died serving their country.' Fred Francis, NBC News, the Pentagon.