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### Salvador Guard 'Investigated' Rep. Miller

Intelligence sources are worried that right-wing death squads, which have stained El Salvador with the blood of political opponents, may export their violence to the United States.

Under pressure from President Reagan, the Salvadoran government has started to expel the most notorious death-squad leaders. At least one of the alleged leaders has turned up in San Jose, Calif. He is Lt. Col. Aristides Alfonso Marquez, who had been director of intelligence for the national police.

This has made one California congressman nervous. Last year, Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) learned that a gunman, linked by the U.S. Embassy to the Salvadoran death squads, had gone to San Francisco in 1982, according to a State Department report, to "investigate" Miller.

The embassy got word that the gunman was interested in Miller "personally." This evidently is a chilling word in the Salvadoran environment.

Miller is an outspoken critic of the Reagan administration's Central

American policies. He made no secret of his views during a fact-finding trip to El Salvador in April, 1982. At a U.S. Embassy function, he made critical remarks about the right-wing elements in El Salvador.

Among Miller's listeners were some associates of Roberto D'Aubuisson, a cashiered army major who had just been elected president of the constituent assembly and is now a candidate for president in next month's election.

Former U.S. ambassador Robert White has characterized D'Aubuisson as a "pathological killer" with close links to the Salvadoran death squads. His trusted personal bodyguard is Col. Ramon Suvillaga.

Not long after Rep. Miller left El Salvador, Suvillaga dropped by the U.S. Embassy to seek information on Miller. According to the report examined by my associates Dale Van Atta and Jon Lee Anderson, Suvillaga was "remembered as being present during an embassy reception as Roberto D'Aubuisson's private bodyguard."

Because of the man's ties to D'Aubuisson, his request for information on Miller was referred to the embassy's political section, which provided the congressman's Washington and California office addresses. Not until the following December, when an embassy official learned through a chance social encounter that Suvillaga was interested in Miller "per-

sonally," did the embassy get alarmed.

The concern was compounded by a report that the California congressman was planning to visit El Salvador again. A cable was sent to warn him not to make the trip, adding ominously: "The embassy discovered that a D'Aubuisson crony and security man, retired Col. Ramon Suvillaga, traveled to San Francisco to 'investigate' Miller" shortly after the congressman's visit in April, 1982.

As it happened, Miller already was on his way to El Salvador. He was shown the warning at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City on Jan. 9, 1983. FBI agents told Miller he had "reason to be concerned," so he canceled his trip.

The idea of being stalked by a Salvadoran gunman, with alleged death-squad links, outraged Miller, who demanded more information from the State Department. The request was stalled until 62 colleagues joined in the demand.

Even then, the State Department professed to be unable to supply the most basic details of Suvillaga's travels to this country. But Jack Russ, the House sergeant-at-arms, discovered that Suvillaga's last recorded entry into the United States had been April 2, 1980. There was no official record found that he had legally visited the United States in 1982.