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CITE [REDACTED]

TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

FOR: LIMIT D/CPAS

SLUGS:

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - FOR D/CPAS RESPONSES TO REF D/CPAS CABLE FROM
[REDACTED]

REF: A. DIRECTOR 620484 | 96 3022874 |
B. DIRECTOR 622889 | 96 3036902 |

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE.

2. PER REFS, [REDACTED] PROVIDES
RESPONSES KEYED TO REF A QUESTIONS.
[REDACTED]

I. FATHER CARNEY, THE OLANCHO OPERATION AND REYES MATA 1983-1984

A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT WAS ALWAYS DESCRIBED AS A MAJOR COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY HONDURAN ARMY FORCES AGAINST A COMMUNIST UNIT WHICH INFILTRATED FROM NICARAGUA. IT WAS KNOWN THAT A U.S. CLERGY WAS WITH THE GUERRILLAS AND THAT HE DIED FROM EXPOSURE WHEN THE GUERRILLA PATROL WAS LOST AND WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER SUPPORT AFTER COMBAT CONTACT WITH HONDURAN FORCES.

B. I NEVER MET A HONDURAN ARMY SPECIAL FORCES OFFICER NAMED ((VASQUEZ)) WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OLANCHO OPERATION.
[REDACTED]

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C. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I NEVER SAW ANY [REDACTED] TASKING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO FATHER ((CARNEY)).

D. SEE ABOVE "A". NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

E. [REDACTED] I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY U.S. EMBASSY [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CARNEY. NFI.

F. I WAS TOLD THAT THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTED IN TRANSPORTING HONDURAN SPECIAL FORCES TO THE OLANCHO AREA SO THAT THE HONDURANS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO BLOCK A SANDINISTA FORCE THAT CROSSED INTO OLANCHO DURING 1983. NFI.

II. STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

A. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, A [REDACTED] HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED YEARLY WITH RESPECT TO CONTRA HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES/ACTIVITIES. I NEVER ACTUALLY SAW IT OR CONTRIBUTED TO IT.

B. NO KNOWLEDGE TO THESE QUESTIONS.

C. NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

D. I NEVER READ THE HUMAN RIGHTS YEARLY REPORT ORIGINATED FROM THE EMBASSY. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THE AMBASSADOR/EMBASSY WAS PRESSURED TO DOWNPLAY HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE REPORT.

III. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

IV. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION AND POLITICIZATION

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS VISITING HONDURAS WHO QUESTIONED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WHICH WERE NOT REPORTED OR HIDDEN FROM CONGRESS/HQS/POLICYMAKERS.

B. N/A.

V. HONDURAN SECURITY/INTELLIGENCE SERVICE INVOLVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS INCIDENTS

A. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

B. IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE 316TH INTELLIGENCE BATTALION HAD COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE EARLY/MID EIGHTIES. DURING THE MID-EIGHTIES THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO CI BATTALION AND SELECTED OFFICERS WERE RELIEVED/TRANSFERRED FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. [REDACTED] THE POLICE DNI WAS ALWAYS SUSPECTED OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. [REDACTED] THE DNI HAD A POOR REPUTATION THAT LASTS TO THIS DAY.

C. [REDACTED]

D. NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

E. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST LIBERATION ARMY IN HONDURAS.

2. [REDACTED]

CL BY [REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

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