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SUBJECT: Responses of [redacted] to HWG Questionnaire of 31
January 1996
DATE : 12 February 1996

1. My responses to the HWG Questionnaire of 31 January are as follows:

I. Father Carney, the Olancho Operation, and Reyes Mata - 1983 - 84.

I know absolutely nothing about Carney, the Olancho Operation or Reyes Mata.

II . State Department Human Rights Reports

A. I am unable to recall any specifics about [redacted] Headquarters provision of information or coordination regarding the annual Honduras Human Rights report provided to the US Congress. I assume, however, it was provided [redacted] in draft prior to final form for our comment.

B. The State Department Political Section was responsible for drafting the US Mission, Honduras, Human Rights report.

- I believe that at least one of the reports on Honduras was written by Mr. Kevin Whitaker, a State Department Political Officer.

- [redacted] information which may or may not have appeared in the report would have come from [redacted] [redacted] disseminations if any were pertinent.

-I recall no disagreements on the report during my tenure [redacted]

C. I recall no classification issues. Nor do I remember any human rights information [redacted] considered too sensitive for the report.

D. I assume I read the draft human rights reports on Honduras during my tenure [redacted] It is my recollection they depicted fairly the situation.

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- I have no recollection that either the Ambassador or the Embassy was pressured to downplay human rights abuses in the report. I have no personal knowledge in this area.

III. [redacted]

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

IV. Congressional Notification and Politicization.

A. During my tenure [redacted] I recall only one Congressional delegation which visited Honduras. The focus of their visit was the US installation at Aguacate and whether it should remain. This delegation visited only the military base [redacted] [redacted] I am aware of no report of human rights abuses that should have been but was not passed to Headquarters, policymakers, and/or Congress.

B. I can recall no cases of politicization of reporting on Honduras.

I know of no analysis being altered in response to political concerns.

V. Honduran Security/Intelligence Service Involvement in Human rights Incidents

A. [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

B. I had no concerns that any particular unit might have been engaged in specific human rights abuses.

-I had no concerns that any of these units or personnel might have been engaged in summary killings other than in combat.

C. During my tenure [REDACTED] I can recall no instance of [REDACTED] taking any action to resolve any allegation of human rights abuses made either by any Honduran organization or media outlet or by the international press against the C-2 or any other unit [REDACTED]

D. I know of no abuses or human rights incidents possibly committed by Honduran security or intelligence units that--for lack of evidence or any other reason--were never reported officially [REDACTED] to Headquarters.

E. I never heard of the Honduran Anti-Communist Liberation Army (ELACH).

2. [REDACTED] a low level employee of a unit [REDACTED] was accused of rape and murder. I believe that he was convicted of the crime but only after significant public pressure as well as intense pressure by the Embassy, especially Ambassador Arcos. Outside of the obvious human rights abuse of the victim the incident was no reflection of any systematic policy or practice by the C-2 to commit human rights abuses.

3. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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