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2. ACCORDING TO AN ARENA MEMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS OF EARLY MAY 1984, THE ARENA PARAMILITARY UNIT HEADED BY HECTOR ((REGALADO)), FORMER CHIEF OF SECURITY FOR D'AUBUISSON, WAS INTACT AND FUNCTIONING. HE SAID THAT MEMBERS OF REGALADO'S UNIT WERE MAINTAINING SMALL ARMS PROFICIENCY AT A PRIVATE FIRING RANGE IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM IN SAN SALVADOR AND CHECKING OUT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE ARENA MEMBER CLAIMED THAT REGALADO WAS ARRANGING THE PURCHASE IN THE UNITED STATES OF APPROXIMATELY 30 INGRAM SUBMACHINE GUNS, IN 9MM AND 45 CALIBRE. REGALADO, ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, PERSONALLY SOLICITS FUNDS FOR HIS OPERATIONS FROM ARENA SYMPATHIZERS BUT DIVERTS SOME OF THESE FUNDS FOR HIS PERSONAL USE, A PRACTICE OF WHICH D'AUBUISSON IS ALLEGED TO BE AWARE. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT ARTURO ((DUENAS)) REGULARLY SUPPLIES REGALADO AND OTHERS WITH A VARIETY OF OFFICIAL SALVADORAN DOCUMENTS.

3. THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS IN REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT IS RICARDO ((ROGEL)) WHO HANDLES "ERNESTO," "LUIS" AND "MARIO," THREE SALVADORANS FORMERLY INVOLVED WITH THE INSURGENTS. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT A REGULAR PARTICIPANT IN REGALADO'S UNIT IS SALVATORI ((VENUTOLO)), WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS YOUNG, BLOND AND FAIR-COMPLEXIONED. WITHOUT ELABORATING FURTHER, THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT TWO CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF REGALADO, AMADEO ((MARTINEZ)) AND JORGE ((EAZBEK)), ARE PROBABLY MEMBERS OF REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT AS WELL. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT PATRICIA ((MARTINO)), WHO WAS RUMORED TO BE REGALADO'S GIRLFRIEND, WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARAMILITARY UNIT WHO DISAPPEARED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND APRIL/MAY 1983.

4- ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, AMONG REGALADO'S CLOSEST COLLABORATORS IN THE SALVADORAN MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES ARE POLICE INSPECTOR ARNOLDO ((LINARES)) AND SALVADORAN ARMY LIEUTENANT DAVID ((KOCH)). THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT LINARES IS A KEY MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL POLICE'S (PN) "DEATH SQUAD," THE INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS CENTER (CAIN) WHICH THE ARENA MEMBER CLAIMED TO BE MUCH MORE ACTIVE THAN REGALADO'S UNIT. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT KOCH IS A MEMBER OF EITHER THE BELLOSO OR ATLCATL BATTALION OF THE SALVADORAN ARMY. HE ADDED THAT LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARISTIDES ((MARQUEZ)), FORMER PN D-2 WHO WAS ASSIGNED ABROAD IN EARLY 1983, WAS ALSO A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF REGALADO'S UNIT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO THE 1981 EDITION OF THE "GENERAL DIRECTORY OF

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THE ARMED FORCES" (ESCALAFON) OF EL SALVADOR, ONE LIEUTENANT DAVID KOCH ARANA, BORN 12 FEBRUARY 1956, ENTERED ON DUTY ON 1 FEBRUARY 1975, WITH DATE OF RANK, 31 DECEMBER 1981. KOCH IS DESIGNATED AS AN "ENGINEER CAREERIST IN THE SALVADORAN MILITARY." NON-GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AGENCIES CONSTANTLY BLAME CAIN FOR KIDNAPS, TORTURES AND KILLINGS OF ACADEMICIANS, STUDENTS AND OTHER CIVILIANS.)

5. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT A GUATEMALAN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT IS LUIS ((MENDIZABAL)), OWNER OF BOUTIQUE EMILO ON FIFTH AVENUE IN GUATEMALA CITY. ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, MENDIZABAL'S ASSISTANCE TO REGALADO'S OPERATIONS INCLUDES THE PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT ROLANDO ((MATAHU)), A GUATEMALAN PARAMILITARY SPECIALIST, HAS ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH REGALADO. IN THE GUATEMALAN SECURITY SERVICES, THE ARENA MEMBER SAID ONE OF REGALADO'S CLOSEST SUPPORTERS WAS GENERAL GERMAN ((CHUPINA)) BARAHONA, FORMER POLICE CHIEF UNDER THE LUCAS ADMINISTRATION. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT (FNU) ((GUIDEL)), ALIAS: "EL GATO," WHO WAS KILLED WHILE IN PRISON, AND A PEDRO ((AREDONDO)) WERE CLOSE REGALADO COLLABORATORS.

COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A RIGHTIST WITH EXCELLENT ACCESS TO OFFICIALS OF ARENA AND WHOSE REPORTING IS GENERALLY RELIABLE, MENDIZABAL IS A LONGTIME FRIEND OF REGALADO AND A GUN SUPPLIER FOR ARENA. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH REGALADO IN THE PAST ON DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES BOTH IN EL SAL VADOR AND GUATEMALA. HE IS MARRIED TO THE SISTER OF LUIS FERNANDO ((PIVERAL)), THE OWNER OF A LARGE FARM CALLED "LA SONRISA" (THE SMILE), A KNOWN HAVEN FOR RIGHTISTS. MENDIZABAL REPORTEDLY ALSO HAS LONGTIME LINKS WITH D'AUBUISSON.)

6. THE ARENA MEMBER ALSO NOTED THAT ONE ANIBAL "CHELE" (LNU) , A SALVADORAN CIVILIAN, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY BUT WAS NOT A MEMBER OF REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT.