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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: OFFER BY SALVADORAN JUSTICE MINISTER TO FORMER DRIVER OF ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON FOR INFORMATION IMPLICATING D'AUBUISSON IN THE MURDER OF ARCH-BISHOP ROMERO

DOI: EARLY JANUARY 1980

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TEXT: 1. IN EARLY JANUARY 1980, [REDACTED] MEMBER OF THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE PARTY (ARENA) [REDACTED], HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF ARENA, TOLD ANOTHER MEMBER OF ARENA THAT JULIO ((SAMAYOA)), JUSTICE MINISTER OF EL SALVADOR, HAS CONTACTED A MAN NAMED GRACIANO (LNU) IN MARIONA PRISON AND OFFERED LUCRATIVE INDUCEMENTS FOR INFORMATION IMPLICATING D'AUBUISSON IN THE 1980 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO. THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT GRACIANO, WHOM THE ARENA MEMBER FAILED TO FURTHER IDENTIFY BY LAST NAME, WAS D'AUBUISSON'S PERSONAL DRIVER IN 1979-1980 AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED SECURITY PROTECTION INSIDE MARIONA SINCE HIS CONFINEMENT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE ARENA MEMBER DID NOT STATE WHY GRACIANO WAS IN PRISON OR WHEN HE ENTERED PRISON.)

2. THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT GRACIANO HAD ASKED "COMANDANTE" [REDACTED], WHO IS A SALVADORAN OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO MARIONA AND A CLOSE ARENA CONTACT, TO INFORM OFFICIALS IN ARENA OF SAMAYOA'S OFFER. GRACIANO TOLD [REDACTED] THAT SAMAYOA HAD OFFERED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AND RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES IN RETURN FOR INFORMATION IMPLICATING D'AUBUISSON IN THE ROMERO MURDER.

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