

6 February 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT: Honduras

[redacted]

REFERENCE:

Memo dtd 31 Jan 96, subject as above

In response to your memo, [redacted]

[redacted] My answers below are keyed to the questions as requested. [redacted]

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

I know nothing about the subject and do not recall ever having discussed it. I did read news accounts re Father Carney and did discuss in a general way the incident [redacted] I never knew any incriminating information re this incident. [redacted]

II. State Department Human Rights Reports:

I was never involved in the State Department Human Rights reporting. I knew such a requirement existed and there was a State Department officer designated as "Human Rights Officer". I do not recall her name, but I heard from various officials in the embassy that she had a bias against the 316th MI Bn. I believe the human rights reporting was coordinated between [redacted] and the embassy Human Rights Officer. While I frequently talked with [redacted] I never received any indication that [redacted] was engaged in a disagreement with the embassy Human Rights Officer. I do not recall ever having read the embassy Human Rights reports on Honduras. I do recall reading about them in the news media. I thought that they correctly depicted the state of human rights as it existed in Honduras at that time. That is, I knew of no human rights violations in Honduras [redacted]

III [redacted]

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

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From his approach to me, I understood that he was more interested in the truth than he was in punishment; therefore I had no reason not to tell him the truth.

C. It was a frequent subject for discussion We tried to ascertain the truth when the papers played up another allegation of human rights abuses. Frequently the stories were not credible on the face of the story, but we always held a requirement to look into any of these allegations.

D. I never heard or had any knowledge of any abuses/human rights incidents possibly committed by Honduran security or intelligence units.

E. I knew nothing about ELACH

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