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Memorandum for: [redacted]  
Chief, Honduran Working Group and Director,  
Current Production and Analytic support

From: [redacted]

Subject: Honduras

In response to your letter dated 31 January 1996, I have provided the following responses keyed to your questions.

**Comment:** I was assigned [redacted] from August 1990 to August 1993 and thus questions concerning events outside of this time period, I have little or no knowledge.

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

a. I do not recall this operation, its objective, nor who was involved.

b. I do not recall a Honduran military person named Vasquez and his involvement in the Olancho operation and/or Father Carney.

c. [redacted] I do not recall [redacted] being tasked to ascertain what happened to Father Carney. I have no knowledge of whether [redacted] was tasked [redacted] with attempting to find out about Farther Carney.

d. I did not discuss the Olancho operation and/or Father Carney [redacted]

e. I have no knowledge pertinent to this question.

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II. State Department Human Rights Reports

a. My understanding of information on human rights abuses, if any, was to be provided in a written report to the [redacted] who would coordinate this information with the appropriate embassy officers, [redacted]

[redacted] I am not familiar with the way Human Rights information was handled at the Hqs level.

b. I believe the Embassy political section took the lead in preparing the Human Rights report. [redacted] I cannot recall any factual information on Human Rights abuses being provided to the Political section. I am not aware of how [redacted] reporting on Human Rights abuses would have been incorporated into the report. I do not recall any disagreements over the Human Rights report.

c. I do not recall any classification issues. I am not aware of any information being considered too sensitive, except sources and methods, for passage to the embassy.

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d. I do not recall reading the Human rights report in draft. This was normally done by [redacted] I cannot recall specific details of the Human Rights reports [redacted] and cannot comment upon its impartiality. I have no reason to believe that the Ambassador/Embassy was pressured to downplay the Human Rights reports. In fact, I recall that Ambassador Arcos was a strong advocate of Human Rights. I have no personal knowledge of any such pressure.

III:

a. [redacted]

b. [redacted]

c. [redacted]

III. Congressional Notification and Politicization

a. I recall only one time that Congressional staff members visited Honduras and that was to discuss funding. I do not recall any visit to discuss Human Rights issues. I cannot recall any instance in which [redacted] the Embassy was not forthcoming in its meetings with Congress or its representatives.

b. I cannot recall any report being altered in response to political concerns.

IV. Honduran Security/Intelligence Service Involvement in Human Rights Incidents.

a. [redacted]

b. I did not have any concerns that the military units [redacted] was involved in human rights abuses, including killings.

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c. I do not recall any factual human rights issues ever surfacing [redacted] I do recall that DNI's name was changed due to its reputation for corruption and treating arrested persons badly. [redacted]

d. [redacted] did not have a policy of not reporting human rights abuses/incidents to Hqs nor do I recall any incident/issue bordering on such issues not being reported.

E. I do not recall any organization calling itself ELACH nor any Honduran military officer belonging to such a unit.

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