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

A. Do you recall the late 1983 Olancho Operation, also known as the Patuca River Operation? Do you recall anything about how Reyes Mata died? What do you remember, if anything, about an American priest's involvement with Reyes Mata's Group, whether he was present during the operation, and what may have happened to him? Do you recall whether this American priest may have been Father James Carney, alias "Padre Guadalupe"? *I WAS NOT ASSIGNED TO CATF UNTILL JAN. 1985. I KNOW NOTHING REGARDING THIS MATTER!*

B. What do you know about a Honduran Special Forces soldier or officer named Vasquez in connection with the Olancho Operation and/or Father Carney? *NOTHING!*

C. Do you remember whether  was tasked to ascertain what happened to Carney? What was  response? *NO!*

D. Which  contacts, if any, did you talk to at any time about the Olancho Operation, Reyes Mata, and/or Carney, and what did they tell you? *NONE.*

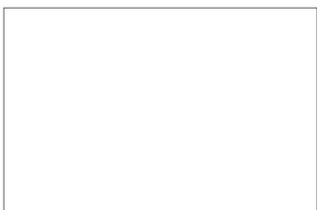
E. What was your understanding of the Embassy's role in the investigation of the disappearance of Father Carney? Did  the Defense Attaches, and State Department officers cooperate in the investigation? What was the coordination process, and who had the lead in the investigation? *I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE ON THIS MATTER.*

F. What do you know about the US military's operations in Olancho in September 1983? Are you aware of any CIA officers who were working in Olancho (particularly at Aguacate) during the Olancho Operation, and what can you tell us about their activities if any  *KNOW NOTHING ABOUT AN U.S. MILITARY OPERATION OR THE INVOLVEMENT OF CIA OFFICER.*

II. State Department Human Rights Reports

A. What was your understanding of the role of  Headquarters in providing information to the State Department for the Department's yearly human rights report to Congress? What was the coordination process? *DO NOT REMEMBER.*

B. Do you recall who took the lead in preparing the report at the Embassy? What information did  provide that person? How was Agency information incorporated into the



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reports? What disagreements, if any, concerning the Honduras human rights reports do you recall? How were they resolved?

*I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE ON THIS MATTER.*

C. Do you recall any classification issues? Was there any human rights information [redacted] considered too sensitive for the report? If so, why? *I DO NOT REMEMBER ANY SUCH ISSUE.*

D. Did you read the draft human rights reports on Honduras during the period when you were assigned to work on this region? Did you think they fairly depicted the human rights situation in Honduras? If not, please explain why. Do you have any reason to believe the Ambassador/Embassy was pressured to downplay human rights abuses in the report? Do you have any personal knowledge of such pressure?  *I NEVER READ THE DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT.*

III. [redacted] (This section is only for [redacted] officers and managers in the chain of command [redacted])

A.

[redacted]

*I DO NOT REMEMBER*

*THIS CASE.*

B.

[redacted]

*I DO NOT REMEMBER THIS CASE.*

C.

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[redacted] *This transpired before my assignment to CATF.*

IV. Congressional Notification and Politicization

A. [redacted] do you know if Congressional delegations visiting Honduras asked about human rights issues? What did the [redacted] Embassy tell them? Are you aware of any failure to provide information to Congress or to Congressional delegations concerning human rights abuses committed [redacted] in Honduras? Are you aware of any information on instances of human rights abuse in Honduras that you believe should have been but was not passed to Headquarters, policymakers, and/or Congress? *I have NO INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER.*

B. Do you recall any cases of politicization of reporting on Honduras? Do you recall any analysis being altered in response to political concerns? If so, who suggested that it be changed and for what reasons?  *I have NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANALYSIS BEING ALTERED.*

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

A. [redacted]

*I WAS ASSIGNED TO HQ,*

B. Did you ever have concerns that particular units might have been engaged in specific human rights abuses (Special Unit of FUSEP/DNI, the 316th Military Intelligence Battalion, the Counter-Intelligence Division of the C-2)? Did you ever have concerns that any of these Units/personnel might have been engaged in summary killings other than in combat? If so, what was the basis for your concerns? Did you ever discuss such concerns with any other Agency/State/DOD personnel? *TO THE BEST OF MY MEMORY, FUSEP HAD A BAD REPUTATION*

C. To your knowledge, did [redacted] take any action to resolve allegations of human rights abuses--by the Hondurans or in other international press--against Honduran security/intelligence units [redacted] *I DO NOT REMEMBER.*

D. Do you know of any abuses/human rights incidents possibly committed by Honduran security or intelligence units that--for lack of evidence or any other reason--were never reported officially (e.g., cable or memos) [redacted] to Headquarters? If so, please describe the incident and your

understanding of why it was not reported. Who decided not to report it?  I have NO INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER.

E. What do you know about the Honduran Anti-Communist Liberation Army (ELACH) and any human rights abuses it may have committed? Do you know of any Honduran security/intelligence personnel who may have belonged or had contact with ELACH? If so, who were they and what was their relationship with ELACH?

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ELACH!