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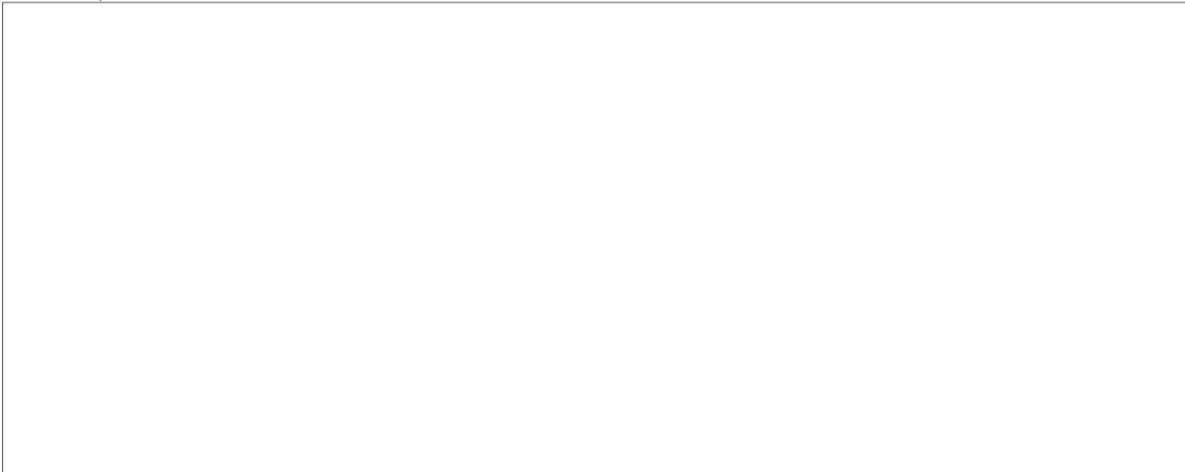
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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

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COUNTRY: HONDURAS

SUBJECT:



1983

DISAPPEARANCE OF U.S. PRIEST JAMES CARNEY

DOI:

1983 - EARLY FEBRUARY 1987



SUMMARY: NONE

TEXT:

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[REDACTED]

3. THE AIDE TO FATHER CARNEY WAS WITH ONE OF THE OTHER PATROLS, AND WHEN THAT PATROL DISCOVERED FATHER CARNEY'S REMAINS, IT INFORMED NEARBY PATROLS BY RADIO. [REDACTED] PATROL WAS CLOSE AND JOINED THE OTHER PATROL AT THE SITE, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS NEAR THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN. [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE BODY IN THE HAMMOCK FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS AND DESCRIBED IT AS BLOATED WITH THE SKIN A PURPLISH COLOR AND THE HAIR MORE SILVER-GRAY THAN WHITE.

AFTER THE BASE CAMP AT NUEVA PALESTINA WAS INFORMED THAT FATHER CARNEY'S BODY HAD BEEN DISCOVERED, [REDACTED] PATROL LEFT THE SITE AND CONTINUED ON WITH ITS PRIMARY MISSION.

4. [REDACTED]
A FORMER HONDURAN SOLDIER WHO RECENTLY TOLD A CLOSE CONFIDANT [REDACTED] WHILE [REDACTED] HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN A PATROL LED BY [REDACTED] TO FATHER CARNEY'S REMAINS. WHEN THE PATROL ARRIVED, [REDACTED] ORDERED THE BODY TO BE BURIED AT THE SITE, WHICH WAS DONE. THE FORMER SOLDIER SAID THAT THE SITE WAS IN OLANCHO PROVINCE ON CONGOLON MOUNTAIN. [REDACTED] THE PATROL [REDACTED] PROBABLY WAS ORGANIZED BECAUSE [REDACTED] WANTED TO CONFIRM THE RADIO REPORT THAT FATHER CARNEY'S BODY HAD BEEN FOUND.) [REDACTED] AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED FROM MAPS OF THE AREA, NONE OF THE PEAKS IN THE "CORDILLERA ENTRE RIOS" IN OLANCHO PROVINCE HAVE NAMES. ACCORDING TO A 1983 EDITION OF THE GAZETTEER OF HONDURAS, THE ONLY CONGOLON MOUNTAIN IN HONDURAS IS AT 14 09 N/88 28 W IN LEMPIRA PROVINCE NOT TOO FAR FROM THE BORDER WITH EL SALVADOR.)

[REDACTED]

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