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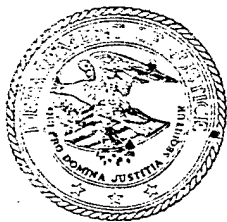
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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House

FROM: WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH *WFS*
The Attorney General

SUBJECT: Investigation of Salvadoran Death
Squad Patrons (S)

In response to your December 1, 1983, memorandum regarding the above-captioned matter, please be advised that on November 4, 1983, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, James Michel, met with Department of Justice officials to discuss allegations that patrons of Salvadoran death squads are providing funds and weapons to them from the United States. At that time Mr. Michel provided the Department with several possible sources of information on this matter. (S)

Following the meeting with Mr. Michel, we asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to review the information provided by Mr. Michel and to interview suggested sources. The FBI currently is conducting these interviews and reviewing this matter in order to determine whether there is an adequate predicate of information upon which to base a broader investigation. The FBI expects to complete that process within the next few days. (S)

In that regard, it is important that you provide us immediately with any additional sources of information or evidence regarding this alleged activity that you may have. Please provide any such information to D. Lowell Jensen, Associate Attorney General. (S)

We appreciate your concern regarding this issue, and can assure you that we will monitor this matter closely. (U)

cc: The Honorable William H. Webster
✓ The Honorable William J. Casey
Mr. Fred F. Fielding

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