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1. TRACES ON S. ((SAMAYOA)) REVEAL THAT A SALVADOR RICARDO ((SAMAYOA)) LEIVA (SUBJECT) DPOB 13 SEPT 1950, SAN SALVADOR, IS A SELF-DECLARED MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY FRONT (FDR), THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN), AND FARABUNDO MARTI POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL), A SALVADORAN LEFTIST INSURGENT GROUP. SUBJECT WAS A FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN THE SALVADORAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA GOVERNMENT IN EXILE IN MEXICO CITY. IN 1979 AS A MEMBER OF THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOCK HE TOOK PART IN THE OCCUPATION OF THE FRENCH AND VENEZUELAN EMBASSIES IN SAN SALVADOR. SUBJECT ATTENDED COLLEGIO SAN JOSE EXTERNADO AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY PRIOR TO BECOMING MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

2. INFORMATION ON ARMIN ((WERTZ)) COMES EXCLUSIVELY FROM WIRE SERVICE STORIES, WHICH IDENTIFY HIM AS A FREE-LANCE WEST GERMAN JOURNALIST IN EL SALVADOR WORKING FOR "STUTTGART ZEITUNG" AND RADIO FREE BERLIN. HE WAS A FRIEND OF THE MURDERED DUTCH JOURNALISTS ((KUYPER)) AND ((KOSTER)) AND WAS DESCRIBED BY ONE PRESS ACCOUNT AS THE "LAST PERSON EXCEPT THEIR KILLERS TO SEE THEM ALIVE". AS A FAVOR HE TOOK THE JOURNALISTS TO MEET LEFTISTS GUERILLAS IN CHALATENAGO PROVINCE. THE THREE MET FOUR ALLEGED LEFTIST GUERILLAS AT A PLACE CLOSE TO A SALVADORAN MILITARY BASE LESS THAN ONE HOUR BEFORE THE DEATHS OF THE JOURNALISTS. WERTZ FLEW FROM EL SALVADOR TO MANAGUA ON 20 MAR 82, WHERE HE CHALLENGED THE OFFICIAL GOES VERSION OF THE KILLINGS OF THE JOURNALISTS AND ALLEGED THAT GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THEIR DEATHS.

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