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TRAVEL TO EL SALVADOR BY CAPTAIN EDUARDO AVILA AVILA,  
ALLEGED CONSPIRATOR IN THE 1980 ASSASSINATIONS OF TWO  
U.S. CITIZENS IN THE SAN SALVADOR SHERATON HOTEL.

1. CAPTAIN EDUARDO ((AVILA)) AVILA, A SALVADORAN RIGHTIST  
ARMED FORCES OFFICER ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A CONSPIRATOR IN THE

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198 ASSASSINATIONS OF TWO U.S. CITIZENS IN THE SAN SALVADOR SHERATON HOTEL, CURRENTLY SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME LIVING IN URUGUAY BUT IS ABLE TO VISIT EL SALVADOR FREQUENTLY. WHEN IN EL SALVADOR, AVILA RESIDES AT A PRIVATE HOME IN SANTA TECLA ADJACENT TO A NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS. THE PRIVATE HOME IS IN FACT A NATIONAL GUARD SAFEHOUSE WHICH IS PROTECTED BY ARMED GUARDS PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL GAURD AND CIVIL DEFENSE. WHEN AVILA IS PRESENT IN SANTA TECLA, THE NATIONAL GUARD PROVIDES HIM WITH A SECURITY TEAM OF AT LEAST SIX MEN ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.

2. AVILA, WHO IS OFFICIALLY SUBJECT TO ARREST IN EL SALVADOR FOR DESERTION, HAS BEEN AIDED IN ENTERING AND DEPARTING EL SALVADOR BY RIGHTIST SYMPATHIZERS IN THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE. WHILE IN EL SALVADOR, AVILA HAS MET WITH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN THE SANTA TECLA SAFEHOUSE: LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERTO ((STABEN)), EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CAVALRY REGIMENT; MAJOR ENZO GUILLERMO ((RUEIO)), NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF IN SANTA ANA; LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARISTEDES ((MARQUEZ)), CHIEF OF THE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE; CAPTAIN RAFAEL ((LOPEZ)) DAVILA, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL SECTION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE; CAPTAIN FRANCISCO ((MORAN)) RECINOS, A TREASURY POLICE OFFICER; LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOAQUIN ((ZACAPA)), EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF MILITARY DETACHMENT SIX;

AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)), CHIEF OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND FORMER SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURY POLICE. ADDITIONALLY, AVILA HAS MET WITH LIEUTENANT RODOLFO ISIFRO ((LOPEZ)) SIBRIAN, ANOTHER ALLEGED CONSPIRATOR IN THE SHERATON KILLINGS; LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARIO DENIS ((MORAN)), SALVADORAN MILITARY ATTACHE TO PANAMA; AND ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) AND PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR CAPTAIN AVILA WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, ESPECIALLY AMONG RIGHTIST OFFICERS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AVILA WILL EVER BE ARRESTED IN EL SALVADOR AS LONG AS HE RETAINS THE SUPPORT OF D'AUBUISSON AND THE RIGHTIST MILITARY OFFICERS.)

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