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SUBJECT: ROMERO MURDER CASE

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AT MEETING ON 30 JULY 1984, <sup>OFFICER</sup> ~~██████████~~ DEBRIEFED <sup>SOURCE</sup> ~~██████████~~ ON HIS BACKGROUND INFO ON THE ROMERO MURDER. ~~██████████~~ PROVIDED SEVERAL INTERESTING DETAILS, ~~██████████~~

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<sup>OFFICER</sup> RE ~~██████████~~ KNOWLEDGE OF THE ROMERO CASE, HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFO. ROMERO WAS MURDERED BY EXTREME RIGHTISTS, ANGRY BECAUSE OF HIS LEFTIST POLITICAL IDEOLOGY AND THE THREAT HE POSED BY INCITING THE MASSES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO ~~██████████~~, ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WAS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT, TO WHAT EXTENT HE WAS NOT SURE. HE WAS TOLD OF D'AUBUISSON'S INVOLVEMENT AND THE RIGHTISTS' COMPLICITY BY AIR FORCE CAPT. ROBERTO ((LEIVA)) JACOBO. SHORTLY AFTER THE MURDER OF ROMERO IN DECEMBER 1980, LEIVA TOLD ~~██████████~~ <sup>SOURCE</sup> THAT THE MURDER WEAPON, A .22 CAL RIFLE, WAS SMUGGLED INTO EL SALVADOR FROM MIAMI ABOARD AESA AIRLINES (AEROLINEAS EL SALVADOR, S.A.). LATER, ~~██████████~~ <sup>SOURCE</sup> SAW THE MURDER WEAPON AT THE

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HOME OF EDUARDO ((CORNEJO)), OWNER OF AESA. CORNEJO GAVE THE WEAPON TO LEIVA WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL

IS UNAWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO IT.

5. LEIVA FURTHER TOLD THAT TWO CUBANS WERE CONTRACTED BY RIGHTISTS TO KILL ROMERO. LEIVA POINTED OUT ONE THE CUBANS TO AT PARTY AT THE AIR FORCE OFFICERS CLUB.

6. TOLD THAT BOTH LEIVA AND CORNEJO ARE STILL ACTIVE IN RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES AND THAT HE HAS ACCESS TO BOTH.