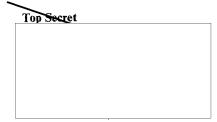
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Many Salvadoran officers reportedly their leaders have handled the invest A s	
an increasing number believe the Hi killings. Colonel Benavides, the mos reportedly is ready to say he acted or	gh Command ordered the t senior officer charged so far,
of Staff Ponce that the priests be kill	ed.
Comment: No evidence has emerged	
Command in the killings, but many are concerned that a high-level cover and jeopardizing US aid. Many junio trying to link Ponce to the murders t	rup is damaging the armed forces or and senior officers may also be o head off his long-delayed
appointment as minister of defense a the Tandona. At a minimum, Ponce stonewalling on the civilian investiga destruction and concealment of evide	is acquiescing in the military's ation of the case, including
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