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HAS COME, WE FEEL, TO INVESTIGATE THESE CHARGES AND, IF PROVEN, TO ARREST THE PERPETRATORS AND PROSECUTE THEM TO THE LIMITS OF U.S. LAW. END SUMMARY

3. WEALTHY LAWYER AND BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS BEEN IMPORTANT EMBASSY CONTACT FOR MANY YEARS CAME TO SAY GOODBY TO CHARGE LATE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 5. HE HAS RECEIVED THREE DEATH THREATS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND IS LEAVING THE COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OR AS LONG AS IT TAKES FOR THE PRESENT REIGN OF TERROR TO ABATE. IT IS A REIGN OF TERROR, HE SAID, AND HE WANTED CHARGE TO KNOW WHO IS BEHIND IT. HE DID NOT EXPECT CHARGE OR AMBASSADOR TO BE IN SAN SALVADOR ON HIS RETURN AND WANTED THE STORY TOLD TO US.

4. MURDERS OF THE TWO AMERICANS WHO WERE WITH RODOLFO VIERA WAS NO MISTAKE, IN HIS VIEW, BECAUSE MANY PROMINENT SALVADORANS HAVE BEEN KILLED WHILE THEIR FAMILIES, DRIVERS AND FRIENDS HAVE BEEN SPARED; THEY ARE USUALLY ORDERED TO LIE DOWN AND ARE THREATENED WITH DEATH LATER IF THEY SERVE AS WITNESSES. CHARGE RECOUNTED DETAILS OF SHERATON MURDERS THAT SUGGEST INTENT TO KILL THE AMERICANS AS WELL AS VIERA. E.G. FACT HAMMER HAD REACHED FAR DOOR BEFORE BEING SHOT TWICE IN THE CHEST AND ONCE, AS A COUP DE GRACE, IN THE HEAD WHILE PEAKMAN WAS SHOT TWICE IN THE CHEST BUT HAD THREE BULLETS FIRED INTO THE FLOOR IN CLOSE RANGE OF HIS HEAD, EVIDENTLY TO KILL HIM FOR CERTAIN. LAWYER SAID THE CRIME HAD ALL THE EARMARKS OF A RIGHTIST DEATH SQUAD AND THAT HE WAS CONVINCED AIFLD HAD BEEN TARGETTED AS WELL AS VIERA. HE RECALLED SOME OF THE BACKGROUND TO AIFLD'S CONTROVERSIAL HISTORY IN EL SALVADOR, ITS STORMY RELATIONSHIP WITH SUCCESSIVE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE FREQUENT

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RATTLES BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND AIFLO. OVER THE YEARS, MANY SALVADORAN LANDOWNERS BECAME AWARE OF AIFLO'S DETERMINATION TO ORGANIZE ESTATE WORKERS AND TO PLAN FOR LAND REFORM BECAUSE THEIR UNORTHODOX TACTICS AND FREE-WHEELING WAS DENOUNCED BY MANY PROMINENT EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN THEIR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. SEVERAL AMBASSADORS SUPPORTED SALVADORAN GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HAVE AIFLO THROWN OUT OF THE COUNTRY. SINCE THE FALL OF GENERAL ROMERO, AND PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR WHITE, THESE LANDOWNERS HAVE BEEN VERY AWARE THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND LAND REFORM AND THAT AIFLO, PARTICULARLY ITS ADVISER PROF. PROSTFKMAN, SERVED AS THE INSTRUMENT TO CARRY THROUGH THE MOST SWEEPING LAND REFORM IN CENTRAL AMERICA. WHILE THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND PROGRESSIVE MILITARY OFFICERS WANTED LAND REFORM AND WERE CONVINCED IT WAS ALL THAT COULD SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM THE COMMUNISTS, WITHOUT THE PRESSURE, PLANNING SKILL AND DYNAMISM OF THE AIFLO TEAM NOTHING WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.

5. THE LAWYER THEN SAID THAT HE WAS LEAVING BECAUSE HE HAD RESISTED INTENSE PRESSURES FROM THE ULTRARIGHT FOR SIX MONTHS BUT HE WAS NOW CERTAIN THAT THEY WOULD KILL ANYONE WHO STOOD IN THE WAY OF THEIR PLAN, THAT THE RECENT WAVE OF KIDNAPPINGS OF BUSINESSMEN, THE BOMBINGS OF US/SALVADORAN FIRMS, THE TELEPHONED DEATH THREATS AND THE SHERATON MURDERS WERE ALL THE WORK OF THE MIAMI GANG. HE SAID HE HAD SPENT THE LAST THREE DAYS TALKING TO WEALTHY PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE BEEN INTERROGATED AND THREATENED IN MIAMI -- SUCH YOUNGER BUSINESSMEN/LAWYERS AS  
AND OTHERS -- PEOPLE WHO HAVE DECIDED TO STAY ON AND

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CHRISTMAS WITH NO REQUEST FOR RANSOM AND THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR -- GET OUT OR THE MIAMI GANG WILL HAVE YOU KIDNAPPED OR KILLED. THE DEATHS OF THE AIFLD OFFICIALS AND VIFRA MUST BE SEEN IN THIS CONTEXT, HE INSISTED, AND THE MADNESS OF THE MIAMI GANG RECOGNIZED.

7. WHO ARE THESE MADMEN AND HOW DO THEY OPERATE? THE PRINCIPAL FIGURES ARE SIX ENORMOUSLY WEALTHY FORMER LANDOWNERS WHO LOST GREAT ESTATES IN PHASE I OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM BUT STILL HAVE IMPORTANT HOLDINGS PARCELLED OUT TO NEPHEWS, COUSINS, GRANDSONS, ETC., THAT WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER PHASE II OF THE LAND REFORM; THEY ALSO HAVE LIQUID ASSETS AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS WHICH, COMBINED, MIGHT BE IN THE RANGE OF TWO TO FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. THEY HAVE ALWAYS EXERCISED DECISIVE POWER IN THIS COUNTRY AND CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THEIR DAY IS OVER. THEIR TACTICS HERE WERE SIMPLE: COOPT BRIGHT PEOPLE FROM THE MIDDLE CLASS, BRIBE THE TOP MILITARY LEADERSHIP, KILL ANYONE WHO MADE TROUBLE. THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO PURSUE THESE TACTICS IN MIAMI BUT ON A FAR GREATER SCALE; FOR INSTANCE THEY HAVE BRIBED MANY MILITARY OFFICERS AND POLITICIANS HERE AND ABROAD TO SERVE THEIR INTERESTS. BUT OF EVEN MORE CONCERN IS THE FACT THAT THEY ORGANIZE, FUND AND DIRECT DEATH SQUADS THROUGH THEIR AGENT, MAJOR ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON. HE NEVER MEETS DIRECTLY WITH THEM ANYMORE BECAUSE HE CAN NO LONGER TRAVEL TO THE U.S. BUT HE OPERATES OUT OF GUATEMALA AND HAS BEEN IN EL SALVADOR NOW FOR SEVERAL WEEKS PURSUING THE STRATEGY OF THE "SIX" TO DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY AND OVERTHROW THE JUNTA, AND USING THEIR TACTICS, BOMBING FACTORIES AND OFFICES, KIDNAPPING BUSINESSMEN AND NOW, VERY LIKELY, MURDERING THE INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP OF LAND REFORM. THE OBJECT IS TO TERRORIZE THOSE WHO ARE STILL WORKING FOR A MODERATE OUTCOME, IN OR OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO IMPOSE A RIGHTIST DICTATORSHIP. THREE PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO CARRY

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TARGET FOR MURDER. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE THAT SUCH AN OPERATION IS GUIDED FROM A MAJOR AMERICAN CITY AND THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO STOP IT BEFORE ANOTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL OR CONTRACT EMPLOYEE IS MURDERED HERE. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY STEPS TO INVESTIGATE THE INFORMATION ON THIS OPERATION THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST. WE BELIEVE THAT STEPS MUST BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THESE CHARGES AND THAT, IF PROVEN, THE GUILTY SHOULD BE PROSECUTED TO THE LIMIT OF U.S. LAW.  
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