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1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: WE REPORT BELOW ANOTHER OF A SERIES OF CON-  
VERSATIONS BETWEEN POLOFF AND A SECURITY FORCE OFFICER WHO  
FORMERLY WAS DEEP INSIDE EXTREME RIGHT WING FRINGE GROUP  
ACTIVITIES. HE DESCRIBED MAJOR D'AUBUISSON'S FALL FROM  
FAVOR WITH HIS FORMER FINANCIAL BACKERS, AND HOW THE MAJOR'S  
ACTIVITIES APPEAR TO HAVE DEGENERATED INTO SIMPLE GUNRUNNING.  
THE OFFICER, ONCE AGAIN, MENTIONED HIS CERTAINTY THAT ARCH-  
BISHOP ROMERO'S KILLER WAS A D'AUBUISSON HENCHMAN. END  
SUMMARY.

3. DURING THE EVENING OF AUGUST 11 POLOFF SPOKE WITH A  
JUNIOR OFFICER OF ONE OF THE SECURITY FORCES WHO TALKED  
ABOUT SOME OF THE PAST AND PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF THE EXTREME  
RIGHT. THE OFFICER WAS ONCE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH  
RIGHTISTS SUCH AS MAJOR ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON. DURING THE  
FIRST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS OF 1980, FOR EXAMPLE, HE PARTI-  
CIPATED IN A BOMBING AT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
(UCAL97 503 JS-UP OF A BOMB BLAST AGAINST THE HEADQUARTERS  
AT THAT TIME OF THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOC (BPR), AND  
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A MEETING CHAIRED BY D'AUBUISSON DURING WHICH THE PROCEED OF

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ARCHBISHOP ROMERO WAS PLANNED. HE SAYS THAT HE QUIT THE GROUP WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE IN IT JUST FOR THE MONEY, RATHER THAN FROM THE IDEOLOGICAL BASIS WHICH POLOFF'S FRIEND SAYS WAS HIS OWN MOTIVATION. A SUMMARY OF HIS COMMENTS ON CURRENT RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES FOLLOWS.

9. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE EXTREME RIGHT IS "DISARTICULATED." FOR INSTANCE, SAID HE, THE "WEALTHY RIGHTIST FANATICS" AS HE PUTS IT ARE NO LONGER SUPPORTING THEIR FORMER FAVORITE, MAJOR D'AUBUISSON. D'AUBUISSON'S ACTIVITIES IN FACT HAVE PROVOKED A BREAK BETWEEN HIM AND THE GROUP WHICH WAS FINANCING HIM, SAID THE SOURCE. THE MAJOR HAS TURNED INTO A CORRUPT WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS SMUGGLER WITH THE HELP OF THE OUTCAST STOLEN CAR SPECIALIST, CASHIERED LIEUTENANT AMAYA ROSAS. POLOFF'S SOURCE ADDED THAT HE LEARNED SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE GUN RUNNING BUSINESS DIRECTLY FROM AMAYA ROSAS. THE OFFICER SAID THAT AMAYA WAS RECENTLY IN THE COUNTRY AND HAD EVEN ATTEMPTED TO ENLIST HIS HELP IN UNLOADING A LARGE QUANTITY OF .38 CALIBRE AMMUNITION. THE SOURCE SAID THAT HE TOLD AMAYA THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. HE SAID THAT HE KNEW THE LOCATION OF THE MUNITIONS BUT WAS NOT GOING TO REVEAL IT SINCE THE SMUGGLERS "WERE ONCE MY FRIENDS."

10. POLOFF SHOWED THE OFFICER COPIES OF SOME 1980 NOTES TAKEN APPARENTLY FROM A RIGHTIST COUP PLOTTER WHICH ARE IN THE EMBASSY'S POSSESSION. (THE DOCUMENTS ARE THE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL.) THE OFFICER HAD LITTLE TIME IN WHICH TO STUDY THE NOTES BUT WAS ABLE TO GLANCE THROUGH ALL OF THEM. HE RECOGNIZED MOST OF THE NAMES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL LISTED (INCLUDING HIS OWN) BUT FEW OF THE CIVILIANS WHOSE NAMES  
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APPEARED. AT ONE POINT DURING HIS READING HE STOPPED, ASKED POLOFF FOR A PEN AND CIRCLED THE LINE IN A LIST OF NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS WHICH READS:

"WALTER (MUSA).....25-6514."

HE TOLD POLOFF THAT IT WAS THIS MAN NICKNAMED "MUSA" WHO HAD KILLED ARCHBISHOP ROMERO. HE REMAINED POLOFF THAT HE HAD ONCE SAID THAT A MAN NAMED "DOUGLAS" HAD ASSASSINATED THE ARCHBISHOP; THAT, HE SAID, WAS INCORRECT. ACCORDING TO

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THE SOURCE, ROMERO'S ASSASSIN IS CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST FOR SMUGGLING AND STORED AT THE TREASURY POLICE (PH). WALTER (OR MUSA), SAID THE OFFICER, REMAINED AS ONE OF D'AUBUSSON'S MENCHMEN INSIDE THE COUNTRY AND HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MAJOR'S ARMS SMUGGLING BUSINESS. (AFTER THE SOURCE HAD LEFT PCLOFF FOUND ON ANOTHER PAGE OF THE SAME NOTEBOOK A LISTING FOR SOMEONE IDENTIFIED ONLY AS "MUSA" FOLLOWED BY TWO TELEPHONE NUMBERS, 24-2961 AND 21-8019.)

6. THE SOURCE OFFICER SUMMARIZED HIS COMMENTS ON RIGHTIST DOINGS BY STATING FLATLY THA THE FOLKS WHO MAKE UP THE EXTREME RIGHT KNOW THAT THERE IS NO HOPE OF TURNING THINGS BACK TO WHAT THEY ONCE WERE. THERE IS, HE SAID, NO LONGER ANY REASON FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO POUR MONEY INTO EFFORTS TO FORCE THEM BACK. "THEY'VE LOST." HE TOLD POLOFF.  
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