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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SAN SALVADOR 07953E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, KJUS, ES
SUBJECT: FOUR DUTCH JOURNALISTS CASE: JUDGE'S REQUEST

REF: 87 THE HAGUE 3075

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT2. DULCE NOMBRE DE MARIA, CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT,
FIRST INSTANCE JUDGE DORA DEL CARMEN GOMEZ DE CLAROS
TOLD POLOFF ON JUNE 7 THAT SHE HAS ALMOST COMPLETED
HER INVESTIGATION INTO THE MARCH 17, 1982, DEATHS OF
FOUR DUTCH JOURNALISTS IN AN ARMY AMBUSH. SHE LATER
MENTIONED TO AN FSN THAT UNLESS SHE RECEIVES OTHER
EVIDENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SHE INTENDS TO DISMISS
THE CASE, BECAUSE NONE OF THE TESTIMONY SHE HAS
RECEIVED FROM LOCAL INHABITANTS CORROBORATES
ALLEGATIONS THAT THE INCIDENT WAS PREMEDITATED.3. JUDGE DE CLAROS EXPLAINED TO POLOFF SHE CANNOT
LEGALLY CLOSE THE CASE UNTIL SHE HAS RECEIVED
RESPONSES TO ALL HER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. THESE
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INCLUDE ONE TO THE AMBASSADOR ASKING FOR THE CURRENT
ADDRESSES OF FORMER EMBOFFS HOWARD LANE AND TODD
GREENTREE. RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS CLAIMED THAT
LANE AND GREENTREE WERE SENT FROM WASHINGTON AS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS AND POSSESS INFORMATION NOT
AVAILABLE TO ANYONE ELSE. ANOTHER OF HER REQUESTS TO
THE AMBASSADOR SEEKS THE ADDRESS OF FORMER MILGP
TRAINER ANGEL CHAMIZO, WHO WAS WORKING WITH THE 4TH
BRIGADE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. POLOFF
EXPLAINED THAT THE RELATIVES WERE MISTAKEN ABOUT LANE**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Marvin
Russell, Senior Reviewer**

AND GREENTREE AND THAT CHAMIZO, WHO IS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, HAS ALREADY PROVIDED COMPLETE TESTIMONY FOR THE COURT RECORD. SHE ACCEPTED THIS, BUT SAID THAT SHE COULD STILL NOT CLOSE THE CASE UNTIL THE EMBASSY HAS RESPONDED IN WRITING TO HER INQUIRIES. SHE SUGGESTED THAT A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INVOKING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY WOULD MEET THIS REQUIREMENT.

- THE EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON JUNE 16 SO JUDGE DE CLAROS CAN CLOSE HER BOOKS:

BEGIN TEXT

- THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT ON JANUARY 25, 1988, AMBASSADOR CORR RECEIVED A SUMMONS FROM THE FIRST INSTANCE JUDGE OF DULCE NOMBRE DE MARIA, LIC. DORA DEL CARMEN GOMEZ DE CLAROS, TO DECLARE THE PRESENT ADDRESS OF THE AMERICAN CITIZENS HOWARD LANE

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AND TODD GREENTREE. ANOTHER COMMUNICATION FROM JUDGE DE CLAROS, DATED APRIL 8, CONFIRMS THE JANUARY 25 SUMMONS AND ADDS TO IT A REQUEST FOR THE PRESENT ADDRESS OF ANGEL CHAMIZO, ALSO AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. WITH REGARD TO SUCH SUMMONSES, THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO INVOKE THE PROVISIONS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH GRANTS TO THE DIPLOMATIC AGENTS OF ANOTHER STATE IMMUNITY FROM THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF THE RECEIVING STATE. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE MINISTRY INFORM THE JUDGE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CONSIDERATIONS.

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