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FOLLOW-UP TO CASA 15/82 AMR 29/19/82
40 Recent Arrests

No. 8 Felipe CARRANZA HERNANDEZ

Felipe Carranza Hernandez, reportedly arrested on 2 March 1982 in San Salvador by members of the Treasury Police who said they were paramilitary, was reportedly accused by the Salvadorian authorities of having used his lorry for transporting arms to the guerrillas.

A man who was arrested together with Felipe Carranza and who was subsequently released is said to have stated that Felipe Carranza was tortured and later thrown from a 30-metre-high cliff at La Perla in the department of Sonsonate on the Pacific coast. Although Felipe Carranza's wife, who went in search of her husband's body, could not find him, she did come across the bodies of six others who had been thrown down the cliffs at La Perla and who were lying on the rocks in the sea below. The Salvadorian authorities have so far denied any knowledge of this latest dumping ground.

Campeños who live in the area reportedly heard the screams of people being thrown off the cliff during the night of 5 April; the following morning they saw three bodies being swept out to sea. Other residents claim similar incidents occurred on 31 March and during the previous week.

Members of the Comisión de Derechos Humanos de El Salvador (CDHES), the Salvadorian Human Rights Commission who visited the area have stated that none of the bodies showed bullet wounds, thus suggesting that the people had been thrown off the cliff alive.

Recommended Actions

Please send telegrams/express letters expressing serious concern at the reports of this new dumping ground at La Perla and asking for a full investigation. Also ask for an investigation into the reported killing of Felipe Carranza Hernandez and that those responsible be

brought to justice. Also urge that as required under Salvadorian law, efforts be made to identify all the bodies found at La Perla, that relatives be notified and that full investigations be made to establish responsibility for these deaths as well.

Appeals to:

General José Guillermo García (Minister of Defense and
Ministro de Defensa y Seguridad Pública Public Security)
Ministerio de Defensa y Seguridad Pública
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

Dirección General de la Policía de Hacienda (Head of the Treasury Police)
Calle Concepción
San Salvador, El Salvador

Juez de Paz (Justice of the Peace)
Juzgado de Paz
Sonsonate
Departamento de Sonsonate
El Salvador

Copies of appeals to:

Comisión Arquidiocesana de Justicia y Paz (Justice and Peace Commission
Arzobispado de San Salvador of the Archbishopric)
Urbanización Isidro Menéndez
Calle San José
Avenida Las Américas
Apartado Postal 22-53
San Salvador
El Salvador

And to Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.