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Bo Cooper and I spoke with Cong. McGovern last night for about 25 minutes regarding the report on the Salvadoran Generals required by the FY 99 Foreign Ops Appropriations bill. The Congressman repeatedly expressed his "outrage" about the report, particularly the passage which describes one general as a "key ally" in bringing people to justice. He found this characterization "unconscionable" and expressed concern about its effect on litigation brought by the families of the slain churchwomen.

The Congressman said he would not have expected this type of report out of the Reagan Administration, let alone this Administration. He wants to sit down and compare DOS cables, since he believes the available information contradicts the report. He wants more details on what information was in the files of the two Salvadorans, and on the standard of proof that was used to evaluate that information.

For followup, the Congressman expects to confer with Senators Moynihan and

2 Salvadorans - cover up of ~~at least~~ ^{many} more murdered in El Salvador
got ^{US info} ~~advice~~ + other got LPR living

Want to ~~start~~ declassify + DOS report on how admitted +
whether they should remain.

INS did a report - NSC reviewed - no new info + no change
info to justify removal - December 15, 1999 - just cleared

^{El Salvador} Truth Commission - US can't get evidence in the report -
US trying to get info - might a basis of removal.
Source remain confidential

Feingold and Cong. Moakley and Pelosi, draft a joint letter outlining concerns and questions about the report, and request a briefing by DOJ to discuss the concerns and answer the questions. We told him that INS General Counsel and Field Operations would be involved in such a briefing. He also wants us to consider a public clarification of the report.

The Congressman also spoke last night to Patty First and Miles Lackey, and I believe expressed similar sentiments.

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