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SUMMARY: This report forwards biographical data on Major Carlos Alfredo ((RIVAS)) Najarro, a Salvadoran Army Officer.

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GENERAL INFORMATION			
1. COUNTRY EL SALVADOR		2. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, Mo, Day) 800500-801200	3. DATE OF REPORT (Yr, Mo, Day) 810128
4. NAME a. FULL NAME (Give full name in Roman letters, in natural order, and with middle name(s), including initials, etc. if known to subject) (Other than surname, underline name. Give alternate pronunciation of name as appropriate.) Carlos Alfredo RIVAS Najarro			
5. GRADE OR RANK OF WHICH UNIT WAS LAST ASSIGNED TO BE EXPRESSED (If in official correspondence: Mayor D. E. M. Carlos A. Rivas If ORALLY BY OFFICIAL, STATE GRADE: Mayor Rivas			
6. FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET Same as above			
7. ABBREVIATIONS, ALIASES, OR NICKNAMES None known			
8. POSITION a. PRESENT POSITION Chief, Intelligence Department (D-II), Armed Forces General Staff		9. DATE ASSIGNED POSITION (Yr, Mo, Day) 800801	
10. GRADE TITLE (In English and native language) Major/Mayor		11. DATE OF GRADE (Yr, Mo, Day) 770731	
12. SERVICE Army		13. BRANCH OF SERVICE Artillery	
14. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (Yr, Mo, Day, Province, County) 450219 Quezaltenango, La Libertad Dept, El Salvador			15. SEX Male
16. PRESENT ADDRESS (Including unit location if applicable) Calle Los Pinos 368 Urb. Universitaria, San Salvador		17. TELEPHONE NO. 23-5205	
18. NATIONALITY Salvadoran		19. RACE Caucasian	
20. CITIZENSHIP (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) Salvadoran		21. RELIGION Roman Catholic PRACTICES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
22. TITLES AND HONORIFICS (Print, Roman, Greek, etc.) "D.E.M." and "Professor Militar"		23. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
24. AGE 35		25. HAIR YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
26. BEARD YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		27. MUSTACHE YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
28. TEETH (Number) YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		29. UNKNOWN YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
30. EMPLOYMENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES (Scars, marks, tattoos, etc.) None			
31. COLOR EYES Brown		32. COLOR HAIR Black	
33. BUILD (Short, medium, tall) Medium		34. POSTURE Erect	
35. PHYSICAL DEFECTS None known		36. GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH Good	
37. HAND OR HEAVY YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		38. GLASSES YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
PERSONAL BACKGROUND			
39. CIVIL EDUCATION (List schools, locations, major courses, degrees, honors, and include date (Yr, Mo, Day)) Jose Dolores la Ruinga, Quezaltenango, El Salvador - Primary Jose Maria Peralta Lagos, Quezaltenango, El Salvador - Secondary			
40. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Include dialects, degree of fluency, and ability to act as translator/interpreter) Spanish - Native			
41. TRAVEL (List countries, dates, and purpose) Panama Canal Zone - 1976, military studies Taiwan - 1979, military studies Los Angeles - 1979, Tourism			

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17. MILITARY SERVICE (a. List activities in chronological order. Include: Military schooling, promotions, decorations, foreign service, units served with and positions held, location of school or unit, (omitted or reserve status.)
(b. List awards and decorations together with circumstances surrounding any unusual or heroic decorations.)

- 1 Feb 61 - Entered Military School (Academy), San Salvador
- 13 Nov 64 - Commissioned Sublieutenant and assigned as Section (platoon) Leader, 1st Battery, 1st Artillery Regiment.
- 30 Nov 64 - Assigned as Transportation Officer, Headquarters Battery, 1st Artillery Regiment
- 15 Dec 66 - Graduated from Basic Field Artillery Course, Arms and Services Sch, San Salvador
- 18 Dec 67 - Promoted to Lieutenant
- 1 Jan 68 - Assigned as Section (platoon) Leader, HQ Battery, Artillery Group
- 1 Jan 69 - Assigned as Section (platoon) Leader, Cadet Company, Military School (Academy)
- 1 Mar 71 - Assigned as Commander, 1st Rifle Company, 2nd Infantry Brigade, Santa Ana
- 1 Apr 71 - Assigned as Commander, 3rd Antiaircraft Battery, Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, Artillery Brigade.
- Jul 72 - Graduated from Lieutenants basic course number 1
- 31 Jul 72 - Promoted to Captain
- Aug 72 - Assigned as Commander, 1st Battery, 1st Battalion, Artillery Brigade
- Nov 74 - Assigned as instructor, Armed Forces Studies Center (CEFA), San Salvador
- 2 Dec 74 - Attended five day orientation course, U.S. Army School of the Americas, Panama Canal Zone
- Dec 75 - Terminated assignment at CEFA
- 1 Jan 76 - Assigned as Commander, Munitions Detachment, Artillery Brigade
- 1 Mar 76 - Assigned as Executive Officer, Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, Artillery Brigade.
- 31 Jul 77 - Promoted to Major
- 77 - 78 - Attended Command and General Staff School, San Salvador, and functioned as instructor, CEFA
- 78 - Worked in the "Agencia Nacional de Servicios Especiales en El Salvador" (ANSERAL), the former senior intelligence service.
- Jul-Sep 79 - Attended the Political Warfare Course, Taiwan
- 1980 - Assigned to the D-V department, Armed Forces General Staff
- 1 Aug 80 - Assigned as the Chief, Intelligence Department, (D-II), Armed Forces General Staff
- 24 Nov 80 - Appointed "Military Professor" with specialty in intelligence.
- 31 Dec 80 - Officially relieved as D-II by a LT COL and appointed Chief of Section within the D-II Department; he never left the D-II post, however.
- 3 Jan 81 - Confirmed that he will remain D-II.

18. SERVICE OTHER THAN MILITARY SERVICE List: positions, titles, locations, and military dates (Year, month, day).

None known

19. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS Professional, social, military, other. Give military dates (Year, month, day).

None known

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38. U.S. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES (Name, position or occupation of relative, domicile, nature and duration of relationship. For Army U.S. soldiers or Army U.S. Air Force aviators, as references under this item.)

Father - Pablo Rivas
Mother - Maria del Carmen NAJARO

US MILITARY ACQUAINTANCES:



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Susc § 552(b)(6)

39. PREFERENCES (Personal preference in food, drink, tobacco, entertainment, sports, hobbies.)

Scotch
Wine
Salvadoran food preferred to foreign foods
Football (soccer)

40. PUBLISHED ADRESSES (If known, give in full, name of publication carrying the address, publication, publication date.)

None known

SPOUSE - FAMILY

41. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE Ana Leonor del Carmen Molina de Rivas	42. RESIDENCE NAME OF SPOUSE Molina
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43. DATE (Year, month, day) AND PLACE OF BIRTH
431011 San Vicente, El Salvador

44. NATIONALITY (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) Salvadoran	45. RACE Caucasian	46. RELIGION Roman Catholic
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47. BACKGROUND (Education, interests, preference in food and drink, hobbies, avocations, in entertainment, sports, interests, professional activities.)

Educated at the University of El Salvador as a pharmacist. Smokes Winston. Drinks little.

48. CHILDREN (Name, sex, age, marital status, other items of interest such as schools, health, profession, etc.)

- Carlos Alfredo RIVAS Molina - Male - 15Sep68, San Salvador
- Carlos Humberto Ernesto RIVAS Molina - Male - 11Jul72, San Salvador
- Ana Leonor del Carmen RIVAS Molina - Female, 12Jul77, San Salvador
- Carlos Rene Guillermo RIVAS Molina - Male, 19Nov79, San Salvador

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<p>GUIDANCE This supplemental information will be attached to DD Form 1196 - 1. This supplement has been designed to prevent the disclosure of sensitive information to foreign nationals and to provide for a collector's assessment of subject. Sensitive information of an operational nature which must be tightly controlled (paragraph 7b, DIRM 18 - 13) should not be included in this supplement. Where practicable, the following information will be furnished:</p>		
<p>11. POLICE RECORDS (Other than minor violations).</p> <p>None known.</p>		
<p>12. RELIGION - Effect of subject's religious or religious convictions on his actions, military advancement, political views, etc.</p> <p>Major Rivas' religion has no effect on his career or his views. He is suspicious of the Jesuit order in El Salvador, but this attitude does not extend to his faith, the Roman Catholic Church.</p>		
<p>13. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES - Acquaintances of acquaintances and relatives on subject's work or career.</p> <p>Major Rivas comes from a lower middle class family without political connections. He is the only member of his family that has been in the Armed Forces. Allegedly, he won his nomination to the Military Academy through competitive exam rather than through influence.</p>		
<p>14. CHARACTER - Subject's character, strengths and weaknesses, intelligence, loyalty, judgment, ability to communicate, leadership ability, and influence. Significance of individual in shaping international policies of his country.</p> <p>Major Rivas is a personable, friendly individual. He is well-liked by his superiors and his contemporaries; his pleasant disposition makes him ideal for working with foreigners as well as with his peers on the General Staff. Major Rivas is of above average intelligence and he is susceptible to new ideas. He is not intense or intellectually oriented, but definitely bright and open-minded. Major Rivas lives unostentatiously and apparently within his means. He is more family-oriented than his contemporaries and less prone to any form of excesses than is common among mid-level officers of the Salvadoran Armed Forces. In addition to expressing visible affection for his wife and children, he has opened his house to relatives who have been threatened by the extreme left as well as peasant children without financial means from his home-town in the interior. Major Rivas enjoys drinking and, on occasion, becomes high, but he is inoffensive and humorous when he drinks. There is every physical indication that Major Rivas is not corrupt. In addition, he has the reputation of being honest and above board. Fundamentally, Major Rivas is an uncomplicated, decent officer with a wide range of friends and no known enemies.</p>		
<p>15. POLITICAL ORIENTATION - Attitude towards United States and other countries. Remarks and activities of subject toward representatives of the United States and its allies, and its representation of foreign nations and Communist bloc nations. Political attitudes and activities, important political activities, political affiliations, potential political influence in country in the event of a change in government.</p> <p>A. Major Rivas belongs to the center-right element of the Salvadoran Officer Corps. He mildly supported the 15 October 1979 coup d'etat, but he has not spoken out strongly in favor of the reforms derived from that event. Major Rivas has recognized the need for socio-economic reform, but he has not been a member of the so-called "progressive officers" who originally supported Col Adolfo Arnaldo Najera. He has belonged to the group that has followed Col Jose Guillermo Garcia, Minister of Defense, rather than extreme rightists, moderates or leftists within the Armed Forces.</p> <p>B. Internationally, Major Rivas is anti-Communist and pro-U.S. His long association with American officers has made him think of the United States as a natural ally. The recent Washington policy of human rights has slightly confused him, but contrary to many of his colleagues, he has not strongly attacked it. He evidenced clear satisfaction, however, when President Carter lost the U.S. elections on 4 Nov 1980.</p> <p>C. Although the Salvadoran Officer Corps has been suspicious of Honduras since the 1969 war and despises the Sandinistas of Nicaragua, Major Rivas has never voiced antipathy toward these two countries. He does look at the new government of Nicaragua, however, as his enemy.</p> <p>D. The only time Major Rivas has expressed specific dislike toward a people has been when he has talked about the Nationalist Chinese. This sentiment stems from his three month stay in Taiwan to take the psychological warfare course. During that time, the Salvadoran students discovered that the Taiwanese had utilized listening devices in their quarters and had attempted to deceive them concerning economic and social matters in Taipei. Despite this evident dislike for Taiwan, Major Rivas is always cordial and correct with the Nationalist Chinese Military Attache in San Salvador.</p>		

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10. PERSONAL APPEARANCE - Appraisal of subject's dress, general habits, maintenance, etc. (e.g., style of haircut and hair, arrangement of unusual physical features, e.g., teeth, eyes, shape of face, complexion, tendency toward balding, etc.)

Major Rivas is a neat dresser. In civilian clothes, he prefers sport shirts or matching "bush jackets" and pants. In uniform, he does not wear all the badges he is entitled to, but merely his rank and artillery brass. Usually he has a fixed smile on his face.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPOUSE - Spouse's personal work, appearance, schooling, attitude toward United States and other foreign influences on husband. Spouse's family connections influencing the husband's views.

The wife of Major Rivas has no special political views or political influence on his career. She is an educated, serious person who associates with female chemists and college professors. Mrs. Rivas is personally attractive. Normally, she dresses informally but well. She is more sophisticated than the average Salvadoran military wife.

12. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

a. Length of time collector has known subject and frequency of contact. Indicate how much of the information is based on the collector's own observations. Indicate other sources for information on subject.

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b. Best ways of gaining subject's confidence and exerting influence on him.

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c. Military education, assignments, and other facts. Include financial status, dependence on personal or external connections for military position. Reputation in own service, collector's own assessment of military competence, and military and/or political potential of subject.

(1) Major Rivas has an excellent reputation as an overall officer. He was well thought of when he served in the artillery, he has attended the Command and General Staff School (which is essential for promotion to Colonel), and he has been designated a "Military Professor" of the Armed Forces Studies Center. Currently, he is serving in a full colonel's post as a head of a department of the General Staff; the Chief of the Armed Forces General Staff stated to the Reporting Officer in December 1980 that Rivas was the best officer he had in his organization. This fact was confirmed by U.S. Army advisors who worked directly with members of the General Staff when the Joint Operations Center was created. (The idea of establishing a centralized operation center had been Rivas' goal before the Americans were able to push it through.)

(2) As a military intelligence officer, Major Rivas is one of the best observed in El Salvador; however, he still lacks the intellectual depth and the international scope to direct a sophisticated service. He performs ably the function of the Chief of a department that is primarily interested in tactical intelligence, but he has yet to demonstrate that he has the makings a truly outstanding director of a national-level intelligence agency. Relative to his peers, Major Rivas has an unusually extensive background in intelligence work. Before the 13 Oct 1979 coup d'etat, he served in ANSERAL in the interior; this should have exposed him to agent operations. Subsequently, he was brought to the capital to work in the new D-V. In that organization, he had numerous intelligence production and administrative responsibilities. When he eventually assumed the leadership of D-II, he correctly analyzed the deficiencies of Salvadoran military intelligence: There was no lateral dissemination, there was no cooperation between the Armed Forces and the Public Security Corps, there was no central training program for intelligence officers, and there was no incentives for personnel to enter the intelligence profession.

Despite his ability to identify these failings, he has

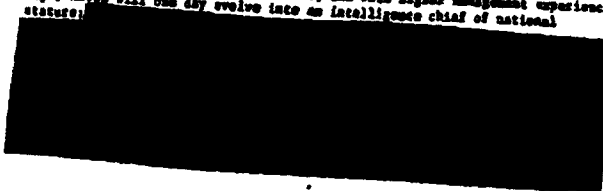
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not been able to make marked improvements, mainly because of the obstacles placed in front of him by senior officers. It is possible that with more rank, with exposure to foreign methods, and with higher management experience, Major Rivas will one day evolve into an intelligence chief of national stature.



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