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2. When I saw General Alvarez on other matters morning March 10, he took opportunity to recall his recent remarks to Under Secretary Ikle, Ambassador Kirkpatrick and others to the effect the USG should play strong behind-the-scenes role in identifying and promoting capable and politically moderate Salvadoran military officers. Alvarez then read to me from paper containing a number of names and biographic sketches of key Salvadoran military officials.
3. Getting right to the point, he said his people had identified just the man who would be a good Minister of Defense and just the right person for Chief of Staff. For the first position Alvarez' people had high praise for

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First Brigade Commander Colonel Adolfo Blandon. For the Chief of Staff job they recommended Colonel Luis Landaverde, an artillery commander. If GOES wishes to dip lower into the ranks, then according to Alvarez Lt. Colonel Monterosa would be a really good bet.

4. I thanked Alvarez for his suggestions and told him I would pass them on.

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