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SUBJECT:

Subpoens of Agency Records

Horman et al. v. Rissinger et al.

REFERENCE:

For your information, the background to this case is as follows: Charles Horman was a thirty-one year old American who had travelled throughout South America and settled in Chile to observe the Allende "experiment." He worked in several capacities; as a cartoonist and as a participant in a news clipping agency. According to his wife, he was also conducting research for a book on the kidnapping and murder of General Rene Schneider, Allende's primary supporter among the Chilean military. Horman disappeared shortly after the coup, his body was apparently found sometime later in the streets. The sole evidence that plaintiffs have, which they contend suggests American involvement in Borman's death, is a statement from Rafael Augustin Gonzalez - Verdugo, a former Chilean military intelligence officer, who has since defected, claiming he was present when Horman was sentenced to death in the office of the Chief of Military Intelligence. This witness also claims that someone was present who because of his dress looked like an American. Plaintiffs theorize that the "American" was a CIA agent.

2. Plaintiffs have now subpoemmed Agency records

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