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## Get Him Out of Here

FAMILIES OF THE U.S. Marine embassy security guards who were shot to death 12 years ago by communist rebels at a San Salvador sidewalk cafe have every reason to feel betrayed by their government. Imagine having to learn—primarily through news accounts—that the terrorist leader who signed the communique taking credit for that callous massacre is living in the United States. Imagine too, that the reported mastermind of what has come to be known as “the Zona Rosa slayings”—Pedro Antonio Andrade—and his family were brought to this country years ago at U.S. taxpayer expense.

This, however, isn't fantasy. As a Senate intelligence hearing disclosed this week, the murders occurred, a man linked to the murders is in America, and justice has not been served.

Two questions have been left unanswered, but not for long, we hope. Who should be held accountable for Pedro Andrade's presence in the United States? How long will it take to deport him back to El Salvador? One thing is clear: He is no illegal immigrant in the usual sense. His entry was made possible through a special “humanitarian” parole process that permits foreigners to come here if their lives are in jeopardy from having cooperated with U.S. officials in their home country. The Senate intelligence committee hearing was called

to learn how Mr. Andrade was allowed to enter the United States “despite all the evidence linking him to the killings,” according to committee Chairman Richard Shelby. It's a fair question that cries out for an answer. Instead, the committee was treated to a bureaucratic finger-pointing exercise in which the State Department and the CIA blamed each other for initiating the idea. It was a sorry spectacle.

The State Department admitted generating the proposal, but William Walker, who was U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador when Mr. Andrade got the green light, said the CIA—having benefited richly from Mr. Andrade's informing on his former rebel colleagues—came up with the idea and the funds. Not so, said the CIA's general counsel, Michael O'Neill. The agency and the Justice Department opposed letting him in, Mr. O'Neill said, because of information that pointed to Mr. Andrade as the mastermind.

So who initiated the action that landed him here almost seven years ago? At the end of the hearing, no one seemed to know—or at least would own up to knowing. The probe continues. One matter should be brought to a conclusion, however. Mr. Andrade reportedly is in detention, facing deportation back to El Salvador. He should be sent on his way.