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On July 28, the Salvadoran government filed charges against former President Jose Napoleon Duarte, his wife and two of their sons. They are accused of embezzling some \$400,000 in donations for victims of a devastating earthquake in 1986. The money, said prosecutors, was deposited in accounts controlled by the Jose Napoleon Duarte Foundation. In an interview July 27 with a US-based television network, Duarte asserted Roberto d'Aubuisson was part of a group of rightist extremists who ordered the murder of San Salvador Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero in 1980. Duarte said the gunman who shot Romero during a Roman Catholic mass is currently employed by d'Aubuisson as a personal bodyguard. (Basic data from DPA, 07/28/89)

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