Two Salvadoran generals linked to the brutal massacre of American nuns are living in luxury in the U.S. with the help of your tax dollars!

The horrible crime took place in December 1980 when soldiers from El Salvador’s national guard seized four American women—three Catholic nuns and a lay missionary worker—near the main airport in El Salvador. The following day the women’s bodies were found in the nearby countryside.

“The women had been brutalized — tortured, beaten, raped, and then shot to death,” Robert White, U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador at the time of the killings, told The ENQUIRER.

“I felt certain the killings had been engineered by higher-ups, particularly Generals Jose Garcia and Carios Vides-Casanova.”

But repeated “investigations” by the Salvadoran military concluded the soldiers acted on their own. In 1984 four low-level Salvadoran national guard members were convicted of the murders and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

When Ambassador White refused to go along with the government’s version of the massacre, he was fired.

Even when a 1993 United Nations investigation found strong evidence that Garcia and Vides-Casanova had been involved in ordering and covering up the killings, the two men were still quietly settled in the United States by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Vides-Casanova, 60, currently lives in a Palm Coast, Fla., home with a swimming pool and an 18-foot speedboat docked in his backyard. Garcia also lives in Palm Coast and has reportedly managed to become the owner of an apartment complex that spans an entire city block.

Both men have denied involvement in the crime and its cover-up. But earlier this year, the soldiers convicted of the crime admitted that the orders for the killings had come from above — and White is calling for a new investigation of Garcia and Vides-Casanova.

“Those men should be punished,” he told The ENQUIRER.

“And these fellows are bankrolling themselves either with U.S. government aid money they stole in El Salvador or with hefty Salvadoran Army pensions derived from U.S. military aid.”

“In either case, their comely lifestyle is being funded courtesy of American taxpayers — it’s an outrage!”

If an investigation proves they played an active role in the murders they should have their pensions taken away and face criminal charges. The U.S. government owes it to the victims’ families and to the American people.

Family members and friends of the murdered women agree.

“It’s criminal that these men are allowed to live here,” Bill Ford, whose sister Ita was one of the victims in the slaughter, told The ENQUIRER. “It’s very likely they ordered the murder of my sister and the others, so why are they here? And how can they afford to live such a lavish lifestyle? The government needs to investigate this now!”

“We were outraged to learn that these men have settled in the U.S. without a proper investigation,” added Sister Helen O’Sullivan, president of the Maryknoll Sisters of New York, where Ita Ford was based.

“We have written to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright demanding an answer — and we’ll keep pushing until we get one!” — RICHARD BYRNE REILLY

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Complete, then clip and mail this coupon to: Ambassador Robert E. White, Center for International Policy, 1755 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Dear Ambassador White: I was horrified to read in The ENQUIRER that Generals Garcia and Vides-Casanova are living in the United States despite being linked to the murders of Americans. I join with you in demanding that our government investigate the part these men played in the murders.

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