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connections his statements have revealed is a personal one between Vice President George Bush and longtime Central Intelligence Agency agent Max Gomez.

Gomez is the director of the operation, centered at the Salvadoran air base at Ipanapo, for which Hasenfus worked. The New York Times has established a personal acquaintance between Bush and Gomez and the reporters have met US Ambassador to El Salvador Edwin Corr has met Gomez and had lunch with him.

The second is command at the Ipanapo operation was known to Hasenfus as Ramon Medina, identified by Nicaraguan Deputy Interior Minister Luis Carrion as Posado Carriles. Carriles fled his way out of prison in Venezuela last year, where he had been jailed for his part in the murder of 73 persons aboard a Cuban jetliner which was blown up in flight in the Caribbean.

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