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A land and culture poorly understood by U.S. analysts, politicians, and voters.

A regime permeated with corruption.

A brutal police force and army trained in America, armed with American guns, and fighting a bloody proxy war against anyone who might conceivably be an American foe.

This was Central America in the 1980s, when El Salvador was the centerpiece of a misguided and ultimately disastrous foreign policy. It resulted in atrocities that took the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and destabilized a region that has not recovered to this day. At a time when the Reagan Administration's obsession with communism overwhelmed objections to its policies, Ray Bonner took a courageous, unflinching look at just who we were supporting and what the consequences were.

Now supplemented with an epilogue drawing on newly available, once-secret documents that detail the extent of America's involvement in assassinations, including the infamous murder of three American nuns and a lay missionary in 1980, *Weakness and Deceit* is a classic, riveting and ultimately tragic account of foreign policy gone terribly wrong.

"...VIVIDLY DEPICTS THE FAILURE OF U.S. POLICY TO TAKE HUMAN RIGHTS SERIOUSLY ...ITS LESSONS ARE MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER TODAY AS POLICY-MAKERS STRUGGLE TO RESPOND TO CRISIS SITUATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE."

—MICHAEL POSNER, PROFESSOR OF ETHICS AND FINANCE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, FORMER U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

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