

## Raul Salinas (United Kingdom)

**Case ID:**

ARW-161

**Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:**

Mexico

**Position of Public Official(s) (yrs in office):**

Brother of President Carlos Salinas (1988-1994)

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:**

United Kingdom

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:**

Location of Recovery Effort, Asset Location / Alleged Asset Location

**Asset Recovery End:**

2009

**UNCAC Offenses Implicated:**

Art.15

Art.18

Art.23

**Money laundering Implicated:**

Yes

**Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:**

Private Civil Action

**Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:**

Unknown

**Basis for Intl Cooperation:**

Unspecified

**Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:**

Global settlement agreement

**Status of Asset Recovery :**

Completed

**Agreement for Returned Assets:**

No

**Agreement for Returned Assets - Description:**

N/A

**Case Summary:**

According to a 1998 Report by the U.S. General Accounting Office (currently known as Government Accountability Office), Mr. Salinas' shell company Trocca held investment accounts in Citibank UK. (Source: U.S. General Accounting Office, Report to the Ranking Minority Member, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate, "Private Banking: Raul Salinas, Citibank and Alleged Money Laundering," GAO/OSI-99-1 (October 1998). According to a UK official knowledgeable about the case, \$20 million in London accounts had been restrained. After a worldwide settlement was reached, United Kingdom discharged the restraint orders and in early 2009, the funds were forwarded to Switzerland. Civil lawyers acting on behalf of the Mexican government had a role in the funds transfer. (Source: Researcher interview with United Kingdom official, November 2010.)

**Disposition of Criminal Case(s):**

According to the New York Times, Mr. Salinas was convicted in January 1999 in Mexico of murder. (Source: Julia Preston, "Raul Salinas Guilty in Killing And Is Sentenced to Fifty Years," New York Times, January 22, 1999.) According to a December 16, 2014 media release by the Mexican Prosecutor General's Office, Mr. Salinas was acquitted of unjust enrichment by the Third Criminal Court of the Federal District. (Source: Procuraduria General de la Republica, Resumen de Medios Electronicos, December 16, 2014.)

**Jurisdiction of Origin: Prosecuting Authority/Civil Attorney(s):**

Chief Public Prosecutor's Office

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:**

Scotland Yard

**Documents:**


Raul\_Salinas\_UK\_GAO\_Rept\_Oct\_1998.pdf

Salinas\_GAO\_Testimony\_1999.pdf

Salinas\_Mexico\_Murder\_Conviction\_NYT\_Jan\_22\_1999.pdf

Salinas\_US\_Senate\_Report\_Scotland\_Yard.pdf

**Documents:**

<b>Attachment</b>	<b>Size</b>
 Salinas_Mexico_PGR_resumenmat16dic2014.pdf	1.27 MB

**Documents Links:**

**Other Sources:**

U.S. General Accounting Office [currently known as Government Accountability Office], Report to the Ranking Minority Member, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate, "Private Banking: Raul Salinas, Citibank and Alleged Money Laundering," GAO/OSI-99-1 (October 1998) and "Private Banking: Raul Salinas, Citibank, and Alleged Money Laundering," Statement for the Record of Robert H. Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General for Investigations, Office of Special Investigations, Testimony Before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate, November 9, 1999, accessed at <http://www.gao.gov/archive/2000/os00003t.pdf>; Researcher interview with United Kingdom official, November 2010. See also "2/2/96 document prepared by Scotland Yard on transactions in Salinas' accounts," in Hearings before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, United States Senate, on "Private Banking and Money Laundering: A Case Study of Opportunities and Vulnerabilities," S. Hrg. 106-428, November 9 and 10, 1999 at 352-53; Julia Preston, "Raul Salinas Guilty in Killing And Is Sentenced to Fifty Years," New York Times, January 22, 1999, accessed at <http://www.nytimes.com/1999/01/22/world/raul-salinas-guilty-in-killing-a...>

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