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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Kastenmeier, Hamilton, Stump,
Ireland, Hyde, Cheney, LivingstonStaffers PresentLatimer, O'Neil, Andrews, Faga,
Giza, Raimo, Keliher, Berry,
AddingtonSubjects Briefed by ADDIPhilippines
Libya (both Chad and 6th Fleet
aspects)
Iran-Iraq
Central America (government changes
in Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa
Rica)Questions Answered by ADDI

Hyde	We expect Marcos to stay in power?	Yes.
	Will Aquino remain a strong force?	At least through May elections.
	Have you estimated the impact of an aid cutoff to the Philippines?	Doing work on economic fall out of elections, which aid cutoff would worsen.
Kastenmeier	Is the Commission report on the Philippines election similar to your assessment?	Do not have the Commission report, but I believe we are reporting a lot of the same phenomena.
	Are the insurgent groups in the south of Nicaragua weaker?	Yes.

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Kastenmeier	What military contingencies are we planning in the Mediterranean vis-a-vis Libya?	Referred to DoD.
Ireland	Has the basic situation in Angola changed?	No.
	Any info on possible prisoner release in South Africa?	Not specifically, but unconditional release of Nelson Mandela is doubtful.
	Any home found for Baby Doc?	No, though Liberia still a possibility.
Hyde	Some leftists in Nicaragua have given up hope of negotiating with Sandinistas. Do we have any additional info on this?	No.
	How much time is left for Contras if we don't step up aid?	Hard to predict, could hang on but with greatly reduced effectiveness.
Brown	Wasn't Honduras reluctant to accept humanitarian aid intended for Contras?	Yes.
	Won't they therefore be reluctant to broker military aid?	No. Pre-election politics and different army chief involved before.
Cheney	Are these Nicaraguans trying to affect the Congressional debate on aid to the Contras?	Yes, very hard. Notably, it is a more sophisticated and potentially effective effort. They are targeting particular Congressmen and committees, including this committee. Also, it's world wide.
McHugh	Is the Hussein peace initiative still alive?	Yes, but no high hopes.
	Has Hussein's attitude changed since the US arms deal fell through?	Not basically, but he does talk with the British and the Soviets about arms.

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