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NOTE FOR THE DCI

Subject: DCI Pre-Brief, 1430-1600, Monday, 15 September

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1. Today's discussion session will cover four topics:

- a. Nicaragua
- b. El Salvador
- c. Philippines
- d. Iran

No papers, outlines, etc. have been prepared specifically for this meeting; rather it will allow for a more general discussion of the current situation/problems/prospects with regard to each country. Below are listed some possible areas to explore with those present.

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2. Nicaragua and El Salvador (1430-1500)

a. Nicaragua (OPA analysts will have briefed HPSCI staffers this a.m.)

- (1) Explore differences in point of view re whether it is FSLN or government policy to export revolution.
- (2) Our current state of knowledge on this issue.
- (3) Current status of opposition within Nicaragua.
- (4) Effect of government's announcement not to hold elections for five years.
- (5) Government's next move(s) against opposition.
- (6) Cuban influence: nature/extent--growing/diminishing.
- (7) Relation with/roles of other key countries: , Panama, Venezuela, Costa Rica.
- (8) Conflicts of policy between US and Europeans? US and others in region?
- (9) Outlook for US relations.
- (10) What is economic outlook?
- (11) Is our collection sufficient?

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b. El Salvador

- (1) Effect of recent developments (transfer of Majano's supporters; failure of general strike) on relative strength of different factions.
- (2) Is level of violence the same/increasing/decreasing?
- (3) Trends in source/level of outside support (for junta; for guerrillas).
- (4) Effect of US election campaign on situation.
- (5) Effect of US policy to date.
- (6) Collection effort sufficient?

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3. Philippines (1500-1515) (Recall you had a session with on this about two weeks ago)

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- (1) What constitutes the opposition? Any foreign hand?
- (2) Why is the violence increasing?
- (3) Is the violence random or organized?
- (4) If organized, does it reflect a change in tactics by opposition? (NIE 56-1-80, March 1980, forecast that as opposition elements' frustration with Marcos grew they might resort to violence.)
- (5) To what extent are moderates likely to cooperate with radicals and program of violence?
- (6) If recent violence random, to what attributable?
- (7) How bad are current economic conditions?
- (8) Economic prospects for short run?
- (9) Has foreign capital influx been adversely affected?
- (10) Are foreign exchange holdings adequate?
- (11) Prospects for oil discoveries/revenues.
- (12) What are Marcos' prospects?
- (13) What alternatives exist for Philippines?
- (14) Is US policy helping/hurting situation?
- (15) Adequacy of collection effort.

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4. Iran (1515-1530)

- (1) Real effect of Khomeini's statement re hostages.
- (2) What next?
- (3) Assess Iran-Iraq situation.
- (4) Anything more on Khomeini's health?

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