

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

A memo from
recommending that you suggest
to Sec Haig the need for an
NSC meeting. No such
meeting has been scheduled.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Latin America

SUBJECT : NSC on Central America/Cuba -- Update for DCI Meeting with Secretary Haig, Week of 27 April 1982

NSC Meeting and Strategy Paper on Central America

The latest State draft (copy attached) of the NSC paper on policy toward Cuba and Central America has been much improved over previous versions. No date for an NSC meeting has been set.

I have been told that ARA leadership is questioning whether an NSC meeting is needed and even whether a formal NSC strategy paper is useful.

You might make the following points on Central America/Cuba to Secretary Haig:

1. There should be an NSC meeting and strategy paper -- in order to have clear guidance for a comprehensive and offensive strategy;
2. Military and intelligence pressure on the extreme left in El Salvador should be maintained and increased -- we must not make the 1981 mistake (as in fact has already partially occurred since March 28) of a lull which lets the guerrillas regroup and increase their strength;
3. "Peace initiatives"/negotiations -- by whatever name, require NSC agreed upon objectives and a process where we inform our friends to keep Castro from using covert actions to divide the regional anti-communist forces; CIA views these negotiations as no more than tactics for Cuba and the communist groups to gain time, therefore a strict time limit for each negotiation should be set by the NSC;

4. Negotiation objectives limited to:

For FMLN/DRU in El Salvador - amnesty, disarmament, guarantees of personal safety and future electoral participation (as in Venezuelan success in 1960s);

For Nicaragua - ending export of subversion; implementing OAS June 23, 1979 resolution on free elections, trade unions etc. (not now a part of the US Eight Points); in return US and international economic aid;

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For Cuba -

ending export of subversion; reduction in military forces, Soviet links; in return, US economic aid.

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