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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Africa and Latin American Analysis
Chief, Latin America Division, DDO
Special Assistant to DCI for Interdepartmental Affairs

FROM : Assistant NIO for Latin America

SUBJECT : DCI Testimony before HPSCI on Central America [REDACTED]

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1. Attached are two lists giving current estimates of the size of government and insurgent forces in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua for use by the DCI before HPSCI. The estimates have been concurred in by DDI/ALA, DIA, DDO/[REDACTED] DO/IAD/[REDACTED] and the NIO. These figures are consistent with those the DCI has been using in his worldwide briefings.

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2. Given the growing need to maintain consistency throughout the intelligence community regarding the use of such numbers, we will soon call an interagency meeting to:

- discuss which categories of forces are included in the numbers used in our briefings and publications;
- establish levels of confidence and classification for these numbers;
- derive unclassified numbers that can be disseminated more broadly;
- establish set procedures within the community for updating the numbers.

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