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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Senate Foreign Relations Committee Briefing of 4 February 1982 --
Central American Background Materials of Possible Interest

1. Events of the last few days simply confirm the seriousness of the situation in Central America, as presented in your worldwide briefing text. One question about the latest draft concerns the dropping of the sentence which quotes the September 1981 NIE on [redacted] Perhaps you would like to consider putting it back in the text, since it does raise the largest issue:

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2. Given the large amount of press attention and administration testimony on Central America this week, I am attaching several items which may be of interest to you in preparing for the Senate briefing tomorrow.

TAB A

- Testimony of Assistant Secretary Enders on Central America, 2 Feb. 82 (similar testimony was given to the Senate on 1 Feb. 82)
- Assistant Secretary Enders statement explaining the need for emergency assistance to El Salvador, 1 Feb. 82

TAB B

- "Reagan Expected to Seek Increase in Salvadoran Aid", NY Times, 31 Jan. 82
- "US to Send More Aid to El Salvador", Washington Post, 2 Feb. 82
- "US Disputes Report of 926 Killed in El Salvador", NY Times, 2 Feb. 82

TAB C

- "Cuba's Renewed Support for Violence in Latin America", 14 Dec. 81 -- published version of the report prepared by the intelligence community and, I am told, sent by State to every member of Congress.

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