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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 24 December 1980

Mr. Carlucci was in the chair. [redacted]

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Mr. Carlucci announced that the transition team had completed its work and has departed. He said he didn't know what arrangements Mr. Casey will make for the immediate future but that [redacted] formerly of the transition team, will be remaining. [redacted] commented that Mr. Casey will be in town on 26 and 27 December and will meet with Clarke to discuss how CIA relates to DIA, the production process, and the situation in Iran.

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Mr. Carlucci asked Clarke and McMahon about the situation in El Salvador. McMahon said that reporting indicates that the rebels will engage in minor activities until January and then attempt to launch a major offensive. Mr. Carlucci commented that this could be a sticky situation since the new Administration will be just in office. Mr. Carlucci commented he had heard that the decisions of the recent SCC meeting on El Salvador, which he attended, were overruled by the President. Clarke said he will check that out. [redacted] said that newspapers have reported that the longshoremen on the West Coast are refusing to load cargo for El Salvador. [redacted]

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McMahon reported that Congressman Stephen J. Solarz (D., NY) was briefed [redacted]

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Fitzwater announced that we will be exactly at ceiling on 31 December which will be good if that figure is used as a baseline for FY 81. In response to Mr. Carlucci's question, Fitzwater said that the backlog of perspective employees had not been reduced and that many people were scheduled for January employment since we expect about [REDACTED] people to retire in January. [REDACTED]

Clarke reported that the SNIE on Soviet Interest, Policies, and Prospects, with respect to the Iran-Iraq War had been telephonically concurred in by NFIB and awaits the DDCI's approval. Mr. Carlucci said he will look over the SNIE. [REDACTED]

Hitz said that Senator Daniel P. Moynihan (D., NY) will be traveling to Mexico City this weekend. [REDACTED]

Mr. Carlucci commented that he had sent a letter on 23 December to Senator Claiborne Pell (D., RI), who had asked for information regarding General Haig, telling the Senator that we could not provide any information because we do not maintain files on U.S. citizens. [REDACTED]

Briggs reported that he was sending an audit team to investigate the misuse of funds at an unspecified Agency facility and that the information would be provided to the Justice Department for possible prosecution. Mr. Carlucci told Briggs to pursue this fully. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he had been asked by [REDACTED] whether or not and in what way the Soviets might test the new Administration. [REDACTED] he was unaware of any formal request for a response to this request and it really did not pertain to collection. Mr. Carlucci said this was a valid question and we should attempt to provide a response. Clarke said he will talk to [REDACTED] and will prepare answers to the questions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] cited reports in the newspaper about the reduction of the FY 82 budget. He said the reports are overblown and that after investigation of the figures in the articles, there is no indication that the NFIP will be affected. [REDACTED]

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