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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee on El Salvador,
27 January 1982

1. On 27 January 1982, [] Deputy Director/Office of African and Latin American Analysis/DDI, [] Office of African and Latin American Analysis/DDI, briefed the Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee, House Foreign Affairs Committee, on El Salvador. The closed briefing was held in Room H-236, The Capitol, from 1500 hours to 1630 hours. No transcript was taken. []

2. Present from the Subcommittee were: []

Michael Barnes (D., MD), Chairman Benjamin Gilman (R., NY)
Gerry Studds (D., MA)

3. Present from the staff were: []

Vic Johnson, Staff Director
Rob Kurz
Lillian Pubillones
Nancy Agris
Marian Chambers

4. [] began by explaining to the Members that our information on El Salvador is fragmentary and there are many areas where we wish we had more data to work with. He said that the junta has improved its control over its armed forces. We believe that the elections scheduled for 28 March can proceed fairly and on schedule. He added that our figures show that since last year the number of deaths has been down in spite of an upsurge in December. In response to a question from Representative Studds, [] explained how we arrive at our figures. [] continued by telling the Members about the investigation into the death of the four church women. He concluded by saying that we have not seen any discernible progress in the efforts to bring the junta and the guerrillas together to negotiate a settlement. []

5. [] elaborated on the basic points which had already been made. He informed the Members about the bombing of government aircraft inside the Iteopango Air Base. He emphasized that our information was still classified. He went into detail, with [] assistance, on the percentage of violence

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attributed to the Government, right wing groups, and the guerrillas. In the Agrarian reform he said we have seen mixed results at best. The Members asked about arms flows and supplies, and our briefers used charts to give detailed answers to their questions. The role of Cuba and Nicaragua in the supplying of arms was also covered. Representative Gilman asked if we knew anything about [redacted] and we indicated that we had seen only State information and had no independent information. Another question was answered about the use of refugee camps by the guerrillas. There were no follow-up items. The Members appreciated the information and they did not raise the issue of the Presidential certification on El Salvador. [redacted]

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