

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: SSCI Request for Full Committee Hearing on El Salvador for 11 February 1982

1. Tom Connolly, Senator Joseph Biden's (D., DE) SSCI designee, telephoned yesterday requesting CIA send briefers to a Full Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) hearing on 11 February 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in room S-407, The Capitol. The topic of the hearing is El Salvador. Rob Simmons, SSCI Staff Director, confirms this hearing is scheduled and briefers from State/INR will also be invited to attend.

2. Mr. Connolly said the hearing will consist of two parts:

- an update on the situation in El Salvador;
- a critical assessment of the coverage of that situation.

Mr. Connolly further suggested the first portion of the briefing might be accomplished by a DDI analyst while the latter portion might be accomplished by the DDCI or DCI.

3. The request for this briefing comes on the heels of the full Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) hearing on the Presidential Certification to the Congress regarding an improvement in human rights conditions in El Salvador on 8 February 1982. In addition, Mr. Connolly and five other SSCI staff persons were briefed on El Salvador by [redacted] DDI/OALA, on Friday, 5 February. During the briefing, [redacted] indicated the coverage of what is occurring outside the major urban areas in El Salvador is less than adequate.

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4. Attached is a New York Times article on El Salvador. The underlined portion on the second page regarding "proof" of reduced levels of political violence and "how the U.S. Embassy" collected evidence will undoubtedly come up during this SSCI hearing.

5. If I can be of assistance in your preparation for this hearing, please contact me or my staff.

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Attachment

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