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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee,  
11 March 1982

1. On 11 March 1982, the Director, accompanied by [redacted] LA Division/DDO, briefed the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee on the situation in El Salvador and the assistance it is receiving from Nicaragua. Material at the TOP SECRET/ CODEWORD level was presented. The transcript was taken by the Official House Reporters. [redacted]

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2. Chairman Joseph P. Addabbo (D., NY) presided. Present from the Subcommittee were: [redacted]

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John Murtha (D., PA)  
Ronald Ginn (D., GA)  
Norman Dicks (D., WA)

Jack Edwards (R., AL)

3. Present from the staff were:

Ralph Preston  
Jim Van Wagenen  
Sandy Gilbert

Pete Murphy  
John Plashal

Major General James L. Brown, Assistant Director for JCS Support, and [redacted] Senior Intelligence Analyst, DIA, were present but did not present a formal testimony. [redacted]

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4. After the Chairman's opening statement, Representative Murtha spoke about an article in the Washington Post on 10 March which allegedly resulted from the leak of a Presidential Finding on Central America [redacted] The Director said that we deplored it and were checking with the NSC to try and isolate the leaker. The Director made brief introductory remarks and then [redacted] gave a rundown on the guerrilla and government military situation. She outlined the several guerrilla groups are their strengths and areas of operation. She described the type of camp and the number that have been identified [redacted] They were, she said, patterned after the Cuban model. [redacted] described the sophisticated communications nets of the guerrillas. She showed that the communications control for all nets originated in Managua. Next she described the routes that used to get arms into El Salvador [redacted]

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5.  presented a briefing on key aspects of the situation

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6. During the course of the briefing, some of the Members expressed the wish that the public be informed as they had been because press reporting on El Salvador is distorted. Our briefers explained that our information was

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