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MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of Legislative Counsel, CIA

FROM: Margaret Daly Hayes

SUBJECT: Briefing on El Salvador on Monday, August 2 at 4 p.m.

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The briefing should cover the issues of the Presidential certification (copy enclosed). Let's start with the easy ones:

- (5) Progress on investigations of the murders of the churchwomen, two land reform experts and journalist John Sullivan: A simple statement of the status of facts in this case is good. People want to know why we haven't heard anything from the judge of the first instance. Whatever you have as to timing of indictments in the churchwomen and the land reform cases would be helpful. We know nothing about the Sullivan case, so any pieces of information are useful.

What is critical in the judgments to be made is whether there has been effort or coverup and foot-dragging. Whatever light you can shed is useful.

- (4) Progress in elections and good-faith effort to engage in discussions: Clearly the elections are fact. You may be asked to clarify what Casey meant by helping in the El Salvador elections.

More interesting will be insights you might have into efforts to engage the moderate opposition in dialogue; attitudes toward amnesty and/or negotiations; and the positions of the different factions within the military and of the political parties on this issue of "political solution."

- (3) Progress in economic and social reform, especially the land reform: Here we are interested in what insight you may have into the commitment of the present political leadership in the assembly and in the executive to the reform process. What did they really mean to do with the Decree 6 process? And if they intended to screw up the land reform, have they really recanted? The critical question with the land reform now is

whether they can clarify the status of the evicted between passage of Decrees 207 and 6. What insight can you give us into the whole system of support for evictions and armed forces efforts to curtail use of security forces to evict and/or to reinstate peasants evicted from the lands. Do we have any information on kind of support coming from Miami and the exiles for groups that are intransigent on the reform efforts? What discussion is there, if any, about substantial modifications to the reforms instituted in banking, in foreign trade and in land reform?

- (2) Progress in control over the armed forces: What evidence is there that the armed forces hierarchy is making efforts to pass the work? What arrests and how many have there been and for what crimes? I am particularly interested in hearing about the efforts made since the last certification. What information is there about the question of taking prisoners which the International Red Cross has complained about?

What insight can you give into violence at the local level, efforts to curb the same by the hierarchy? There are tales that the left is responsible for some of this violence. What evidence is there of that?

- (1) Progress in internationally recognized human rights: Same questions, essentially. What efforts are there to curtail violence by the government? Who is responsible for the deaths of the Christian Democratic mayors?

There will be questions about the Embassy's methodology in computing trends. Any insight you have into the sources and techniques of the other agencies would probably help.

Again, the bottom line is "honest effort and progress over the situation" on January 28, 1982.

I hope the above is helpful. Feel free to call if not.

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