THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM:

Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Latin America

SUBJECT:

Special National Intelligence Estimate 83.1-83 (Fast Track):

EL SALVADOR: PERFORMANCE ON CERTIFICATION ISSUES

Most of your concerns (Tab A) have been accommodated in the revised draft of the SNIE as coordinated by the NFIB representatives on 12 January (Tab B).

- --DIA and State also urged that the draft be more positive, and the Key Judgments and lead paragraphs in most of the sections were revised accordingly.
- --The phrase "only marginal improvement" was changed to "some modest improvement"in the lead paragraph.

--We do not believe the Ochoa/Garcia controversy changes the judgment on page 1. We have introduced language later in the text (paragraph 16) to take note of the possible ramifications of the power struggle (which could be revised in light of continuing developments with new language tabled at NFIB on Friday).

--On page 2, the excellent treatment given to Salvadoran political prisoners has been confirmed by U.S. Embassy officers who have visited and spoken with the prisoners.

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- --I believe the problems you may have on page three have been taken care of by new language proposed by DIA.
- -- I have asked ALA to provide more statistics on land reform per your comments on page 7.
- -- The paragraph you object to on page 11 has been deleted.

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Attachments: as stated

