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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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21 May 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Board Representatives
FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Latin America
SUBJECT : SNIE: Negotiations and Instability in Central America

1. The Director of Central Intelligence has requested preparation of a "fast track" Special National Intelligence Estimate, which will address the implications for key Central American countries of the various peace initiatives and negotiating proposals currently being considered. The estimate will be prepared under the auspices of the NIO/LA.

2. Attached are the draft Terms of Reference for the estimate as approved by the National Intelligence Council. [redacted] Principal Analyst, National Intelligence Council, will be the principal drafter. CIA/DDI will draft Sections I and II. 25X1

3. The DCI has requested a published copy of the SNIE by Friday, 28 May 1982. This requires the following timetable:

- first draft completed for circulation to NFIB review by Wednesday noon, 26 May;
- NFIB Representatives meeting on Wednesday 26 May, 1530 hours (you will be advised of the room number later);
- revised draft circulated to NFIB Representatives by 1100 hours, Thursday, 27 May, for telephone clearance by 1500 hours;
- publication, Friday, 28 May 1982.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

SNIE: Negotiations and Instability in Central AmericaI. Introduction

- Positive developments in Central America
- State of play in regional negotiations/peace initiatives
- Major areas of concern--the continuing serious threats

II. Country Assessments (brief)

- Nicaragua
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Costa Rica
- Panama
- Belize

III. Cuban, Soviet, and Nicaraguan Activities and Objectives

- Subversion
- The Second Front: Negotiations
- Cuban and Nicaraguan Strategy
- PLO, Libyan, Algerian activities

*revised*IV. Other Participants

- Mexico
- Regional Latin American countries (Honduras, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia)
- The Socialist International
- International Christian Democrats
- European governments

V. Outlook and Implications

- For countries in Central America and the region
- For the US

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