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Executive Director

NOTE FOR: DCI

FROM: EA/ExDir

John wanted you to have the attached paper before you go to today's NSC. This identifies four countries in the Caribbean--Jamaica, The Dominican Republic, Dominica and St. Lucia--that would benefit most from additional U.S. assistance.

You should also have received a 15 April paper on "Prospects for Stability in the Caribbean Basin through 1984," which assesses the security situation there and likely threats to regional stability.

By 4 June you should receive a broader paper focusing on the status of about 30 strategic Third World countries and their implications for U.S. policy.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence-*f*

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Director of African and Latin American Analysis

SUBJECT: Assessments of Third World Countries

Attached is a memorandum in response to your request for a paper identifying pro-US countries in the Caribbean that could benefit from US aid.

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The Caribbean: Economic Aid RequirementsSUMMARY

*This memorandum identifies four nations in the Caribbean region--Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Dominica, and St. Lucia--that would benefit most from additional US assistance. Because economic problems are the chief threat to political stability in the region, increased economic aid is needed far more than military assistance. The amounts suggested here (see Table 1) would supplement existing aid packages such as the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI). Combined with an improved world economic situation, this assistance would strengthen democratic institutions in the recipient countries and increase US influence in the region.*

*The countries of the Caribbean Basin, except for oil-rich Trinidad and Tobago, have been hard hit by the escalating cost of oil and other imports and declining prices for their major exports--sugar, coffee, bauxite. This, in turn, has exacerbated the deep-rooted structural problems of such countries as Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and the mini-states of the Eastern Caribbean. The result has been high unemployment, serious inflation, declining GDP growth, huge balance of payments deficits, and a pressing liquidity squeeze. This economic crisis threatens political and social stability throughout the region and creates conditions which Cuba and others seek to exploit through terrorism and subversion.*

*This memorandum was requested by the Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. It was prepared by [redacted] the Middle America/Caribbean Division of the Office of African and Latin American Analysis. Information available through 20 April 1982 was used in preparing this memorandum. It was coordinated with the Directorate of Operations and the National Intelligence Officer for Latin America. Questions and comments are welcome and should be directed to Chief, Middle America/Caribbean Division, [redacted]*

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