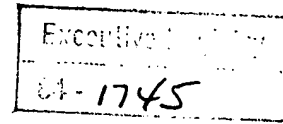


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



April 17, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WILLIAM J. CASEY
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

FROM:

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT:

The Central American Outreach Effort

I would like to bring you up-to-date on our efforts to increase public awareness of Central America and to develop support for the Administration's policies in the region.

Since last May, the Office of Public Liaison has conducted weekly briefings on Central America, established a Speakers' Bureau which has sent spokesmen to 150 platforms nationwide, and published a series of eight White House Digests which counter the myths about Central America.

The weekly Outreach briefings provide supportive business and private foundation leaders with key up-to-date information which they disseminate through their writings and speeches. The briefings feature top Administration spokesmen, as well as distinguished speakers from outside the Administration. Past speakers include the President, Dr. Henry Kissinger and Prime Minister Eugenia Charles of Dominica. A list of all featured speakers at the Wednesday meetings is attached.

The Speakers' Bureau was established to respond systematically to requests for speakers on Central America. These are being received from business, professional, governmental, academic, community and religious organizations throughout the country. To date we have placed 150 speakers in 68 cities. A list of speakers placed by the Office of Public Liaison is attached.

The White House Digests are short factual papers addressing key aspects of the Central American issue. They give us the ammunition we need to counter the falsehoods and misconceptions about Central America. Copies of all Digests published so far are attached, as well as a list of the papers awaiting final clearance.

Support for the President's Central American initiatives depends on the accuracy and timeliness of information the American people receive. Our effort is designed to meet that vital need. We are constantly seeking new ways to increase our effectiveness and welcome your advice.

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1984 SPEAKERS

FOR THE

WHITE HOUSE OUTREACH WORKING GROUP ON CENTRAL AMERICA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1984

General John W. Vessey, Jr.
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA AS PART OF A LARGER GLOBAL STRATEGY"

Dr. Constantine C. Menges
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director for Latin American Affairs,
National Security Council

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA UP-DATE"

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1984

William C. Doherty, Jr.
Executive Director
American Institute for Free
Labor Development

TOPIC: "THE STATUS OF AND PROSPECTS FOR THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA"

Dr. Michael A. Ledeen
Senior Fellow in International Affairs
Georgetown Center for Strategic and
International Studies

TOPIC: "REVELATIONS OF THE CAPTURED GRENADA DOCUMENTS"

Dr. Constantine C. Menges
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director for Latin American Affairs,
National Security Council

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA UP-DATE"

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1984

Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave
Author: The Spike, Monimbo

Dr. Constantine C. Menges
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director for Latin American Affairs,
National Security Council

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA UP-DATE"

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1984

Senator Jeremiah Denton
United States Senator From Alabama

TOPIC: "REPORT ON MY TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA"

Senor Wycliffe Diego
Miskito Indian

TOPIC: "HUMAN RIGHTS AS PRACTICED BY THE
SANDINISTAS"

Dr. Constantine C. Menges
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director for Latin American Affairs
National Security Council

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA UP-DATE"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1984

Mr. Herbert Romerstein
Member, Inter-Agency Working Group
on the Grenada Documents

TOPIC: "THE GRENADA DOCUMENTS: SOVIET ACTIVE
MEASURES VIA CUBA"

Mr. Richard Holwill
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and
Business Affairs
Department of State

TOPIC: "MY TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA"

Dr. Constantine C. Menges
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director for Latin American Affairs
National Security Council

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA UP-DATE"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1984

Ambassador Harvey Feldman
Washington Representative to United Nations
Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick

TOPIC: "UNITED NATIONS" VIEWS ON POLICIES, INFORMATION
AND DISINFORMATION ABOUT CENTRAL AMERICA"

Mr. Ramiro Gurdian
President, National Agriculture
Producers of Nicaragua

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TOPIC: "ECONOMIC SITUATION AND RELATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1984

Father Falvian Mucci
Catholic Priest and Educator

TOPIC: "CAUGHT UP IN THE CROSSFIRE: THE FATE OF THE
NON-COMBATANTS"

Geraldine O'Leary Macias
Former Maryknoll Nun

TOPIC: "WITNESS TO THE BETRAYAL OF A REVOLUTION"

Jacqueline Tillman
Executive Assistant to United Nations
Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA UP-DATE"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1984

Mr. Bruce Cuthbertson
Vice President, Association of American Chambers of
Commerce in Latin America

TOPIC: "BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE ON CENTRAL AMERICA"

Stan Atkinson
TV Journalist

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA THROUGH THE NEWSMAN'S LENS"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1984

Mr. James H. Michel
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-American
Affairs, Dept. of State

TOPIC: "LEGAL REFORM IN CENTRAL AMERICA"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1984

Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave
Author: The Spike, Monimbo

TOPIC: "INFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION"

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Jacqueline Tillman
Deputy Director for Latin American Affairs
National Security Council

TOPIC: CENTRAL AMERICA UPDATE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1984

Stanley Levchenko
Former Soviet Official

TOPIC: "SOVIET ACTIVE MEASURES"

Jose Manuel Casanova
United States Executive Director
Inter-American Development Bank

TOPIC: "MULTI-LATERAL ECONOMIC AID IN CENTRAL AMERICA"

Colonel Louis Alonso Amaya
General Coordinator
National Commission for Area Restoration
(CONARA) El Salvador

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1984

His Excellency Marco Revelo
Bishop of Santa Ana
President of Episcopal Conference of El Salvador

TOPIC: "THE SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR TODAY"

The Honorable Eugenia Charles
Prime Minister of Dominica

TOPIC: "TO SET A NATION FREE"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1984

Colonel John A. Cash
United States Army
Former Military Attache in El Salvador

TOPIC: "THE MILITARY IN EL SALVADOR"

Steve Dachi
Director, Office of American Republics Affairs
United States Information Agency

TOPIC: "PUBLIC OPINION IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN IN REGARD
TO U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL AMERICA"

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Jacqueline Tillman
Deputy Director for Latin American Affairs
National Security Council

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA UPDATE"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1984

Dr. Howard Penniman
American Enterprise Institute

TOPIC: "THE ELECTIONS IN EL SALVADOR"

Reverend Monsignor John P. Foley, Editor
The Catholic Standard and Times

TOPIC: "REFLECTIONS OF AN OBSERVER"

Mr. William Perry
Center for Strategic and International Studies,
Georgetown University

TOPIC: GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE EL SALVADORAN ELECTIONS"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1984

Daniel James
Director, Americas Coalition

TOPIC: "QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE EL SALVADORAN ELECTIONS"

Francis X. Gannon
Advisor to the Secretary General
Organization of American States

TOPIC: "CENTRAL AMERICA: A DEMOCRATIC PERSPECTIVE"