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SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) on Nicaragua, 4 February 1987

Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, and Alan Fiers, Chief of the Central American Task Force (CATF), briefed the SSCI on Nicaragua at 1000 in SHOB-219. Senator Bradley was the only member present; he arrived at 1020 and stayed for about forty minutes. Present from the SSCI staff were Sven Holmes, David Holliday, Keith Hall, Ed Levine, Bernie McMahon, Britt Snider, Jim Dykstra, George Tenet, John Despres, Jeff Smith and Fred Ward. Abrams was accompanied by Bob Kagen. In attendence from the Agency were Deputy Director of the Office of African and Latin American Analysis/Directorate of Intelligence, from the CATF, and from the Office of Congressional Affairs. Abrams and Fiers briefed on the political and military situations respectively. focus of their briefings was on the disarray within UNO. Senator Bradley pressed Abrams for specific Administration recommendations for restructuring UNO; Abrams promised to get back to the Senator at the next briefing. Fiers' briefing on the military situation seemed to be well received. Jeff Smith raised the issue of General 25X1 Gorman's criticism of the handling of the Abrams replied forcefully that fundamentally Gorman was opposed 25X1 Chief, Senate Branch Office of Congressional Affairs Distribution: 1 - AO/OCA 1 - DO/LA/CATF Orig - OCA Record 1 - DD/SA 1 - OCA Chrono 1 - D/OCA 1 - DD/HA 1 - DD/LEG 1 - EO/OCA 1 - DO/EPS 1 - RB Chrono 25X1 (5 Feb 87) OCA/Senate

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