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FROM: H - Robert P. Turner **RFT**

SUBJECT: Conclusions of Central America Working Group Meeting
(Tuesday, 24 July 1984)

Attached is a summary of the conclusions reached at yesterday afternoon's Central America Interagency Working Group meeting.

The next meeting will be held this afternoon at 6:15 pm in the State Department Operations Center (Room 7516). At that time we will review in more detail the three flow chart action plans distributed at Tuesday's meeting, and I will call upon each agency to outline its own activities and make recommendations on additional actions that might be helpful in securing passage of these legislative programs. If you have any questions, please give me a call (632-1048).

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CONCLUSIONS OF JULY 24 IG Working Group Meeting
on Foreign Assistance/Central America

1. Senate Action on Foreign Assistance Bill

Preparations for Senate action on the Foreign Assistance Authorization Bill will continue. State (H) is coordinating briefing book. Working Group awaits further guidance on when Senate leadership will bring bill to floor.

2. Omnibus Supplemental in House

Group underlined its concern over need for legislative vehicle to seek restoration of HAC Foreign Operations Subcommittee cuts should the supplemental bill not reach the floor this session. Doc Long is preparing to mark up FY-85 Appropriations Bill. HAC Chairman Whitten reportedly has asked his Subcommittee Chairman to meet on July 26 to discuss mark-up of the Omnibus Supplemental.

Briefings of HAC staff and selected HAC Members will proceed:

- Schneider and Gast will brief Conte July 25.
- Staff briefing by Schneider and Gast for HAC to be sought for July 26.
- State will offer integrated briefing to Codel Nichols of HASC who told Secretary they are prepared to approach HAC colleagues in support of Central American funds.

3. Other

- Attendees to provide comments on H-drafted action plans on Omnibus Supplemental, Foreign Assistance Authorization and FY-85 Appropriation and public diplomacy action plan at July 25 IG Working Group meeting.
- General Gorman will brief Stenholm group July 25, Barnes Subcommittee hearing on August 1.
- Key Southern Democrats on HAC (Bevill) are being approached to urge Whitten to provide funds for Central America.
- Briefing by Schneider and Gast will be arranged for Stanton "Coordinating Committee," a private conservative group, at its strategy meeting July 26.
- Group should be alert to possible Jerusalem amendment in Senate, as well as other troublesome amendments from Senator Kasten and conservative Republicans.

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