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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Foreign Affairs (HFA) Committee Staffers on Latin America

1. At their request, House Foreign Affairs Committee staffers Bob Boyer and Bob Jenkins were given a pre-trip briefing on the terrorist threat in Central and South America on 30 October 1984. State Department Security Officer Semour DeWitt, who will joint the STAFFDEL, also attended the two-hour briefing in Room 5G00. Directorate of Intelligence briefers were [redacted] from the Office of Global Issues and [redacted] and [redacted] from the Office of African and Latin American Analysis. [redacted]

2. The briefing began with an overview of terrorist activity in Central America which included a discussion of terrorist targets, the low level of recorded attacks, and the tactics and strategies that are likely to be employed in the coming year. Some time was spent in a round-table discussion of the various definitions of "terrorism" and the distinction between insurgents and terrorists. US officials and installations were deemed likely targets of an increasing number of terrorists acts worldwide. The Cuban and Libyan roles were also discussed. [redacted]

3. With regard to South America, Colombia was depicted as the nation most troubled by terrorist activity. The ultra-radical "S.L." terrorists in Peru were discussed, including the organization's long-term impact on domestic stability. The narcotics link to terrorism was considered, but it was pointed out that such a connection does not exist in every Latin American country. [redacted]

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4. The staffers' notes were stamped Secret and sent to the Hill via courier. Included was a Confidential chart designating the number and types of terrorist attacks on US targets from January-September 1984. Bob Boyer requested

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[Redacted] This was taken care of and Mr. Boyer was so informed. [Redacted]

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