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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

THE HONORABLE JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK The United States Representative to the United Nations

CENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR. Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Central America: NSPG Meeting of June 25, 1984 (S)

Following the meeting of the National Security Planning Group on June 25, 1984, the following actions are directed:

The Secretary of State will continue the meeting now underway with Nicaragua in the context of the reaffirmation of our four goals as stated in NSDD 124 (genuine implementation of democracy; verified end to export of subversion; verified removal of Soviet bloc/Cuban personnel; verified reduction of Nicaraguan military forces to regional parity) and for the purpose of supporting the attainment of a regional settlement which meets the twenty-one Contadora objectives. The content of US substantive participation with Nicaragua will be to invite the views of Nicaragua on our objectives as discussed with the Core Four countries and as agreed within the interagency community. No document should be tabled. (S)

The Secretary of State is requested, by COB Tuesday, June 26, to submit proposals for diplomatic procedures and actions which will help reinvigorate the efforts of the Central American Core Four

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(Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala) to obtain a Contadora treaty which simultaneously implements the Contadora twenty-one objectives and which provides for effective verification. For example, the US might encourage one Contadora country to convene a conference in which the US participates with the Core Four to improve the current draft of the Contadora treaty. The US might take other diplomatic actions to help guarantee a truly effective Contadora treaty which meets all the security needs of the friendly Central American countries. (S)

The Secretary of 'Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are requested, by COB Tuesday, June 26 to provide plans for increasing US military activities, exercises and intelligence collection in Central America. This plan should be designed to demonstrate US resolve and enhance the confidence of friendly countries in the region. It should also serve to provide intelligence and an active US military involvement in the region which would deter/disrupt the expected communist guerrilla offensive in El Salvador. This plan should be fully coordinated with the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence. (5)

The Secretary of State is requested to submit proposals for expanded communications and public diplomacy efforts to obtain the resources requested from the Congress including full funding for the FY 1984 supplemental on Central America. (The anti-Sandinista program will be treated in separate correspondence.) This proposal should include the involvement of the President, US officials, and democratic leaders from Central American governmental and private institutions such as political parties, trade unions, civic and religious organizations who might visit the US, Western Europe and other Latin American countries (with special attention to Mexico) in order to tell the truth about the struggle between the forces of democracy and communism. (S)

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cc: The Vice President

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