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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
 Deputy Director for Operations
 John Helgerson, ADDI
 Dave Gries, D/OLL-designate

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Bob Vickers, NIO/LA

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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: GOP Leadership Meeting, 21 January 1986

1. The leadership meeting received good presentations and they seemed very supportive of new initiatives in Angola and Nicaragua. Michel said it will be tough in the House, but he could pass it out. It is important that we give good, solid briefings on where we are and what we face, particularly in Nicaragua, and to some degree in Angola.

2. I had good words with Durenberger and Stump. It seems to me they should get the [Redacted]/Helgerson/Vickers briefing or some combination thereof. Michel said he is going to see Savimbi and wants a briefing on both Angola and Nicaragua. I told him he would hear from [Redacted] on that. Bob Dole should also get a briefing and I will call to arrange it if that is necessary. Cheney was not at the meeting so I was not able to talk to him about the visit of the Pastora people. I think that [Redacted] can handle that on his own.

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3. I told Durenberger that I had a conflict between his SSCI briefing and the Worldwide briefing of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He seemed to readily defer and suggested I would probably need a little more time when I return from my trip to prepare for the SSCI in any event, so he appeared amenable to putting that off. Dave Gries should begin orchestrating all this and the DDCI and I will give whatever support is necessary.

4. In my discussion with the President, he is supportive of our plans [Redacted] as are Shultz, Poindexter and Weinberger, [Redacted] [Redacted] the Dole Resolution in support of Savimbi is acted upon, and at the leadership meeting Dole committed to moving on that.

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