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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution
FROM: Robert D. Vickers, Jr.
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SUBJECT: October 1987 Latin America
Warning and Forecast Meeting

1. The October 1987 Latin American Warning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 October 1987 at 1015 hours in Room 7E32, CIA Headquarters. Invited agencies and components should please keep their representatives to a necessary minimum because of space limitations.

2. We intend to discuss the following countries/topics:

Nicaragua

Both sides continue to fight aggressively, despite the Sandinistas' declared unilateral ceasefire and the likelihood of a cutoff of US military assistance to the insurgents. What is the Sandinistas' likely strategy in the coming weeks: Is the ceasefire likely to be extended and, if so, where; will the Sandinistas use troops withdrawn from these areas to intensify pressure on rebel units elsewhere? Are more Sandinista air and ground attacks likely inside Honduras? How effective are the local peace commissions likely to be in convincing rebels to accept amnesty? Are there any indications that large numbers of rebel combatants will accept amnesty? (DIA - 30 minutes)

Suriname

The new constitution has been overwhelmingly approved in a national referendum, and the stage is set for elections to the National Assembly in November. The Head of Government Desire Bouterse has stated he will turn power over to an elected president in early 1988. The three traditional parties have formed a united front that is widely expected to win, garnering perhaps as much as 75 percent of the total votes cast. While the parties are likely to dominate the National Assembly, Bouterse has considerable residual strength and apparent determination to remain a key--if not central--actor in national politics. Under what conditions could the transition process be derailed? Is the new coalition likely to hold together in the National Assembly? To what extent will there be agreement on key issues, such as managing the economy and relations with Bouterse? What will be the impact of the elections on the insurgency?

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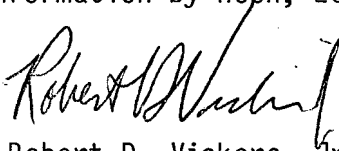
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The crisis atmosphere of last summer seems to have dissipated and the election commission is likely to be ready for local, legislative and presidential contests scheduled for November. No clear frontrunner for the presidency has emerged, but several parties and coalitions--including the Socialists--have named strong candidates. Meanwhile, elements within the military continue to oppose the transition and some apparently support the return of deposed dictator Duvalier. What are the relative strengths of the competing political parties and coalitions? Under what conditions might the elections be delayed? Will the National Council of Government step aside regardless of who wins the election? What are the prospects for a successful coup against the new government by either pro-Duvalier or other elements in the military? (State/INR - 30 minutes)

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