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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

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SUBJECT: Agenda for February 1987 Latin America
Warning and Forecast Meeting

1. The February Latin America Warning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18 February 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:
Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Haiti

In recent weeks, General Namphy has let it be known that he intends to stick to the calendar for elections and plans to react harshly to any further demonstrations. Suspicions, however, are beginning to arise among some leading political moderates that General Namphy, Col. Regala and the National Council of Government (CNG) in general may try to manipulate the election to insure that "the CNG choice" is the winner. Names now being mentioned are Clovis Desinor and Alix Cineas, both of whom are associated with the old regime in the minds of the electorate. Is there any substance behind the suspicions? Why hasn't Namphy moved toward setting up an independent electoral commission? What would be the likely consequences if the CNG were perceived as trying to hand pick the next government? (State/INR - 30 minutes)

Honduras

2. In view of Contra-announced plans to increase their level of activity in Nicaragua in the next few weeks what are the chances that leftist groups in Honduras will retaliate against Honduran or US targets in Honduras in order to take the pressure off of Nicaragua and "increase the cost" to the US and its allies? Efforts to unify the fractious leftist groups in Honduras by Cuba and Nicaragua have increased in recent months and threats of terrorist attacks appear to be taking on more seriousness. What group or groups are most capable of carrying out such attacks? What capabilities do Honduran security forces have to detect and counter any such plans? What would be the more probable targets? (CIA/ALA - 30 minutes)

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Nicaragua

What is the status of the military conflict and what are the near-term prospects for both sides? (DIA - 30 minutes)

3. Please have your clearances passed and call [redacted] with your attendance plans no later than Tuesday, 17 February.

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