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### MEMORANDUM

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

August 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

OLIVER L. NORTH

ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH

SUBJECT:

Briefing for Former President Ford

ON Sunday you approved a Special Air Mission (SAM) for Former President Ford. Your authorization is now needed for Alfonso Sapia-Bosch and North to accompany VADM Moreau for the briefing. We will depart August 30 and return to Washington at noon August 31. We will RON in Denver on the night of August 30.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve orders to be cut for Alfonso Sapia-Bosch and North for travel as indicated above.

Approve RMK

Disapprove \_\_\_\_

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM:

WILLIAM P. CLARK Hor

SUBJECT:

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### RECOMMENDATION

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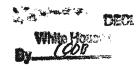
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### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 9, 1983

### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT:

Briefing for Former President Carter

Per guidance from ADM Poindexter and Bob Kimmitt, Mr. Carter's Atlanta office was contacted today to arrange a briefing on Central America in concert with delivery of Mr. Carter's normal intelligence material. State Department has agreed to have Mr. Michael Skoal (ARA) accompany me on this venture.

We are making informal arrangements for the use of a military aircraft and plan to make the trip on Friday, August 11. It is understood that there is some urgency to making this trip in that the briefing is to take place before President Carter meets with Dr. Kissinger. A briefing prior to President Reagan's meeting with President de la Madrid may also serve to ensure that any comments made by President Carter regarding the meeting would be helpful to our goals.

### RECOMMENDATION

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### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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August 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

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OLIVER L. NORTH ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH ROGER W. FONTAINE

SUBJECT:

Presidential Commission on Central America

Attached are various documents provided by the commission staff regarding forthcoming events. Items are numbered in the upper right corner for ease in identification:

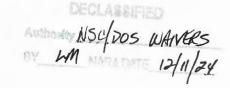
- -- Item #1. A copy of the letter Dr. Kissinger sent to all commissioners and counselors which encloses:
- -- Item #2. Schedule of future commission meetings and travel.
- -- Item #3. A letter to various experts asking their views.
- -- Item #4. Partial list of experts who will be receiving the letter.
- -- Item #5. The agenda for the second session of the commission.

According to the Deputy Director of the Commission Staff (Jerry Sutton) the entire commission, plus counselors, plus special advisors, plus staff plan to make trips to the region in October and November as indicated at Item 2. An official party of such size dealing in substance is unprecedented. In North's discussion with our missions in the region, none of them have anticipated that such a large horde would be descending upon them. Within our membassies in the area we do not have sufficient space to accommodate meetings of this size. Furthermore, security and logistics for such a large group will be most difficult to manage. For a terrorist, the target would be almost too lucrative to pass up.

In discussing the matter with Dr. Kissinger, he indicates that he has been pursuing the large group rather than just the commission itself because of a sense that the congressional and presidential counselors were offerred "White House assurances" that they would be "treated the same as principal members of the commission." Dr. Kissinger agrees that a larger group will be difficult to support and he further notes that it will limit opportunities for substantive dialogue.

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- -- Have Secretary Shultz specify that the security/support situation mandates that only members plus essential staff travel.
- -- Conduct the regional/Contadora visits in two iterations (thus four trips instead of two).

We need to provide some guidance to the commission so that they can develop a detailed itinerary and provide ARA with planning data. We agree that option #2 (two smaller trips) is the preferred alternative given that it is less likely to create problems with the members. Dr. Kissinger agrees.

### RECOMMENDATION

That you support the idea of two smaller groups travelling, if you are queried on the issue of commission trips to the region.

Disapprove

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TAB A

August 16, 1983

Dear :

I am pleased you were able to attend our meetings last week on such short notice. I believe it was a good opening session.

During the course of our briefings, social and humanitarian issues in Central America came up repeatedly. A number of the Commissioners expressed interest in looking at problems associated with human rights, refugees, malnutrition, infant mortality, and other topics in this general field.

In the circumstances it seems to me that we might usefully devote our September 7-8 sessions to social and humanitarian issues. This will enable us to focus the September 12-13 meeting on the economic development of Central America. Several of you have already suggested individuals and organizations to be consulted in this area. I would welcome any additional suggestions you might have. The staff is identifying candidates for lead consultant to help set up the September 7-8 meeting. They will get those names to you for your consideration within the next few days.

We also have the problem of setting aside time to look at long-term political and diplomatic options. It seems to me we could fit that in most efficiently by extending the September 28-29 meeting to the early afternoon of September 30. That would give us time to consider both security and the political-diplomatic options as an integral whole. An alternative would be to add a new session on the latter subject October 3-4. The disadvantage there would be the necessity of returning to Washington so soon after the September 28-29 meeting. Please let me know your preference as soon as you can.

I am enclosing the schedule of meetings as it now stands. I am also enclosing an updated list of experts, which includes those recommended by Commission members, along with the letter

we are sending the experts, posing the questions we formulated during our meeting. Please do let me have any further thoughts you might have on the schedule or on additions to our list of experts.

I look forward to seeing you August 31 for our next meeting. I will get the agenda to you just as soon as we can nail down the times for the appearances of our prominent guests. Presidents Ford and Carter, and former Secretaries Vance, Haig, Rogers, and Rusk have agreed to meet with us.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Kissinger

Enclosures: Schedule of Meetings

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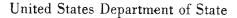


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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

August 10-12	Work plan and initial briefings.
August 31 - September 1	Consultations with former U.S. Government leaders.
September 7-8	Social and humanitarian issues in the region.
September 12-13	Economic development in the region.
September 21-22	Political development in the region.
September 28-30	Security issues. Commission discussion of long-term political and diplomatic options.
October 10-15	Travel to Central America (tentative - subject to invitation).
October 21-22	Commission discussion of U.S. interests in the area.
November 2-3	Incompleted matters.
November 16-21	Travel to Contadora countries. (tentative - subject to invitation).
December 2-3	Commission discussion of elements of an integrated long-term strategy.
December 9-10	Drafting session.
December 16-17	Drafting session.





Washington, D.C. 20520

August 16, 1983

Dear :

The National Bipartisan Commission on Central America has just completed its first series of meetings. We are going to make a diligent effort to finish the work of the Commission on Central America by the end of the year. This implies a heavy work schedule. The Commission will be meeting in Washington and make one or more visits to the region. Following this, the Commission will have to buckle down to writing the report.

The Commission is emphatic that it will not insinuate itself into the diplomatic apparatus of the government. We will not attempt to manage the day-to-day activities of the United States in Central America. We are not in the business of negotiation. Our goals are to articulate policy guidelines for the longer term, based on a definition of this nation's interest in Central America and its future. We will seek to do so within the framework of partnership and cooperation and democratic evolution.

Can you give us a hand? We would very much like to have your insights as early in our tight schedule as possible. Attached is a list of issues we hope the Commission can address. Even a few brief written comments on one or all of them would be helpful -- or on any other aspect of the Commission's mandate.

These questions are not, of course, intended to preclude your giving us your thoughts on other aspects of the Commission's mandate, which we may have neglected to include.

We should add that we do not feel that we should focus narrowly on the five countries of what is technically called Central America. The United States has special historic relationships with both Mexico and Panama. They are important members of the Contadora group, thus influencing and being influenced by what happens in the Isthmus. Furthermore, there

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are common dimensions -- as well, of course, as distinct differences -- between Panama and Mexico on the one hand, and the five on the other. For these reasons, do not limit your responses to the five nations of Central America itself, but consider, to the extent the issues are common, the larger framework.

We are deeply grateful for your help. Can we have your views by September 15? I apologize for the tight deadline but we are under time constraints not of our own making.

Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Kissinger

Attachment: Questions on Central America

### QUESTIONS ON CENTRAL AMERICA

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- 1. What do you conceive U.S. interests to be in Central America? Is the area important to our national security? How? Is it important to our economic interests? How so?
- 2. How important is it for the United States to help countries in the region eliminate hunger, malnutrition, illiteracy? What concrete measures should we take?
- 3. How important is it for us to help countries in the region with economic growth and development? How significant is economic development to future peace in the region? What is the appropriate U.S. role? What practical concrete measures can we take? Assistance to land reform? Rural cooperatives? Assistance in developing economic infrastructures? Intermediate credit institutions?
- 4. How significant is the international financial crisis for Central America? Ought the United States make proposals for special institutional arrangements to manage the financial difficulties of the Central American countries? Should the IMF and/or the World Bank unertake emergency programs?
- 5. How important is it that democratic governments be established in the countries of Central America? Is democracy a precondition to peace and security in the region? If so, what can the U.S. do to help further the process?
- 6. What can the U.S. do to foster the establishment of free and democratic non-governmental institutions and organizations in the region?
- 7. Is it important for the U.S. to support more educational and cultural exchange with countries of the region. If so, how?
- 8. Should the United States consider the establishment in Central America of totalitarian governments tied to the Soviet Union as a security threat? Or doesn't it matter much? Should all Marxist-Leninist governments be considered tied to the Soviet Union? If not, where is the dividing line?
- 9. What can be done to prevent indigenous revolutionary movements in the region from coming under the control of Marxist-Leninists?
- 10. Do you believe the national independence and self determination of countries in Central America are threatened by Soviet/Cuban support for guerrilla wars?

### QUESTIONS ON CENTRAL AMERICA (Continued)

- 11. What are the Soviet interests and designs in the region? How important do you think it is to the Soviets to prevent the defeat of the Salvadoran insurgents? And what means are appropriate?
- 12. Is it appropriate for the United States to provide military assistance to governmets whose opponents are receiving military assistance from the Soviet bloc?
- 13. Are there any circumstances under which the U.S. should use military force in Central America? What are these circumstances?
- 14. Should arms aid to El Salvador be conditioned on progress on human rights? Do you accept the notion that in the event there was no progress on human rights we should terminate military assistance?
- 15. What role should our European allies play with regard to the region? Japan?
- 16. What of the Latin Americans? How useful a role can groups such as the Contadora Group play in the search for peace? For development? What about the OAS?
- 17. What multilateral institutional arrangements can promote economic advance and social and economic progress in Central America?
- 18. How effective do you find American policymaking machinery as it bears on Central America today? What is the appropriate role of the President? The Congress? The State Department? The National Security Council? The Defense Department? The Foreign Service? The Armed Services?
- 19. What are the possibilities for building a public consensus for policy in Central America?
- 20. What other practical, concrete efforts can and should the United States undertake to enhance an evolution of Central America compatible with democracy and the security of the hemisphere?

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### National Bipartisan Commission on Central America Planned Agenda for Second Session

### August 31 - September 1

Augus	st 3	31:
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10:00	- Cyrus Vance
12:00 - 1:00	- Administrative and organizational matters
1:00 - 2:30	- Alexander Haig (light lunch will be served during this segment)
3:00	- President Ford
4:30	- General Discussion
6:00	- Adjournment

### September 1:

9:30	- Sol Linowitz
11:00	- William P. Rogers
12:30 - 2:00	- Dean Rusk (light lunch will be served during this segment)
2:30	- President Carter
4:00	- General Discussion
5:00	- Adjournment

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