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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1985

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *WRP for*

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Nassar Nashasibi

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June. Nashasibi is a very well respected
Arab journalist who can most effectively
support our public diplomacy.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: None

DATE AND TIME: June 4, 5 or 6, for five minutes.

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President, Nassar Nashasibi,
Robert C. McFarlane

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Photo opportunity

REMARKS REQUIRED: None required.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

RECOMMENDED BY: Robert C. McFarlane/Patrick Buchanan/
George Shultz

OPPOSED BY: None

PROJECT OFFICER: Robert M. Kimmitt/Howard R. Teicher

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MEMORANDUM FOR PATRICK BUCHANAN

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *rcm*
SUBJECT: Arab Journalist Request for an Interview with the President

The next few weeks may see important developments in the Middle East peace process. As you know, King Hussein of Jordan will meet with the President on May 29. Whatever the outcome of the King's visit, it will be important for us publicly to address the Middle East situation. Historically, one of the most difficult audiences for us to reach has been the Arab media. Given our strong emphasis on trying to convince Arab governments to deal directly with Israel, clear U.S. policy statements as well as calculated ambiguity where appropriate, might make an important contribution to the Arab debate. To this end, a leading pro-Western Arab journalist, Nassar Nashasibi, has requested an interview with the President. He previously interviewed Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter. George and I believe an interview based on written Qs and As, coupled with a photo opportunity, would help us reach out to the Arabs after the Hussein visit. If you concur, I will send forward a schedule proposal for the photo opportunity. Please let me know what you think.

*Five by me - if you think it important,
go ahead. Put PJB name in sched proposal,*

Pat

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FO 005-03

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 10, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HARRY REID

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING PROPOSED NEW ADMINISTRATION
POLICY WITH RESPECT TO U.S. INTERNATIONAL
SATELLITE SYSTEMS SEPARATE FROM INTELSAT

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COMMENTS:	Per Fuller's office Sept 24 memo - nothing more to say		

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

August 16, 1984

Dear Mr. Reid:

Thank you for your August 9 letter to the President indicating your concerns with respect to proposed changes in U.S. policy towards the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) to allow for private international satellite service.

Let me assure you that most careful consideration is being given to this matter, and we appreciate receiving your comments and recommendations. Your remarks have been brought to the President's attention, and I have taken the liberty of sharing your observations with the White House staff members who are dealing with this issue. Please know that your letter will be carefully reviewed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Harry Reid
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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✓ cc: w/copy of inc to NSC Secretariat - FYI

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Congressman Reid:

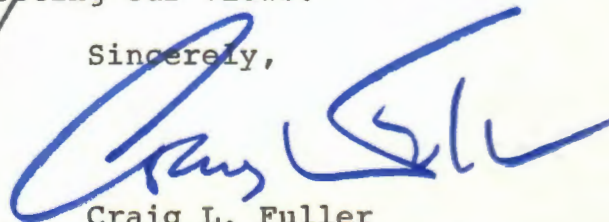
Thank you for your letter to the President concerning the Executive Branch's consideration of proposals to establish additional satellite systems to that of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization.

As you know, we have yet to make a determination on what recommendations the Executive Branch should submit to the Federal Communications Commission. I can assure you, however, that the issues presented are under active consideration and we hope to make that determination soon.

We are sensitive to the concerns which have been raised regarding the possible effect that additional satellite systems could have on INTELSAT. I believe, however, that it is possible to strike a reasonable balance between U.S. interests in encouraging efficient and responsive satellite communication services that will not have an adverse impact on INTELSAT.

When a determination is reached, we will be pleased to provide you with the rationale supporting our views.

Sincerely,



Craig L. Fuller
Assistant to the President
for Cabinet Affairs

The Honorable Harry Reid
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Congress
of the
United States
House of Representatives

August 9, 1984

HARRY REID
NEVADA



Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20550

COMMITTEES:
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you concerning the policy of the Administration with respect to U.S. international satellite systems separate from INTELSAT. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am concerned about the effects that any new U.S. policy may have on our relations with the 108-member nations of INTELSAT.

INTELSAT's twenty-year history has shown remarkable achievement. It has succeeded in bringing diverse nations together in a cooperative effort to provide modern communications services throughout the world. There seems to be no argument that the current arrangement has provided numerous identifiable benefits to the U.S.

What particularly concerns me about the proposed new policy is its apparent unilateral nature. INTELSAT was conceived by the U.S. and it was because our leadership and commitment that other foreign nations were encouraged to join this organization. A decision to encourage separate U.S. international systems would almost certainly threaten the cooperative spirit that underpins INTELSAT. The ill feelings it could generate may spill over into other foreign policy areas such as vital International Telecommunications Union negotiations.

The member nations of INTELSAT have been resolute in their opposition to separate international satellite systems. For example, at INTELSAT's most recent 1984 Meeting of Signatories, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the member nations' resolve to oppose the introduction of separate systems. At this point, the Executive Branch review process employed to develop the Administration's position on separate systems does not appear to be adequately considering the viewpoints of our partners in INTELSAT or the goals Congress established in the 1962 Communications Satellite Act.

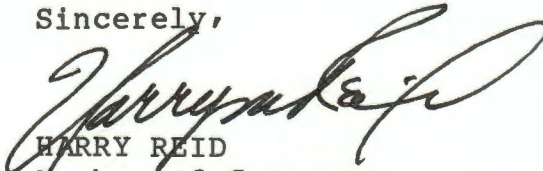
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It seems to me that if the United States is determined to pursue a policy of separate systems, we have a responsibility to work with the other member nations of INTELSAT in effecting this change.

As the Administration approaches a decision on this matter, I hope you will keep in mind the concerns I have raised. These issues warrant the full scrutiny of Congress and the Federal Communications Commission. Additionally, I would encourage you not to announce a final decision until the House Foreign Affairs Committee has had an opportunity to examine the many ramifications of this issue. Only through a full public review process can we be sure that all points of view have been debated.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
Member of Congress

HMR:dwm

cc: Hon. Dante Fascell

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DATE: 6/11/84

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SUBJECT: NOTE FROM PRINCE PHILIP RE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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REMARKS:

For appropriate handling.

GB4 D-Day - 40th Anniversary of D-Day

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

6th June, 1984


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Dear President Reagan,

The Radio Society of Great Britain has asked me to pass on to you a message from a special amateur radio station, GB4 D-Day, which has been set up to mark the 40th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

As Patron of the Society I have great pleasure in sending you a copy of the message which was delivered to me this morning through the good offices of the Mayor of Caen.

Yours sincerely


Historical File

H.R.H. Prince Philip
Duke of Edinburgh K.G.

Patron Radio Society of Great Britain
Royal Yacht Britannia
Caen
Calvados
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Your Royal Highness,

We humbly request that you convey to Her Majesty The Queen, President Mitterand, President Reagan, Their Majesties The King of The Belgians, The Queen of The Netherlands, The King of Norway and His Royal Highness The Grand Duke of Luxembourg, this message of Goodwill from the Amateur Radio Station GB4D-Day. This message is sent on behalf of the Radio Amateurs of all the Nations involved in the events of the 6th of June 1944, to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the Normandy Landings.

Relayed between Amateur Radio Station GB4D-Day located at the London Air Traffic Control Centre, RAF West Drayton, and FV6PAX located in Caen, Calvados 6th June 1984.

Operators of GB4DD:

G3DAV	Great Britain
VE3OMC	Canada
N3AUF	U.S.A.
G1DYI	France

FV6PAX operated by:

F8BO	France
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PRESIDENT

FROM PRINCE PHILIP

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM PRINCE PHILIP RE MSG FM GB RADIO SOCIETY

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE

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COMMENTS

TO NSC/S No action required. This does not merit
bothering the President. Please close-out.

Pete Sommer

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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August 24, 1983

UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Letter from President Monge of Costa Rica to President Reagan

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Brown McKay
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Tab 1: Letter from President Monge
Tab 2: TranslationUNCLASSIFIEDNSC#8305947

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for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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negotiations ongoing
- Amb / negotiators have acknowledged Monge's letter
- Presidential response not considered appropriate at this point in negotiations.
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- ☐ TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION
- ☐ STATE TO NSC TRANSMITTAL FORM

- ☐ with Draft reply for signature by _____
- ☐ with Comment or Recommendation

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☐ RECOMMENDATION FOR _____
with Memorandum for the President

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REMARKS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

NRN -
- form letter circulated at U.N.
to all governments which suggested
Democratic Kampuchea
President and Sihanouk in
September

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FROM: James H. Dorn (NAME)

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Luis Alberto Monge
Presidente de la República

San José, 5 de agosto de 1983

Señor
Ronald Reagan
Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América
Washington, D. C.

Estimado señor Presidente:

Agradezco mucho su continuo interés personal en el proyecto del Gobierno de Costa Rica para aumentar su capacidad de radiodifusión, particularmente en la región norte de nuestro territorio, que tiene un alto valor estratégico para el robustecimiento del sistema democrático de vida en libertad. En mi carta del 4 de noviembre de 1982 que entregué a usted personalmente en la Casa Blanca, expresé que en América Central está en marcha una lucha entre la democracia y el totalitarismo por el dominio de la mente y el corazón de estos pueblos. Ahora, señor Presidente, afirmo que en esta lucha crucial para la credibilidad y el futuro de Occidente, Costa Rica está, clara y firmemente, alineada con las fuerzas de la justicia social, la libertad, la democracia y la paz. Como democracia desarmada Costa Rica es neutral en cualquier conflicto bélico, pero el interés nacional de nuestra cultura política nos impulsa a luchar tenazmente en la arena de la confrontación de las ideas. La democracia costarricense no es perfecta, aunque persevera en su afán de perfeccionarse día con día, pero sí es prueba palpable de que un país pequeño y pobre del trópico es posible establecer sólidas instituciones democráticas. Yo quiero que los pueblos centroamericanos reconozcan a Costa Rica por la fuerza moral de sus ideas, por el valor de su convicción política, por la luminosidad de su práctica democrática.

El Gobierno de Costa Rica ha preparado varios estudios sobre el proyecto para desarrollar nuestra capacidad de radiodifusión, tanto sonora como televisiva. Una misión técnica de la Unión Internacional de Telecomunicaciones realizó un estudio de campo en 1982. Una misión técnica del sector privado de los Estados Unidos de

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Presidente de la República

Sr. Ronald Reagan

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América formuló un excelente proyecto con base en aquel estudio de la UIT. Una misión técnica de la Voz de América, encabezada por el Sr. Melvyn Levitsky, acaba de visitar nuestro país y planteó la posibilidad de instalar en Costa Rica dos, y eventualmente tres, repetidores de onda media. En sus conversaciones con el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, don Fernando Volio, y el Ministro Armando Vargas, Consejero Presidencial de Información y Comunicación, el señor Levitsky compartió plenamente las preocupaciones que he expresado a usted, y propuso que los repetidores sean usados por las radio difusoras costarricenses durante las horas que no fueran usadas por la Voz de América.

Con base en estos estudios y conversaciones, señor Presidente, estamos ahora en capacidad de plantear una propuesta para canalizar con prontitud el apoyo del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de América en esta materia de alta prioridad para el sistema democrático costarricense.

repetidores Podemos, en consulta con su Embajador en Costa Rica, estimular la formación de una asociación mixta de representantes de las principales radiodifusoras privadas y de Radio Nacional. Tal asociación podría solicitar del Ministerio de Gobernación autorización para las frecuencias necesarias para la operación de los nuevos repetidores y luego elaborar una programación para la difusión internacional que serviría eficazmente a los propósitos ya mencionados.

Entiendo que alrededor de 18 horas diarias estarían disponibles para el uso exclusivo de la asociación costarricense, ya que la voz de América actualmente necesita menos de seis horas.

Entiendo además que en principio la voz de América está dispuesta a pagar un arriendo razonable por el uso del terreno y frecuencias costarricenses, a prestar sus repetidores sin recargo alguno, y a responsabi-

Luis Alberto Monge
Presidente de la República

Sr. Ronald Reagan

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lizarse de su mantenimiento.

La ventaja de la asociación mixta es que podría recibir aportes de fuentes privadas y llevar a cabo otros proyectos, además de la radiodifusión, actualmente imposibles tanto para el sector público por sí solo como para cualquier emisora privada en forma individual. Uno de esos proyectos pudiera ser el mejoramiento de la señal de los canales de televisión costarricenses en el norte del país.

Es deseo del Gobierno de Costa Rica contribuir con sus recursos políticos de un proceso democrático que se acerca a su primer siglo de funcionamiento, a esclarecer la comprensión de los pueblos centroamericanos sobre la verdadera naturaleza y los alcances de la lucha que se libra en nuestro istmo. Yo sé, señor Presidente, que usted está convencido de la importancia estratégica que una acción de esta envergadura representa para las fuerzas que luchan por la democracia y la libertad en América Central.

Estoy altamente reconocido con usted por el nombramiento del Dr. Curtin Winsor como su Embajador ante el Gobierno de Costa Rica. El comparte plenamente esta visión que usted y yo tenemos sobre la trascendencia de la información y la comunicación en la lucha por la democracia y la libertad en América Central. El Embajador Winsor y el Ministro Vargas, han avanzado satisfactoriamente en acordar los detalles de este apoyo que para el aumento de nuestra capacidad de radiodifusión he planteado directamente a usted.

Reciba, señor Presidente, las seguridades de mi empeño sostenido en nuestra lucha común porque la democracia y la libertad sean una realidad para todos los ciudadanos centroamericanos. En la batalla que libramos en la arena de las ideas políticas, Costa Rica está llamada a ser un faro de la democracia en la América Central.

Cordialmente,

Historical File

Curt Winsor

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

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Luis Alberto Monge President of the Republic

San Jose, August 5, 1983

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President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I should like to thank you very much for your continuing personal interest in the project of the Costa Rican Government to expand its radio broadcasting capability, particularly in the northern part of the country. This project is of strategic importance in strengthening the democratic system of a free society. In my letter of November 4, 1982, which I delivered to you personally at the White House, I stated that a struggle is taking place in Central America between democracy and totalitarianism, a struggle for the hearts and minds of its peoples. I affirm to you at this time, Mr. President, that in this crucial struggle for credibility and for the future of the Western world, Costa Rica is clearly and firmly aligned with the forces of social justice, freedom, democracy, and peace. As an unarmed democracy, Costa Rica remains neutral in any armed conflict, yet our political philosophy impels us to struggle tenaciously in the war of ideas. Although Costa Rican democracy is not perfect, our country strives daily to achieve that ideal and offers tangible proof

that solid democratic institutions can be established in a small, poor, tropical country. I want the people of Central America to recognize us for the strength of our moral values, the worth of our political convictions, and our enlightened democracy.

The Government of Costa Rica has prepared a number of studies on this project to develop both our radio and television broadcasting capability. A technical mission from the International Telecommunications Union carried out a field study in 1982, and a similar mission from the American private sector has developed an excellent project based on the ITU study. A technical mission from the Voice of America, headed by Mr. Melvyn Levitsky, recently visited Costa Rica and suggested the possibility of installing two, and possibly three, medium-wave repeaters. In his talks with Fernando Volio, Minister of Foreign Relations, and Armando Vargas, Adviser to the President on Information and Communication, Mr. Levitsky fully shared the concerns that I had expressed to you, and proposed that the repeaters be used for Costa Rican broadcasting during the hours they are not being used by the Voice of America.

On the basis of the aforementioned studies and talks, we are now in a position to offer a proposal for the rapid channeling of United States Government support for this project, which holds such importance for Costa Rican democracy.

In consultation with your Ambassador to Costa Rica, we can encourage the creation of a joint association composed of representatives from both the major private broadcasting companies and the Costa Rican

Radio Nacional. Such an association could request authorization from the Ministry of Government for the frequencies needed to operate the new repeaters and then develop programming for international broadcasting that would effectively serve the above-mentioned purposes.

It is my understanding that approximately 18 hours a day would be available for the exclusive use of the Costa Rican association, inasmuch as the Voice of America presently requires fewer than six hours a day.

It is also my understanding that in principle the Voice of America is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for the use of Costa Rican land and frequencies, to furnish its repeaters free of charge, and to assume responsibility for maintaining them.

The advantage of the joint association is that it could obtain private funding and carry out other projects in addition to broadcasting. Such projects are not currently possible for either the public sector or for any private broadcaster, acting alone. One such project could be to improve the signal for Costa Rican television channels in the northern part of the country.

The Government of Costa Rica wishes to contribute the political resources of its democracy, now almost 100 years old, towards increasing the understanding of the Central American people of the true nature and significance of the struggle taking place in our region. I am aware, Mr. President, that you are convinced that a project of this scope is of strategic importance to the forces struggling for democracy and freedom in Central America.

I am deeply grateful to you for having appointed Dr. Curtin Winsor as your Ambassador to Costa Rica. Ambassador Winsor fully shares our view that information and communication are vitally important in the struggle for democracy and freedom in Central America. He and Mr. Vargas have made satisfactory progress in agreeing on the details of the support that is needed to increase our broadcasting capability and that I have proposed directly to you in this letter.

Be assured, Mr. President, of my unflagging commitment to our mutual struggle to make democracy and freedom a reality for all Central American citizens. In the battle we are waging in the political arena, Costa Rica is a beacon of democracy in Central America.

Cordially,

[Signature]

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION

May 7, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: WALTER RAYMOND, JR. *WR*

SUBJECT: Press Coverage re Your 6 April
Appearance on Worldnet

I pass this to you largely to show the heavy interest in the Third World. It is a fresh new art form for them.

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April 19, 1984

Dear Bud:

More rave reviews keep coming in on your April 6 WORLDNET appearance. Television and radio coverage of the feed, which combined the President's CSIS speech with your live news conference amplifying U.S. foreign policy, has been remarkable in Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia. An estimated audience of 100 million persons either saw this TV broadcast or read about it.

The following are excerpts from cables that have come in thus far from our posts. A full report will be sent when post reporting is complete.

Mexico

- Channel 13 in Mexico City carried a two-minute segment on its Friday evening newscast using a tape supplied by USIS. The estimated audience, eight million viewers.
- The GOM TV Network ran more than three-minutes of the President's speech and excerpts from your WORLDNET interview in afternoon newscasts to an estimated nationwide audience of two to three million.
- On April 9, Channel 4 in Guadalajara screened the President's speech and your WORLDNET remarks in their entirety. The estimated TV audience for this special news report was over 150,000 viewers. Channel 4 also broadcast several minutes of your remarks on their evening newscast to an estimated audience of 500,000.
- Channel 3 in Culiacan carried a five-minute report on the WORLDNET feed appearance in two prime time news programs on April 10. The estimated TV audience in Culiacan is over 200,000.
- In Monterrey, Channel 12 ran extensive segments of the WORLDNET transmission on both their afternoon and evening newscast to an estimated audience of 60,000 viewers.

Newspaper coverage of the WORLDNET satellite feed to Mexico was equally impressive:

- Eight Mexico City dailies on April 7 carried front-page stories on the President's speech. The four most lengthy pieces in El Universal, Unomasuno, Novedades, and El Heraldito, were written by reporters invited by USIS to report on the speech from our Embassy studio.
- Guadalajara's moderate, El Occidental, with a circulation of 75,000, headlined, "Violence In Central America Does Not Stem From Poverty, Ronald Reagan Assures."

The Honorable
Robert C. McFarlane
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

Four of the five dailies in Monterrey ran expanded coverage of the WORLDNET feed.

- El Norte, with a circulation of 100,000, headlined, "No War With Cuba Or Nicaragua Over Central America Says Reagan."
- El Diario, a leftist daily with a circulation of 70,000, writes, "Reagan: U.S. Will Deter The Soviets From Expanding Their Power."
- Mas Noticias, with a circulation of 50,000, prints, "U.S. Will Not Desert Central America, Diplomacy, Negotiations, Democracy, and Peace Do Not Stand A Chance Unless Backed By Military Power."
- El Porvenir, with a circulation of 70,000, printed a front-page story, headlined, "U.S. Ready To Help Its Friends Defend Themselves Against Soviet Expansionism."

Venezuela

- The main network, Venevision, broadcast your remarks, along with excerpts of the President's speech were broadcast on three of their news programs; April 6, (four-minute excerpt) April 10, (nine-minute excerpt) April 10, (nine-minutes in the evening news). Estimated Audience: 4 million.

Columbia

- Bogota's nationwide television network carried significant portions of the WORLDNET satellite feed on its noon newscast, "Noticiero Uno."
- Three of Bogota's four daily newspapers sent reporters to our Embassy studio to view the WORLDNET feed.

Guatamala

- The nationwide news program, "Teleprensa" ran a 17-minute excerpt of the WORLDNET feed to an estimated audience of 200,000.
- The other major TV news program, "Aqui El Mundo" carried excerpts of the WORLDNET transmission on their prime time 10 p.m. newscast.

Brasil

- The main TV network, TV Globo carried an excerpt of the transmission on their prime time newscast which has an estimated audience of 35 million.
- The other national TV network Manchete, used excerpts of the WORLDNET feed on their prime time newscast to an estimated audience of 10 million.
- Rio's TV Educativa used more than four minutes of the feed to an estimated audience of 1 million nationwide viewers.

- In Sao Paulo, TV Bandeirantes took the feed directly from the satellite and carried a 30 second excerpt in its prime time newscast to an estimated audience of 6 million viewers.
- The daily newspaper, O Estado De Sao Paulo, devoted a full page (virtually the full text) of President Reagan's speech.
- Sao Paulo's Gazeta Mercantil, an Diario Popular devoted extensive wrap-up reports to the WORLDNET satellite feed.

Israel

Both Israel Radio and Television ran significant excerpts of the President's speech, and your WORLDNET interview.

- Israel Radio, (Hebrew and English news programs), gave three and two minutes of coverage respectively, while the speech was being delivered "live" via satellite. Israel Television's Arabic program broadcast a four-minute segment of the speech during its prime time news magazine just minutes after it was delivered. Israel TV's Hebrew service ran a three-minute segment of WORLDNET on its widely viewed "Mabat" news program.

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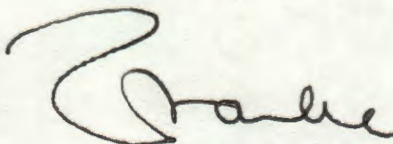
An estimated audience of over 15 million Japanese saw excerpts of the WORLDNET transmission on NHK, the main TV network. The feed was transmitted to the new Japanese Broadcast consortium, JISO, which has just inaugurated a new satellite delivery system. NTV, and TV-Tokyo, broadcast news reports of the WORLDNET transmission on their evening, prime time newscasts.

As you can see, millions of television viewers around the world had the opportunity, via WORLDNET, to get first hand critical foreign policy statements from the President and yourself.

We hope that you will continue to incorporate WORLDNET in your public affairs strategy for explaining U.S. viewpoints on critical issues to global audiences.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Charles Z. Wick
Director

National Security Council
The White House

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