

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

Collection: Executive Secretariat, NSC: Meeting Files
Folder Title: NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [Strategy
toward Cuba and Central America, El Salvador] (1)
Box: 2

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digital-library>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library inventories visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/document-collection>

Contact a reference archivist at: reagan.library@nara.gov

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/citing>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4

Box Number 2

ORR, ROBERT

15

ID	Doc Type	Document Description	No of Pages	Doc Date	Restrictions
43932	PAPER	A STRATEGY FOR CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA, WITH EDITS	8	11/9/1981	B1
43933	PAPER	BUILDING SUPPORT AT HOME AND ABROAD <i>PAR 2/13/2017 M465/1</i>	2	11/7/1981	B1
43934	PAPER	PROBABLE SOVIET AND CUBAN RESPONSES	3	ND	B1
43935	PAPER	US MILITARY FORCES <i>D 2/13/2017 M465/1</i>	3	ND	B1
43936	PAPER	SAME TEXT AS 43932, WITH DIFFERENT EDITS	13	11/9/1981	B1
43937	FORM	NSC DISTRIBUTION RECORD	1	11/10/1981	B1 B3
43938	PAPER	EDITED DUPLICATE PAGES FOR #43932, PP. 2, 6, 7, 8	4	11/9/1981	B1
43939	PAPER	A STRATEGY FOR CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA - WITH DIFFERENT EDITS <i>D 2/13/2017 M465/1</i>	13	11/9/1981	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

MTG TITLE NSC MEETING ON STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA & CENTRAL AMERICA

MTG DATE 811110 MTG TYPE NSC MINUTES Y PRIME RECORD ID 8190049

<u>PARTICIPANT</u>	AGENCY	PARTICIPANT	AGENCY	PARTICIPANT	AGENCY
PRES		VICE PRESIDENT		HAIG, A	STATE
CLARK, W	STATE	WEINBERGER, C	DOD	CARLUCCI, F	DOD
SCHNEIDER, W	OMB	CASEY, W	CIA	KIRKPATRICK, J	USUN
JONES, D	JCS	GORMAN, P	JCS	MEESE, E	WH
BAKER, J	WH	ALLEN	WH	NANCE	WH
COLSON	WH	FONTAINE	NSC	MURPHY, D	OVP

MEETING INSTITUTIONAL TREE

NSCIF CROSS REFERENCE MEETING DATA (VIEW ONLY)

DATE NSCIF ID TYPE TITLE

UNCLASSIFIED UPON REMOVAL OF CLASSIFIED ENCLOSURES

RECEIVED 14 NOV 81 11

ab 10/16/07

TO AGENCIES

FROM ALLEN

DOCDATE 09 NOV 81

ALLEN

10 NOV 81

KEYWORDS: CUBA

CENTRAL AMERICA

NSC

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND PAPERS & PRES BRIEFING PAPER FOR 10 NOV NSC MTG

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN DUE: STATUS C FILES IFM O

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

NANCE

COMMENTS

REF#

LOG 8190049

NSCIFIED NSC00024 (J / B)

ACTION OFFICER (S)	ASSIGNED	ACTION REQUIRED	DUE	COPIES TO
<i>Allen</i>	<i>X 11/09</i>	<i>for sig</i>		
	<i>- 11/09</i>	<i>RVA sgl memo to agencies</i>		
<i>Pres</i>	<i>IP 11/11</i>	<i>for info</i>		
	<i>- 11/11</i>	<i>Allen sgl memo to agencies</i>		
	<i>C 12/15</i>	<i>action completed at NSC mtg</i>		

DISPATCH

W/ATTCH FILE *(c)*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

II-90037
Add-on

~~CONFIDENTIAL WITH
SECRET/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENTS~~

November 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *dit*
SUBJECT: NSC Meeting - Today, November 10, 1981

Subsequent to my submission of papers to you for your use at today's NSC meeting, the Department of State submitted new pages 2, 6, 7 and 8 (Tab A) for use in that paper. These changes were requested by certain of the participants in the interagency group who prepared the document.

This morning the Department of Defense submitted a new version of the interagency group paper (Tab B) as being more indicative of their opinions of the recommendations in the paper.

As you can see from these submissions, there is not a unanimity of opinion on the proper courses of action necessary in the Caribbean area.

~~CONFIDENTIAL WITH
SECRET/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENT~~

DECLASSIFIED
White House Guidelines, August 23, 1997
By dlh NARA, Date 10/12/02

STATE SUBMISSION
WITH NEW PAGES

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder

NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND
CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4
ORR, ROBERT

Box Number

2

15

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
43932	PAPER A STRATEGY FOR CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA, WITH EDITS	8	11/9/1981	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing
Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

43933

~~SECRET/SENSITIVE~~Building Support at Home and Abroad

We must move urgently to build support for our policy among the American public, in the Congress, and with other governments.

Phase I. Reinforcing El Salvador, [REDACTED]
Creating a Climate of Insecurity Around Cuba.

At home, we should avoid dramatizing the situation. Public involvement by the President and Secretary of State should be clear, particularly with the Congressional leadership, but limited.

Our public emphasis would be on:

- Political and economic support (i.e. supplemental aid and Caribbean Basin Program) for democratic regimes in the region (Costa Rica, Jamaica, and Dominican Republic) and regimes in El Salvador and Honduras where we seek to strengthen the political center.
- Support for reforms in El Salvador and the search for a political solution.
- Using the Sandinista move to a totalitarian state as the inevitable alternative to our support for the center. (i.e. Duarte) in El Salvador.
- Letting the deployments around Cuba speak for themselves, avoiding action forcing steps, and continuing our public exposition of Castro's export of subversion in a firm but non-strident fashion.

As soon as our own decisions are made, we would begin putting together the local consortium of countries to contain Nicaragua. We should start with Colombia (the presence of one of the Latin democracies is a political imperative), then adding Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. We can perhaps add Costa Rica after their elections in May 1982. We will have to convince these countries that we will back them with US force if there is fighting and provide substantial additional FMS and economic assistance to Colombia and Honduras.

Venezuela will do more to help in El Salvador (economic aid and military advisors) but will not overtly join the consortium.

~~SECRET/SENSITIVE~~

DECLASSIFIED

NLRR M465 #43933

BY RW NLR DATE 2/13/17

If substantial numbers of Cuban troops are introduced into Central America, we can get the required two-thirds vote to intervene under the Rio Treaty; otherwise not. Mexico will oppose in either case.

Phase II: Coercing Cuba

The US public and Congress will support the use of coercion against Cuba only if convinced that US security is at risk and that the Administration is acting in a cautious and prudent manner. The Secretary of State would make the basic security case.

Simultaneously, we would propose to Castro a private negotiation in which in return for the withdrawal of Cuban troops and advisors from Central America and Africa we would offer full normalization of relations. After the effort fails (in a credible time frame), we would make the record public.

The President would then announce our coercive action against Cuba. He would describe Cuba as a heavily armored Soviet proxy and stress the strategic threat to the US. In consultations with Congress under the War Powers Resolution, we would realistically describe possible Soviet countermoves and how we propose to contain them. We would make clear to the Congress -- and to the Soviets -- that we will stay the course until the problem of Cuba is settled.

Most countries in the Hemisphere will support us privately but few would join us openly. Colombia, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and some Central Americans are possible exceptions.

11/7/81

SECRET/SENSITIVE

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder

NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND
CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4
ORR, ROBERT

Box Number

2 15

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
43934	PAPER PROBABLE SOVIET AND CUBAN RESPONSES	3	ND	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder

NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND
CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4
ORR, ROBERT

Box Number

2

15

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
43935	PAPER US MILITARY FORCES	3	ND	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

DEFENSE SUBMISSION

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder

NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND
CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4
ORR, ROBERT

Box Number

2

15

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
43936	PAPER SAME TEXT AS 43932, WITH DIFFERENT EDITS	13	11/9/1981	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]

B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]

B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]

B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]

B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]

B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]

B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]

B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~CONFIDENTIAL WITH
SECRET/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENTS~~

November 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: NSC Meeting - Tuesday, November 10, 1981

At Tab A are new pages 2, 6, 7 and 8 submitted by the Department of State for substitution in the paper issued on November 9, 1981, for discussion at the NSC meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m. today.

At Tab B are papers the Department of Defense desires distributed as more indicative of their opinions of the recommendations in the basic paper.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

~~CONFIDENTIAL WITH
SECRET/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENTS~~

Review on November 10, 1983

DECLASSIFIED
White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997
By dlb NARA, Date 10/26/07

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder

NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND
CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4
ORR, ROBERT

Box Number

2

15

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
43937	FORM NSC DISTRIBTUION RECORD	1	11/10/1981	B1 B3

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing
Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder

NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4
ORR, ROBERT

Box Number

2 15

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
43938	PAPER EDITED DUPLICATE PAGES FOR #43932, PP. 2, 6, 7, 8	4	11/9/1981	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing
Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: MEETING FILE

Withdrawer

DLB 10/16/2007

File Folder

NSC 00024 11/10/1981 [STRATEGY TOWARD CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA, EL SALVADOR] (1 OF 2)

FOIA

F95-042-4
ORR, ROBERT

Box Number

2

15

<i>ID</i>	<i>Document Type</i> <i>Document Description</i>	<i>No of</i> <i>pages</i>	<i>Doc Date</i>	<i>Restric-</i> <i>tions</i>
43939	PAPER A STRATEGY FOR CUBA AND CENTRAL AMERICA - COMBINATION OF DOS/DOD EDITS	13	11/9/1981	B1

The above documents were not referred for declassification review at time of processing

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]

B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]

B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]

B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]

B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]

B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]

B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]

B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.