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23. draft memo	William Harrop to Ambassador Oakley re El Salvador (3 pp.)	9/10/85	P1, P5 B1
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 22, 1985

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ON RETURN OF SLAIN MARINES
FROM EL SALVADOR

Andrews Air Force Base
Suitland, Maryland

4:11 P. M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, we are here today to receive, in the name of our country, the remains of four United States Marines killed in the line of duty in a country far away. They were victims of vicious evil. And we grieve for their loss and for the other innocent victims of that vicious attack.

When a nation is a family, and ours is, no death is impersonal, no death is discreet, no death is in and of itself. Each death is a tear in the fabric, a break in the whole. But when a serviceman dies, we feel a special anguish. A serviceman's life is a hard life, a life of sacrifice and risk. And we're never good enough to them. We're never as good as we should be, because that's not possible. No one can treat such men and women as they deserve, because what they give us is beyond our powers to repay.

And so when they're taken from us, when they're taken because they wore our uniform with love and pride, when they're killed because they put themselves in harm's way for our sake, then we feel an anguish that cuts at the heart and cannot forget.

Gregory Weber was 22 years old, and he went to guard the American Embassy because, as he told his father, "Dad, they need a few good men down there."

Thomas Handwork was 24, and a five-year veteran of the Corps. It wasn't a job to him. It was a calling. He'd wanted to be a Marine from the first days he could walk and talk. He dreamt about the Corps. It was all he wanted.

Bobby Dickson was 27 years old and a southerner, raised in tradition of manly honor. He feared nothing.

And Patrick Kwiatkowski was the youngest of the four, only 20 years old. His 21st birthday was yesterday. A volunteer from Wausau, Wisconsin.

They were all volunteers. They were four young men who chose to follow an honored and ancestral path.

MORE

And so they swung the bag over their shoulders, kissed their parents goodby, and went off to serve their country. They chose to follow the life of service and selflessness and courage. They did it for love and honor -- Semper Fi.

To those who love them and who will take them to their rest, we know that no words can console. But we thank you for your sons and daughters, and your brothers. We thank you for these fine young men. No words can console, but we know of the promise in the Bible, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

As we mourn these children of God, we remember another promise: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

They say the men who murdered these sons of America escaped, disappeared into the city streets. But I pledge to you today, they will not evade justice on earth any more than they can escape the judgment of God. We and the Salvadoran leaders will move any mountain and ford any river to find the jackals and bring them and their colleagues in terror to justice.

And now, today, we grieve for four young men taken from us too soon. And we receive them in death as they were on the last night of their lives, together, and following a radiant light -- following it toward heaven, toward home. And if we reach -- or when we reach heaven's scenes, we truly will find it guarded by United States Marines.

END

4:17 P.M. EDT

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BC-EMBASSY

FIRE AT NICARAGUAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, JUNE 20, REUTER - A FIRE BROKE OUT AT THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY EARLY TODAY, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES, AUTHORITIES SAID.

POLICE AND FIRE OFFICIALS SAID SOME \$50,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE MAY HAVE BEEN DONE TO THE BUILDING BUT THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE FIRE THAT APPARENTLY STARTED NEAR THE FRONT DOOR.

FIRE MARSHALLS SAID THEY WERE INVESTIGATING.

THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING EMBASSIES, SAID THAT NO GUARD HAD BEEN POSTED AT THE BUILDING IN AN AREA DOTTED WITH FOREIGN OFFICES BUT IT WAS WATCHED BY AGENTS IN PATROL CARS.

THE LEFTIST SANDINIST GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA AND THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAVE LONG BEEN AT ODDS.

REUTER 0907

November 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ALAN M. KRANOWITZ

FROM: ED FOX *EF*
SUBJECT: Mica and the Terrorism issue

I met yesterday with HFAC Subcommittee Chairman Dan Mica (D-FL) concerning the reply to his letter on Embassy security and the status of the Administration's proposed legislative response to the Inman Panel report. Dan indicated his concern that the Administration is setting itself up for a big political fall on this by our failure to act expeditiously. He believes we have been extremely lucky that no serious terrorist attacks on U.S. facilities have occurred in the last few months.

He believes that after the Inman report and Secretary Shultz's strong statements of Administrative support we have failed to respond. If, forbid, such an incident occurs, we should be prepared to have him come down on us with both feet. In addition, he stated that the Republicans have expressed similar concern and would have no choice but join in the harangue.

In further discussion on this topic with Members of both the majority and minority staff of the Committee, there was a general consensus that the Members are nervous about this issue. They recall all too well the reaction and finger pointing that followed the Lebanon bombing at the Marine barracks and the Embassy. Beyond their fear of being blamed for failing to protect American lives, the Members are increasingly concerned about the State Department's entire counter-terrorism operation. Bill Broomfield (R-MI), for instance, was said to be outraged at a recent hearing on the Achille Lauro incident when the Department's leading spokesman and policy maker for terrorism Robert Oakley, fell asleep in the front row while Leon Klinghoffer's widow was testifying - Mica has personally told Oakley to find someone else to testify before the Committee because he is so unwelcome. To make matters worse, State is about to promote him to Ambassador-at-Large for Terrorism.

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I see real trouble brewing here. If the PLO nuts or anyone else retaliates for our intercept of their buddies from Egypt, the President will be the target of attack by a bipartisan Congress. As they seek to avoid responsibility they will ask why the Administration did not move to protect our sons and daughters abroad who are risking their lives in the service of our country. The Inman panel studied the problem, the Secretary of State outlined a much needed plan of action and the Congress stood by ready and willing to respond. Several months later no action.

I know that OMB and others have various concerns about this proposal and its relationship to such things as Gramm-Rudman. I also think that people in high places should have this on their radar screens.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 27, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Presidential letter to Survivors of American
Civilians Killed in El Salvador Terrorist Incident

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the President recommending that he sign a letter of condolence to the wife of each of the Americans who were murdered in the terrorist incident which occurred on June 20, 1985 in San Salvador, El Salvador.

President Reagan attended the ceremony at Andrews AFB on June 22 for the four U.S. Marines who were also killed in this tragic incident. Therefore, it would be appropriate that the President send the letters of condolence to the survivors of the two American civilians killed.

The State Department drafts are attached at Tab II.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward your memo to the President at Tab I with Tabs A and B attached.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

cc: Don Fortier
Howard Teicher
Vince Cannistraro

Attachments

Tab I - McFarlane Memo to the President
Tab A - Presidential ltr to Mrs. Alfred G. Viney
Tab B - Presidential ltr to Mrs. Robert Alvdierez
Tab II - Platt Memo to McFarlane of June 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Received
1985 JUN 31 5011

July 1, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*
SUBJECT: Letters of Condolence for the Survivors of the
Two American Civilians Killed in the Terrorist
Incident in El Salvador

Issue

Letters of condolence for Mrs. Alfred Viney and Mrs. Robert Alvidrez.

Facts

On June 20, 1985, two American businessmen employed by WANG, Alfred Viney and Robert Alvidrez, were murdered in the terrorist incident in San Salvador along with four U.S. Marines. On June 22, you attended the ceremony at Andrews AFB for the return of our four dead U.S. Marines.

Discussion

It would be appropriate at this time to send letters of condolence to the wife of each the American civilians killed (Tabs A and B).

Recommendation

OK

No

1. That you sign the letters at
Tabs A and B.

Attachments

- Tab A - Letter to Mrs. Alfred Viney
- Tab B - Letter to Mrs. Robert Alvidrez

cc Vice President



Washington, D.C. 20520

June 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to Survivors of American Civilians
Killed in El Salvador

Attached is a suggested letter from President Reagan to be sent to survivors of the two US civilians killed in El Salvador, Mrs. Alfred George Viney and Mrs. Robert Alvidrez. We believe it would be appropriate for the President to personally express his condolences for their bereavement resulting from an international terrorist attack. By separate memorandum we will provide you the scenario for the ceremony to receive the remains at Andrews Air Force Base of the four Marine Corps members who were tragically murdered in the same instance.

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachment: Draft Letters

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mrs. Viney:

Mrs. Reagan and I feel deeply the loss of your husband, an innocent victim of a senseless attack. In extending our sympathy, we also hope you will let us know if there is some way in which we can be of help.

In response to this tragic terrorist act, I have directed our government to offer all and every feasible assistance to help the Government of El Salvador to identify and prosecute the murderers who perpetrated this crime.

We cannot allow Americans to be placed at risk simply because they are blessed in being citizens of this great republic.

In the coming days Nancy and I want you to know that you are in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Alfred George Viney
7875 S.W. 146 Street
Miami, Florida 33158

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mrs. Alvidrez:

Mrs. Reagan and I feel deeply the loss of your husband, an innocent victim of a senseless attack. In extending our sympathy, we also hope you will let us know if there is some way in which we can be of help.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Robert Alvidrez
Wildwood Road, #3
Lexington, Massachusetts 02173

North

National Security Council
The White House

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Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Wilma Hall	_____	_____	_____
Bud McFarlane	_____	_____	_____
William Martin	_____	_____	_____
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I = Information A = Action R = Retain D = Dispatch N = No further Action

cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other _____

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

Comments are from Chew.
If senior White House staff
don't wish to send
letters to Curliam at
this stage, OK. Thank for doing the
work.
Wm

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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① Text of letter not

Appropriate -

- Not RR's style (Minor Regs)
- Can't offer USG assistance

② Don't think its good idea
anyway at this point

③ Suggest to NSC that
letter no longer ~~needed~~
needed

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North

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL



Admiral,

Attached is the
Quarte package.

cc docmed to Chew
and Speakes.

Bob



National Security Council
The White House

System # I

Package # 6756

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bob Pearson	_____	_____	_____
William Martin	<u>1</u>	<u>um</u>	_____
John Poindexter	_____	_____	_____
Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Wilma Hall	_____	_____	_____
Bud McFarlane	_____	_____	_____
William Martin	_____	_____	_____
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cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other _____

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

*per instruction from North,
give original to North
for delivery to Gen
Vessey.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Santa Barbara

August 28, 1985

Dear Mr. President:

I was gratified to hear from you of the important accomplishments of your government's ongoing investigation of the murder of thirteen persons, including American and Salvadoran citizens, in a brutal raid in San Salvador on June 19, 1985. I congratulate you on the speed and professionalism of the arrest of William Celio Rivas Bolanos, Juan Miguel Garcia Melendez, and Jose Abraham Dimas Aguilar. On behalf of the victims' families and the United States, I personally thank all involved.

Terrorism is the antithesis of democracy. By brutal acts against innocent persons, terrorists seek to exaggerate their strength and undermine confidence in responsible government, publicize their cause, intimidate the populace, and pressure national leaders to accede to demands conceived in violence. Where democracy seeks to consult the common man on the governance of his nation, terrorism makes war on the common man, repudiating in bloody terms the concept of government by the people.

I am proud that the Special Investigative Unit, which we in the U.S. worked with you to develop, is playing an active role in the investigation. I shortly will be consulting with Congress to find new ways to assist Central American nations in their laudable efforts to overcome the scourge of terrorism. I hope that, with the support of the Congress, we can help police and

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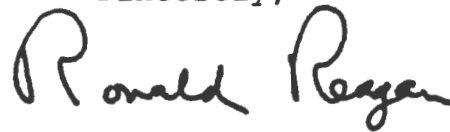
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BY and NARA, DATE 9/13/99

military units to respond consistently with the maturity, professionalism, and respect for the law shown by your police in this case. We must not compromise with criminals. Appeasement only invites renewed attack. Terrorists merit only swift, certain justice under the rule of law.

The people of El Salvador and the people of the United States stand together against terrorism. Each defeat for the terrorist makes the world safer and more just for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

His Excellency
Jose Napoleon Duarte
President of the Republic of El Salvador
San Salvador

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 28, 1985

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
RAYMOND F. BURGHARDT *for*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to President Duarte of
El Salvador

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the President requesting that he sign a letter to President Duarte of El Salvador (Tab A). His letter responds to President Duarte's letter of August 27, 1985 (Tab B) regarding the capture of several terrorists involved in the Zona Rosa massacre.

Press guidance for use by Larry Speakes and Ed Djerejian is attached at Tab II. State Department input is attached at Tab III.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward your memo to the President at Tab I with Tabs A and B attached.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

JA
Vince Cannistraro concurs.

Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane Memo to the President
 - Tab A - Presidential ltr to President Duarte
 - Tab B - President Duarte's ltr (msg) to President Reagan of August 27, 1985
- Tab II - Press Guidance
- Tab III - Platt Memo to McFarlane of August 28, 1985

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BY *22/* NARA, DATE *9/13/99*

PRESS GUIDANCE

President Reagan has responded to President Duarte's letter of August 27, regarding the apprehension of three persons alleged to have participated in the Zona Rosa terrorist attack on June 19, in San Salvador. We are heartened by the quick and professional action of the Salvadoran authorities and have so advised President Duarte.

Full credit for the investigation of this case goes to Salvadoran officers involved in this activity. President Reagan has reaffirmed to President Duarte our commitment to continue support for their democratic and judicial process. We stand with the democratic leaders of El Salvador in their effort to rid their land of those who seek to intimidate and subvert through the use of terrorism.

As President Reagan noted in his response, our aim is to assist those who, through the rule of law, seek to end the scourge of terrorist violence. Our assistance programs, like that used for the Salvadoran Special Investigative Unit (SIU), must be expanded so that other similarly threatened friends can benefit from our help.



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United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520 6756

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August 28, 1985

MEMORANDUM TO MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Message to El Salvador's
President Duarte

President Duarte announced late August 27 the arrest of William Celio Rivas Bolanos, Juan Miguel Garcia Melendez, and Jose Abraham Dimas Aguilar. All were involved in the June 19 murder of four U.S. Marines, two other U.S. citizens and seven other persons.

At the press conference announcing the arrests, President Duarte read a letter to President Reagan (Tab 2) which:

- Informed the President of the arrests,
- Thanked the President for U.S. assistance in developing El Salvador's Special Investigative Unit, and
- Pledged to pursue the case to its complete conclusion.

We believe that a rapid response by the President would be appropriate because of the importance of the case to the U.S. and because the quick and professional action of the Salvadorans exemplifies what we hope their police process will be able to achieve more consistently in the future.

The proposed response of the President (Tab 1) thanks the Government of El Salvador, excoriates terrorism as brutal and anti-democratic, expresses pleasure that the Special Investigative Unit established with U.S. assistance has played an important role, mentions Administration plans to seek Congressional approval for anti-terrorism assistance for Central America, and calls for unity in the fight against terrorism.

for Kenneth McQuinn
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:
As stated

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STATE DEPARTMENT
SUGGESTED LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

I was gratified to hear from you of the important accomplishments of your government's ongoing investigation of the murder of thirteen persons, including American and Salvadoran citizens, in a brutal raid in San Salvador on June 19. I congratulate you on the speed and professionalism of the arrest of William Celio Rivas Bolanos, Juan Miguel Garcia Melendez, and Jose Abraham Dimas Aguilar. On behalf of the victims' families and the United States, I personally thank all involved.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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August 28, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*
SUBJECT: Letter to President Duarte

Issue: Your letter to President Duarte of El Salvador (Tab A).

Facts: On August 27, 1985, President Duarte announced the arrest of three of the perpetrators of the June 19, 1985 Zona Rosa terrorist attack in which four U.S. Marines and two private U.S. citizens were killed. During his press conference, President Duarte read a letter which he sent to you thanking the U.S. for assistance in this matter (Tab B).

Discussion: President Duarte's letter also expresses appreciation for our help in developing a Special Investigative Unit (SIU) which is designed to improve the Salvadoran judicial system. The SIU was used for the first time during the investigation of the Zona Rosa massacre.

Your letter acknowledges our assistance and pledges to continue these efforts. Both your letter and President Duarte's should be helpful in our efforts to obtain the \$53M counter-terrorism supplemental for Central America. Once you have signed the letter we will have it telegraphically transmitted to San Salvador by the Department of State.

The Departments of State and Justice concur.

Recommendation

OK

No

1. That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Prepared by:
Oliver L. North

Attachments

Tab A - Letter to President Duarte
Tab B - Duarte letter of August 27, 1985 (cable)

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT DUARTE TO PRESIDENT
- REAGAN ON ZONA ROSA MASSACRE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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(S) JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 29, 1985

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Congressional Consultations re Presidential
Determination to Permit Additional Military
Assistance for El Salvador

Attached at Tab I is a memo from Bill Martin to Nicholas Platt directing State Department to proceed with Congressional consultations regarding the reprogramming of Regional Military Training Center (RMTTC) funds to El Salvador for their use as direct military assistance. The President has approved this reprogramming proposal and has signed the Presidential Determination (PD) (Tab II). Unless the State Department consultations indicate otherwise the PD will be dated and transmitted to the Secretary of State along with the now approved Memorandum of Justification (Tab III).

Chris Lehman, Ray Burghardt, and Jim Stark concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bill Martin to sign and forward the memo to Nicholas Platt at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I - Martin Memo to Platt
- Tab II - Presidential Determination
- Tab III - Memorandum of Justification

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLAS PLATT
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Congressional Consultations re Presidential
Determination (PD) to Permit Additional Military
Assistance for El Salvador ~~let~~

In response to the Acting Secretary's July 31 memorandum to the President, the President has directed that the Department of State proceed with Congressional consultations regarding the subject Presidential Determination. In these consultations, the Department of State is authorized to utilize the Memorandum of Justification forwarded under the July 31 memo. ~~let~~

The Office of Management and Budget concurs in this approach. Would you please advise regarding the result of the aforementioned Congressional consultations not later than September 6, 1985. Absent adverse Congressional reaction, the PD will be dated and forwarded to the Secretary of State for appropriate action. (U)

William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION
AUTHORIZING THE FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL
MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR EL SALVADOR

P.L. 98-473, the FY 1985 Continuing Resolution, stipulated certain conditions precedent that had to be met before FY 1985 Military Assistance Program (MAP) funds could be obligated for the construction and operation of the Regional Military Training Center (RMTC) located in Honduras. The Administration justified \$20 million in MAP to the Congress for this purpose in the FY 1985 security assistance budget request. The same law placed a cap of \$111.75 million in military grant assistance that could be provided to El Salvador in FY 1985. However, the Congress understood that funds above this ceiling would be spent on training Salvadorans outside El Salvador, specifically at the RMTC. Although FY 1985 MAP funds are available for obligation until September 30, 1985, the Administration has been unable to satisfy the necessary conditions precedent. As a result the RMTC ceased to operate for lack of funding on June 28, 1985. The \$111.75 million for El Salvador has already been obligated.

The Administration had planned to use \$20 million of the P.L. 98-473 military assistance funds for operation and construction of the Regional Military Training Center (RMTC) in Honduras. The purpose of the RMTC, as justified to the Congress, was to train regional forces, including Salvadorans, Hondurans, and Costa Ricans. In order to provide training that otherwise would have been offered at the RMTC, it is essential that we take steps to reprogram the \$20 million. Accordingly, the Administration proposes to provide \$13 million of the funds set aside for the RMTC to El Salvador to assist in training of its military personnel. (\$5 million of the remainder will be provided to Honduras, and \$2 million will be provided to Costa Rica.) The provision of this additional assistance to El Salvador requires a waiver of the \$111.75 million ceiling on military assistance contained in P.L. 98-473.

El Salvador faces a continuing armed challenge from insurgent forces. The capabilities of the Salvadoran military have greatly improved over the past two years. The critical factor in this improvement has been the combat training of over 5500 Salvadoran troops at the RMTC, a facility dedicated primarily to such training. The impasse in the RMTC negotiations with the Hondurans, however, halted Salvadoran training at the RMTC last September. Although the reprogramming of \$10 million in RMTC FY 1984 supplemental funds to El Salvador for use at the National Basic Training Center (NBTC) at La Union, El Salvador, has to some extent offset the loss of access to the RMTC, this latter training center is still in the initial stages of development and requires additional funds before it can provide the necessary level of training to replace the RMTC.

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The reprogramming of \$13 million to El Salvador specifically for training purposes will further help to offset the loss of Salvadoran access to RMTC training. The funds will be used to train soldiers at the National Basic Training Center and at various brigade training facilities, and to provide the equipment and infrastructure necessary to upgrade the NBTC and the various brigade training facilities. We have identified the following specific projects at the NBTC for priority spending of the reprogrammed funds: training weapons, training ammunition, individual clothing and equipment, range facilities, targets, fencing, perimeter lighting, guard towers, classroom building improvements, maintenance facility and warehouse improvements, transportation assets, well drilling, and waste facilities. The following projects have been identified for continuation training at the brigade headquarters: live fire infiltration courses, obstacle courses, instructive firing ranges, and known distance firing ranges.

For the foregoing reasons, the provision of up to \$13 million in additional military assistance for El Salvador is important to the security interests of the United States.

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Presidential Determination
No. 85-18

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Military Assistance for El Salvador

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 614(a)(1) of the Federal Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act"), I hereby:

- (1) determine that the furnishing of up to an additional \$13 million for El Salvador under Chapter 2 of Part II of the Act, without regard to the limitations and restrictions on such assistance contained in P.L. 98-473, is important to the security interests of the United States; and
- (2) authorize the furnishing of such assistance.

Such assistance shall be in addition to amounts otherwise available for El Salvador.

You are requested to report this determination to the Congress immediately, and none of the assistance provided for herein shall be furnished until after such report has been made.

This determination shall be published in the Federal Register.



cc: The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
The Secretary of Defense

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 28, 1985

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
RAYMOND F. BURGHARDT *for*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to President Duarte of
El Salvador

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the President requesting that he sign a letter to President Duarte of El Salvador (Tab A). His letter responds to President Duarte's letter of August 27, 1985 (Tab B) regarding the capture of several terrorists involved in the Zona Rosa massacre.

Press guidance for use by Larry Speakes and Ed Djerejian is attached at Tab II. State Department input is attached at Tab III.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward your memo to the President at Tab I with Tabs A and B attached.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane Memo to the President
 - Tab A - Presidential ltr to President Duarte
 - Tab B - President Duarte's ltr (msg) to President Reagan of August 27, 1985
- Tab II - Press Guidance
- Tab III - Platt Memo to McFarlane of August 28, 1985

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
SUBJECT: Letter to President Duarte

Issue: Your letter to President Duarte of El Salvador (Tab A).

Facts: On August 27, 1985, President Duarte announced the arrest of three of the perpetrators of the June 19, 1985 Zona Rosa terrorist attack in which four U.S. Marines and two private U.S. citizens were killed. During his press conference, President Duarte read a letter which he sent to you thanking the U.S. for assistance in this matter (Tab B).

Discussion: President Duarte's letter also expresses appreciation for our help in developing a Special Investigative Unit (SIU) which is designed to improve the Salvadoran judicial system. The SIU was used for the first time during the investigation of the Zona Rosa massacre.

Your letter acknowledges our assistance and pledges to continue these efforts. Both your letter and President Duarte's should be helpful in our efforts to obtain the \$53M counter-terrorism supplemental for Central America. Once you have signed the letter we will have it telegraphically transmitted to San Salvador by the Department of State.

The Departments of State and Justice concur.

Recommendation

OK

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1. That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Prepared by:
Oliver L. North

Attachments

Tab A - Letter to President Duarte
Tab B - Duarte letter of August 27, 1985 (cable)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

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I am proud that the Special Investigative Unit, which we in the U.S. worked with you to develop, is playing an active role in the investigation. I shortly will be consulting with Congress to find new ways to assist Central American nations in their laudable efforts to overcome the scourge of terrorism. I hope that, with the support of the Congress, we can help police and

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military units to respond consistently with the maturity, professionalism, and respect for the law shown by your police in this case. We must not compromise with criminals. Appeasement only invites renewed attack. Terrorists merit only swift, certain justice under the rule of law.

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Sincerely,

His Excellency
Jose Napoleon Duarte
President of the Republic of El Salvador
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PRESS GUIDANCE

President Reagan has responded to President Duarte's letter of August 27, regarding the apprehension of three persons alleged to have participated in the Zona Rosa terrorist attack on June 19, in San Salvador. We are heartened by the quick and professional action of the Salvadoran authorities and have so advised President Duarte.

Full credit for the investigation of this case goes to Salvadoran officers involved in this activity. President Reagan has reaffirmed to President Duarte our commitment to continue support for their democratic and judicial process. We stand with the democratic leaders of El Salvador in their effort to rid their land of those who seek to intimidate and subvert through the use of terrorism.

As President Reagan noted in his response, our aim is to assist those who, through the rule of law, seek to end the scourge of terrorist violence. Our assistance programs, like that used for the Salvadoran Special Investigative Unit (SIU), must be expanded so that other similarly threatened friends can benefit from our help.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Message to El Salvador's
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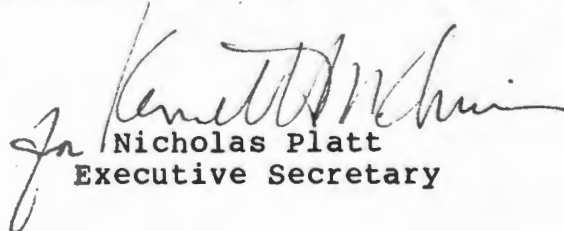
President Duarte announced late August 27 the arrest of William Celio Rivas Bolanos, Juan Miguel Garcia Melendez, and Jose Abraham Dimas Aguilar. All were involved in the June 19 murder of four U.S. Marines, two other U.S. citizens and seven other persons.

At the press conference announcing the arrests, President Duarte read a letter to President Reagan (Tab 2) which:

- Informed the President of the arrests,
- Thanked the President for U.S. assistance in developing El Salvador's Special Investigative Unit, and
- Pledged to pursue the case to its complete conclusion.

We believe that a rapid response by the President would be appropriate because of the importance of the case to the U.S. and because the quick and professional action of the Salvadorans exemplifies what we hope their police process will be able to achieve more consistently in the future.

The proposed response of the President (Tab 1) thanks the Government of El Salvador, excoriates terrorism as brutal and anti-democratic, expresses pleasure that the Special Investigative Unit established with U.S. assistance has played an important role, mentions Administration plans to seek Congressional approval for anti-terrorism assistance for Central America, and calls for unity in the fight against terrorism.


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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Ronald Reagan

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Talking Points for Presidential Envoy to El Salvador and President Duarte.

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference

- Congratulate President Duarte on his success in recent weeks.
 - Prompt response to killing of our Marines.
 - Employing Special Investigative Unit (SIU).
 - Formation of Joint Task Force to develop information.
 - Successful sweeps against PRTC.
 - Continuing support in Contadora.
 - Continued movement on AIFLD Case.
- We continue to be plagued by international terrorism - US Marine/Salvadoran citizens killings only one of rash of recent events.
- The President is determined that those responsible for these criminal acts against US citizen will not escape justice.
- Within this broader context of combatting international terrorism, the President is committed to do what is necessary to help you bring the killers of our marines and your citizens to justice.
- The recent change in guerrilla tactics to emphasis upon urban warfare puts significant strain on your resources.
- We are prepared to expand our support.

-- Prepared to offer reward money for information.

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL PRESS STATEMENT

Last night senseless terrorism again took its toll on Americans, this time in El Salvador. This most recent brutal and mindless terrorist attack which killed four of our Marine Embassy guards and two of our civilian citizens took place at a crowded restaurant in San Salvador. The cowards who perpetrated this attack not only killed Cpl. Bobby Dickson, Sgt. Thomas Handwork, Cpl. Patrick Kwiatkowski, and Cpl. Gregory Weber, and two American businessmen, they also killed nine and injured thirteen other innocent Salvadoran and Guatemalan men and women. This atrocity, like the bombing earlier yesterday in Frankfurt, Germany, is further evidence that the war which terrorists are waging is not only directed against the United States, it is a war against all of civilized society. This is a war in which innocent civilians are targets. This is a war in which innocent civilians are intentional victims and our servicemen have become specific targets. This cannot continue. We must act against those who have so little regard for human life and the values we cherish. And we must do so in concert with other nations who are our democratic institutions and basic disdain for violence and the use of force. We of the western world must act together -- as we once did over a century ago to wipe piracy from the seas, and as we did forty-five years ago against the threat of Nazi tyranny.

In response to the death of our Marines and private citizens in El Salvador I have directed the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, with the help of our intelligence services to immediately provide whatever assistance is necessary to President Duarte's government in order to find and punish the terrorists who perpetrated this act. To this end, I am prepared to use my emergency authorities under the Arms Export Control Act to furnish the Salvadoran Armed Forces with additional military assets which will enable them to better prosecute their campaign against the communist guerrillas. Their hope that terrorism will weaken our resolve or support for the revitalization of democracy in El Salvador is futile. If other U.S. military assets can be effective in this regard, then I shall provide them. I expect our Congress to support these measures, and will be consulting with the appropriate legislative committees of the Congress on what additional steps can be taken in El Salvador and elsewhere to end the external support the Salvadoran terrorists receive from Nicaraguan and the communist bloc.

I have also today appointed Vice President Bush to immediately take the lead within the U.S. government and with our allies to determine what actions, military and otherwise, we and our similarly threatened friends can take to end this increasingly violent and indiscriminate but purposeful affront to humanity. Vice President Bush will report to me on steps we can take, to include action against states which support terrorism and specific terrorist organizations.

Finally, I want you, the American people to know that what we do in these circumstances must not be done in a spate of pointless anger. These events call for reasoned responses to lawless actions by those who do not abide by the norms of civilized society. As your President, I believe that our actions must be appropriate and proportionate to the criminal acts which have been taken against our citizens. Those who are responsible for such lawlessness and those who support it must know that the consequences of their actions will never be capitulation to terrorist demands. We are both a nation of peace and a people of justice. By our very nature, we are slow to anger and magnanimous in helping those in less fortunate circumstances. No nation on earth has been more generous to others in need. But we also have our limits -- and our limits have been reached. We cannot allow our people to be placed at risk simply because they are blessed in being citizens or servants of this great Republic.

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September 13

Ollie:

Attached is the final version of the Special Inquiry on the four Marines in San Salvador. The Secretary agreed with the conclusion that there is no need for a Board of Inquiry. Also enclosed is an exchange with Bob Oakley on the report that I mentioned to you. Oakley thinks we should have found someone negligent--he does not say whom. I prepared a reply from the IG which is the single-spaced draft. The IG did some re-crafting and stiffened it considerably. I assume that the IG's double-spaced redraft will go.

I am leaving for a meeting of the private support groups for NATO in Oporto, Portugal as a member of the JSDEL and will be back 9/25. At that time I will orally brief Congressional committee staffs on the San Salvador report.

Also enclosed is a memo that I just did on our Latin policy and the role of the OAS. Dick McCormack is trying to strengthen the OAS. My memo may be helpful to you in understanding some of the background of the current problems of the OAS.

Bob Sayre

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