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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 20, 1983

OUTREACH WORKING GROUP ON CENTRAL AMERICA

DATE: Wednesday, December 21, 1983
LOCATION: Room #450 - OEOB
TIME: 2:30 p.m.

I. PURPOSE:

To brief certain individuals from the private sector on matters relating to Central America and the Administration's policies.

II. BACKGROUND:

This is the 31st in a series of meetings of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America chaired by Faith Whittlesey.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Ambassador Langhorne Motley, Assistant Secretary of State
for Inter-American Affairs
Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II, U.S. Permanent
Representative to the Organization of American States
Dr. Constantine C. Menges, National Security Council

IV. PRESS PLAN:

None.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

2:28 p.m. - Faith Whittlesey arrives at ROOM #450-OEOB

2:30 p.m. - Faith Whittlesey opens meeting

2:35 p.m. - Faith Whittlesey introduces Ambassador Motley

3:20 p.m. - Faith Whittlesey introduces Ambassador Middendorf

3:45 p.m. - Faith Whittlesey introduces Dr. Menges

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda
2. Introduction for speakers
3. Talking points

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1983

WHITE HOUSE OUTREACH WORKING GROUP ON CENTRAL AMERICA

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY,
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON
CHAIRMAN

A G E N D A

- I. HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES OF GROUPS BRIEFED BY
THE WHITE HOUSE OUTREACH WORKING GROUP ON
CENTRAL AMERICA

- II. "CENTRAL AMERICA: ITS ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC
IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES"

SPEAKER: Ambassador Langhorne Motley,
Assistant Secretary of State
for Inter-American Affairs

- III. "REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES"

SPEAKER: Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II,
U.S. Permanent Representative to the
Organization of American States

- IV. "CENTRAL AMERICAN UP-DATE"

SPEAKER: Dr. Constantine C. Menges,
Special Assistant to the President
and Senior Director of Latin American
Affairs, National Security Council

NOTE: The next meeting of the White House Outreach Working Group
on Central America will be Wednesday, JANUARY 4, 1984, at
10:00 a.m. in Room #450-OEOB. The Speaker will be:
General John W. Vessey, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
of Staff

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact, Mrs. Joyce Thomann (456-2657)
Office of Public Liaison

TALKING POINTS

- On behalf of President and Mrs. Reagan, I want to welcome you to the White House Complex and the thirty-first in our series of briefings on Central America.
- As you come into our meetings each Wednesday, among the items you have found on the table has been our Registration Form (HOLD ITEM UP). If you have not filled out one of these forms, I urge you to do so today and either mail it back to us in care of the Office of Public Liaison, Suite #191, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20500, or at the end of today's meeting return your completed form to either Joyce Thomann or Morton Blackwell of my staff.
- As we have been doing for a number of months, we are again sending everyone who has completed one of our registration forms a mailing which will give advance notification of our meetings -- dates, times, and location -- our speakers and their topics. In addition, with this mailing, we are sending everyone a copy of Ambassador Negroponte's remarks of December 7th and a copy of the recently issued joint State-Defense Department publication, "Grenada: A Preliminary Report."
- When you receive notice of our meetings, I hope you will share the information with individuals whom you

believe would benefit from attending. You can call my Assistant, Morton Blackwell's office -- the telephone number is always at the bottom of each week's Agenda -- and ask that the name of the individual whom you recommend be added to the clearance list for a specific meeting. Be sure to urge them to complete one of our Registration Forms so their name will be placed on our permanent clearance list. If we don't have a completed Registration Form, the name will be dropped from the clearance list and the individual will experience delays and inconvenience when attempting to attend the next Outreach Working Group meeting.

- Now, let me remind you that this will be our last Outreach Meeting for 1983. We will next meet on Wednesday, January 4th at ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) in this briefing room. Our first speaker for the new year will be General John W. Vessey, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- As we come to the close of 1983, I want to thank each of you for your support and for your interest in the Administration's Central American policies. I am sure that the months and weeks ahead are going to be filled in almost equal measure with opportunity and difficulty. But I am sure that by working together for our common goal -- a strong, secure America -- we can make the most of our opportunities and overcome our difficulties.

- Before I introduce Ambassador Motley, I want to wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a new year that will be filled with God's blessings on all of us.

INTRODUCTION

AMBASSADOR LANGHORNE MOTLEY

- Ambassador Langhorne Motely has served as the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs since June of this year. It is Ambassador Motley's task to oversee the formulation and implementation of U.S. policy as it affects countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America.
- Prior to his present appointment, Ambassador Motely served as Ambassador to Brazil from 1981 to 1983. Upon his departure from Brazil, he was awarded the Grand Cross of the National Order of the Southern Cross for his contributions to strengthening United States and Brazilian relationships.
- Ambassador Motley was born in Brazil and resided there throughout his high school years. He graduated from the Citadel in South Carolina with a degree in Political Science.
- Upon his graduation from the Citadel, Mr. Motley was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. During the course of his military career, Mr. Motley spent three years with the Royal Air Force and later served with the U.S. Southern Command in Panama.

- Ambassador Motley left the Air Force in 1970 to enter business as a real estate developer in Anchorage, Alaska. He founded Crescent Realty, which later merged with Area Incorporated Realtors, and is now Alaska's largest real estate firm. From 1975 to 1977, Ambassador Motley served as head of Alaska's Department of Commerce and Economic Development. In 1977, he assumed leadership of Citizens for the Management of Alaska Lands, Inc., and coordinated efforts to assure a balanced use of Alaskan lands.

- As you can tell, Ambassador Motely has had a very interesting career, and it is with great pleasure that I welcome Ambassador Tony Motley to our podium.

INTRODUCTION

AMBASSADOR J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF, II

- Ambassador J. William Middendorf was sworn in as Ambassador to the Organization of American States on July 1, 1981. Over the past fourteen years, he has served his country as Ambassador to the Netherlands and as Secretary of the Navy.
- He has received the highest decorations from Egypt, Brazil, the Defense Department, State Department and the Department of the Navy.
- Ambassador Middendorf is the author of numerous articles and is a frequent lecturer on international and economic issues.
- Ambassador Middendorf was born in nearby Baltimore, Maryland. He holds a BS in Naval Science from Holy Cross University, a BA from Harvard University and an MBA from the New York University School of Business Administration.
- In addition to his better known activities, Ambassador Middendorf is an accomplished composer, having composed 1 Opera; 7 Symphonies and over 70 Marches, one of which was the National Independence Day March, the official March for the Bicentennial Celebration and the theme song for President Reagan's Inauguration.

- It is with great pleasure that I welcome to our podium, Ambassador J. William Middendorf who will give us a report on the latest deliberations of the Organization of American States.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1983

Dear Mr. Doherty:

I would like to invite you to speak to our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

A great deal of interest has been expressed by the group in having a speaker who could brief the group on the status of and prospects for the labor movement in Central America. I cannot think of a more qualified speaker than you.

We have been in contact with your office to propose either Wednesday, January 11, or January 18, for you to be our featured speaker. Our meetings begin at 2:30 p.m. and are held in Room #450 (the President's briefing room) of the Old Executive Office Building.

Since its inception, the outreach meetings have provided our audience with high level speakers from both within and outside of the Administration. Mr. Irving Brown was one of our speakers and I can assure you, he was extremely well received.

As you know, the group is diverse in its make-up. Their commonality lies in their interest in the developing situation in Central America and the Administration's policies relating to the area.

I hope that you can find the time in your busy schedule to accommodate my request.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. William Doherty,
Executive Director
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE
LABOR DEVELOPMENT
1015 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1983

Mr. Kent Philpott
Americans In Support of Democracy
In Latin America
P.O. Box 6358
San Rafael, Ca. 94903

Dear Mr. Philpott,

I am writing to invite you, or any representative you would like to send in your place, to the weekly meetings of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

The meetings are designed to brief private citizens, particularly those associated with organizations that have a direct interest in the events in Central America, and to facilitate the flow of accurate information about the region.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 30 at the Old Executive Office Building, 2:30 p.m. Meetings will be held every following Wednesday at the same time and place.

If you are interested in attending, please call my office at (202) 456-2657. I look forward to hearing from you.

I have also taken the opportunity to forward to you some information produced in connection with the activities of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. I hope you find it useful.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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AMERICANS IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY
IN LATIN AMERICA

October 21, 1983
(415) 479-3361

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Washington D.C.

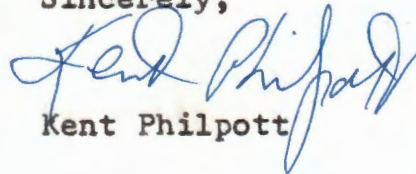
Dear Mr. Blackwell,

We received your name from Faith Ryan Whittlesey as you are the Project Director for Central American Outreach.

Enclosed is our letter to the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America. We send this copy along to you so you can get a more accurate picture of our organization.

We look forward to communicating with you in the future.

Sincerely,


Kent Philpott

Send WH Digest
+ invite
No 23rd to Wed. breakfast
on 30th ~~the 20th~~ Dec 7-14

**AMERICANS IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY
IN LATIN AMERICA**

October 18, 1983
(415) 479-3361

The Kissinger Commission
on Central America

Dear Friends,

Americans in Support of Democracy in Latin America is a non-partisan group established in January, 1983 by Geoffrey Tachet and Kent A. Philpott, the author of this letter. Mr. Tachet is a businessman and I am also in business and for sixteen years have been a Baptist minister. Although neither of us had been involved in politics before, we were concerned about the conditions in El Salvador. It seemed to us that El Salvador was in danger of being reduced to conditions that might lead to another Marxist takeover after the fashion of Nicaragua. We did not believe that the fighting in El Salvador was a civil war, but believed the "rebels" were insurgents supported and trained by other Marxists states. Our concern was to learn the facts, seek to inform others, and rally support for our government's efforts in Central America and especially El Salvador. These are the goals of our organization.

In pursuit of our goals we took advantage of free speech messages offered by the media in the San Francisco Bay Area, read everything we could get our hands on, talked to our friends, distributed broadsides, and organized a small group of people who shared our concerns. From September 13 to the 23rd of that month Mr. Tachet and I visited El Salvador on the basis of an invitation and spoke to many people from many sectors of Salvadoran life and traveled to eight of El Salvador's fourteen provinces. A summary of basic points from that trip is enclosed with this letter.

The purpose of this letter to the Kissinger Commission is to relate general concerns and conclusions based on our findings.

As you know there are three forces acting and reacting in the political environment of El Salvador. There is the left whose extreme and bulk is the guerrillas. There is the right, that, as the left has gradations including a growing group of moderates, has a radical element which conducts terrorist activities almost in competition with the leftists. Both extremes seem to act out of the fear of not having power and increasingly of the fear of being powerless. In the middle, along with some few moderate leftists and rightists, are the Christian Democrats, who happily have the primary sympathy of our own government, but, who unhappily, have become the enemy of both extremes.

We urge the continued support of the Christian Democrats by the U.S. Government. This is, of course, tactically correct and difficult all at the same time. The U.S. must maintain distance for the sake of the integrity of the Salvadoran Government, certainly, but a political party isolated in the middle needs strong support.

The Christian Democrats are concerned about providing "political space" in the government for both moderate elements of the right and the left. This stance must be encouraged. We believe that especially among the right wing political parties there are substantial elements who would like to moderate their position and cooperate with the more centrists groups. Reprisal from within their ranks prevents this. The U.S. can strengthen the political climate of El Salvador by a walk-soft policy with the right while at the same time providing reasons for the them to participate more productively in the demo-

cratic process.

Members of the right wing have been most affected by the three basic reforms instituted in 1980. These reforms were urged by our government under the Carter Administration and continued under the Reagan Administration. These reforms were vital and should be implemented with vigor. However, many elements of the right have been seriously aggrieved by the reforms. We urge the moderation of the reforms with a view to injustices visited upon those who lost much through the various expropriations and restrictions that were imposed. In many cases wealthy persons were run rough-shod over, necessarily for the most part, but these persons who could add so much to the stature of El Salvador have been radicalized by the reforms and need to be brought back into the mainstream of the life of the country. We do not mean they need to be restored to their original positions, but their complaints should be heard and any untoward injustices redressed.

We spoke to business people who were moderate politically, people who were concerned about the building up of the economy of El Salvador, people who desired to see the rise of a middle class, people who felt stifled by the banking and export reforms. It could be that the major flow of cash out of El Salvador has begun to cease and some restrictions could be lifted so that the private sector could once again freely move in an open free enterprise system. A strong economy, a growing and satisfied middle class is the best weapon against those who would exploit a weakened society. Also, foreign industry, a crucial factor in a country where there is too little land and too many people, must be diligently encouraged.

We encourage pressure being put on the Army and security forces in El Salvador to crack down on the right wing death squads. We urge swift justice for such persons. Of course, such a policy is difficult to enforce from without the process, but most everyone in El Salvador would profit from a cessation of right wing violence.

We urge continued military and economic aid for El Salvador and other Central American countries. Military aid because those who are concerned with destabilizing Central American nations are supplied, trained and supported in other ways by wealthy Marxist states. Without U.S. support, Central American countries would not have the financial means to resist. In time countries like El Salvador would become victims to totalitarian regimes. We should support El Salvador not for our sake primarily, but first and foremost for the people of El Salvador who deserve to live in a free society. We urge economic aid, even an increase of such, so that as the terrorists tear down the people of El Salvador can build up. One factory general manager told us, "Help us now and soon we can stand on our own." And, as is obvious to all, economic aid will be most beneficial when the insurgents are rendered impotent.

We urge an increase in medical aid for El Salvador. The infant mortality rate is yet high, more people die of gastro-intestinal disease than from any other cause of death including by bullet or bomb. There is a severe shortage of anti-parasitic medicines, antibiotics, vaccines of almost every sort, and there are almost no ambulances available to the civilian population. These concerns must be a priority. Orphanages and refugee centers are sadly lacking in nearly all the necessities. Many of these needs can be met with dollars.

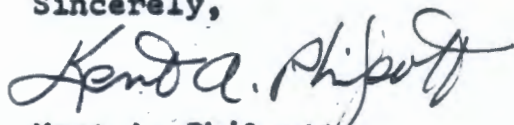
The three reforms of 1979-1980 have been of considerable value, but the blessings have been mixed. Unavoidably the cart may have been put before the horse. By the horse we refer to administrative reform. A corrupt and inefficient bureaucracy was commissioned to administer the reforms. Huge amounts of money passed through many hands and in fact continue to do so. No doubt some of this precious money does not accomplish the desired end. And little else could have been expected. Unquestionably a shake-up in the governmental and military apparatus would be a sensitive operation. It was suggested to us on several occasions that the struggle against the insurgents is being prolonged to assure the continued flow of American dollars. We have no proof that this is so, however, from many indicators it appears the raw material for victory is present within the country. We recommend the U.S. Government closely observe the military process and urge a vigorous pursuit of the situation. Of course, the problem becomes one of avoiding superimposing oneself on a fragile and critical Salvadoran administration.

This last recommendation deserves first priority and is placed here so that it may receive emphasis. We are speaking of educational reform. Perhaps "reform" is not the right word. Briefly, the educational level of the people needs to be accelerated. During the crisis of the past four years, the literacy rate has actually dropped. This unfortunate circumstance is understandable. And certainly the guerrillas have and would do anything to disrupt any educational program. Still, the effort must be made. We recommend an evaluation of the present educational efforts in El Salvador and that U.S. dollars

and teaching personnel be targeted for El Salvador and other Central American countries for the sole purpose of educating the peasants and urban poor. This would be of inestimable value to the people, but would also damage the guerrillas as much or more than bullets and bombs.

In conclusion we want to say that we are proud of our nation's commitment to the people of Central America and to the halting of Marxism in the region. This commitment must not flag or falter even though the road to the achieving of our goals is a long one. The investment in the people of Central America will reap rich rewards for them in terms of peace, freedom, and the security that comes with living in a pluralistic and democratic society.

Sincerely,



Kent A. Philpott

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1983

Dear Senor Pastora:

Thank you so much for giving so generously of your time to speak to the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

Your remark that you came to the United States to seek aid in achieving peace not only in your country but in all of Central America was underscored by your willingness to meet with so many and such diverse groups.

I am especially appreciative of your willingness to respond to questions from our audience. As you could tell, they were quite anxious to explore with you the parameters of the problems as you perceived them and were most interested in your recommendations for their resolution.

Please accept my best wishes as you continue along your journey to achieve democracy and peace for your country.

Sincerely,

Faith Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Senor Eden Pastora
c/o Mr. R. Bruce McColm,
Director
CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN STUDIES
Freedom House
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 16, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Meeting of the Outreach Working Group
Monday, November 14, 1983

Enclosed are items which you had earlier requested from various participants in the Outreach Working Group as well as a copy of the Agenda from the Monday meeting:

- ATTACHMENT A: Chart of OPL-arranged Speaking engagements for October and November. (Prepared by Dolf Droge)
- ATTACHMENT B: Listing of Proposed White House Digests set in priority order established at the Outreach Working Group meeting of 10/31/83. (It is my understanding that you wanted to review/reassess the priority listing. The document was prepared by my office.)
- ATTACHMENT C: Bibliography of Publications on Central America. (Prepared by my office.)
- ATTACHMENT D: "Amended Public Briefing Schedule and Listing of Special Briefings and Other Special Events" from the Department of State's Office of Public Affairs.
- ATTACHMENT E: A paper, "U.S. Economic Assistance to Grenada" prepared by AID. We have been informed today that AID has already prepared an update of this information; therefore, we should hold distribution of this material until we receive the updated information from AID.

Finally, the information which was used in your talking points for today's Outreach Meeting regarding Central American initiatives in various state legislatures/states was provided by Jayne Plank, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of State who also briefed us on the progress regarding the special briefings for State Legislators.

MCB:jet

Attachments a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 29, 1983

Dear Max:

The President sent me a copy of your thoughtful letter and hard-hitting speech on Central America.

Keep speaking out on this topic. We hope your views will be persuasive to many key Americans.

I have sent your letter and speech to Dolf Droge, who is in charge of our Speakers Bureau for the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

I am pleased that you are a member of our regular Wednesday White House Outreach Group and hope that you will be able to attend our meeting on November 30th when Arnaud de Borchgrave will be our speaker.

Because of your busy schedule, I know that it has not been possible for you to attend all of our meetings; so I am enclosing copies of all of our White House Digests so that you may have a complete set.

I hope that we will be able to schedule you as a speaker for one of our Wednesday meetings. I believe your message on the Soviet global strategy particularly as it relates to their interest in Central and South America is a very important one.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Enclosures a/s

Mr. Max Hugel
MAX HUGEL ENTERPRISES, INC.
Suite #1125
1730 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1983

Dear Max:

The President sent me a copy of your thoughtful letter to him and your hard-hitting speech on Central America. Bill Casey has spoken of you to me on several occasions and, of course, I remember meeting you before I went out as Ambassador to Switzerland.

Please keep speaking out on this topic. We know your views will be persuasive to many key Americans.

I have sent a copy of your letter and speech to Dolf Droge, who is in charge of our Speakers Bureau for the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. By the way, I am so pleased that you are a member of that group.

I hope that we will be able to schedule you as a speaker for one of our Wednesday meetings. I believe your message on the Soviet global strategy particularly as it relates to their interest in Central and South America is a very important one. Please let me know if you would be able to speak some Wednesday in January or February of 1984.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Max Hugel
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1983

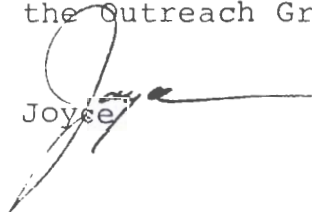
Marguerite:

I have edited-out some of the things in the letter as you can see by the red pen marking through.

This letter is now behind the memo from Faith to all of our Outreach Working Group members which gave the speakers/topics for December and which also included copies of all the White House Digests. Therefore, it would appear that we didn't know what we were doing if we were to send him two complete sets of Digests for the identical reason less than a day apart.

As the last sentence of the third paragraph, I rephrased and put back in the part about being pleased he is a member of the Outreach Group.

Joyce



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 2, 1983

Mr. Efram Zimbalist, Jr.
c/o Fred Amsell and Associates
291 South La Cienaga Boulevard
Suite #307
Beverly Hills, California 90211

Dear Mr. Zimbalist:

I am the project officer for the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. Our duties include working with groups supporting the President's policy in Central America.

One strongly supportive group, the Council for Inter-American Security (CIS), has gone to considerable expense and trouble to prepare a documentary on this subject. Filmed largely on location in Central America, the film is the only educational effort of which we are aware which is intended to be shown on television around the country to support the President's policy in the area.

We arranged for cooperation in the filming from our United States embassies in the region.

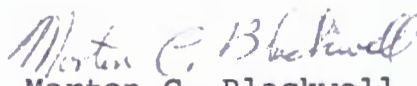
Mr. Lynn Bouchey of CIS has requested me to introduce him to you so he may request that you narrate the film. He has a script prepared and assures me he would ask for no more than an afternoon of your time in a setting convenient to you. Clearly, your participation would be a big boost to this important project.

Upon your receipt of my letter, Mr. Bouchey will contact you through the Fred Amsel office. Should you want to call Lynn directly, he can be reached at CIS. The number is:
(202) 543-6622.

If you would like to discuss this matter with me, I can be reached here at (202) 456-2657.

We think this is a worthwhile project and would appreciate your giving it most serious consideration.

Sincerely,


Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1983

Dear Mr. Doherty:

I would like to invite you to speak to our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

A great deal of interest has been expressed by the group in having a speaker who could brief the group on the status of and prospects for the labor movement in Central America. We cannot think of a more qualified speaker than you.

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I hope that you can find the time in your busy schedule to join us as a featured speaker.

Sincerely,

Faith

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. William Doherty
Executive Director
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE
LABOR DEVELOPMENT
1015 20th Street
Washington, D.C. 20036

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1983

Dear Miss Morales:

Thank you so much for speaking to our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

I know how difficult it can be to be in the second speaking spot and want you to know that you did an outstanding job. Your discussion of the land reform measures in your country was very informative as were your examples of the one-sided reporting media bias you have observed.

It is unfortunate that some members of Congress were not available to answer your question as to how they can say "yes" to economic aid and "no" to the military aid which would allow your country to protect the economic gains as they are made. As you may know, President Reagan believes that it is necessary to provide not only economic assistance but appropriate military assistance which will enable developing democracies to protect the economic infra-structure so necessary for them to become self-sustaining.

In closing, I want to commend you for the adept way in which you handled some very difficult questions.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Miss Ana Victoria Morales
c/o The United States Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1983

Dear John:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and the American Security Council Foundation for sponsoring the recent U.S. speaking tour of the six El Salvadoran students.

As you know, they, Ann Kruger, and Julian Barber were present with us at our November 9th meeting of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America and Ana Victoria Morales and Eduardo Torres represented the group as speakers for that meeting.

John, you and the members of the American Security Council Foundation who prepared them for their speaking tour did an outstanding job. I know they must have felt a great deal of pressure speaking at the White House, and then to look out and see Ambassador Rivas-Gallont and Deputy Minister Jiminez-Ortiz in the front row must have made them feel as if they were taking their final exams. I can assure you that they did an outstanding job and passed with flying colors.

You and the members of the American Security Council Foundation can be very proud of your role in sponsoring their United States speaking tour. I know they will take many memories back with them, but the most important of them will be the encouragement and opportunity which you provided them.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. John Fisher, President
AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1983

Dear Mr. Torres:

We were so pleased to have you as one of our speakers at our recent meeting of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

I am delighted that you and the other members in your group had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and speak to various student groups. Your commitment to democracy is so strong, I am certain you may have set many in your audiences to evaluating their own freedoms and deepening their appreciation for the liberties Americans enjoy.

Although we have heard about the devastating impact the guerilla attacks have had on the El Salvadoran economy and living conditions, the way in which you conveyed the dimension of the problem and your statement that the guerillas exist in El Salvador because they are supported by the Communist bloc gave a new perspective to our understanding of the problem.

Thank you for speaking to our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America and for so adeptly handling the questions from our audience.

Corrected

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Eduardo Torres
c/o The United States Embassy - El Salvador
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Memo to the Outreach Group

Attached is a proposed memorandum for your signature advising the members and guests of the speakers and rooms for November.

If it meets with your approval, please sign it using a BLACK pen. We will have it printed on White House letterhead and will send it to our listing.

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October 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE WHITE HOUSE
OUTREACH WORKING GROUP ON CENTRAL AMERICA

FROM: Faith Ryan Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

SUBJECT: Meetings for November

Following is a listing of our principal speakers and room locations for the Central American Outreach Meetings for the month of November. As usual, all meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m.:

- November 2 - "Grenada"
The Honorable James Michel,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
for Inter-American Affairs
Room #450 - Old Executive Office Building
- November 9 - "El Salvador as Seen by Its Youth"
Fernando Aceto
Ana Vicky Morales
Ana Berrios
Eduardo Torres
Bertha Van Ripper
Marisa Fortin
(NOTE: Only two of the above students
will be speaking after having returned
from a speaking tour of the United States)
Room #450 - Old Executive Office Building
- November 16 - "The Situation in the Caribbean"
General John Vessey,
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Room #450 - Old Executive Office Building
- November 23 - CANCELLED (Due to Thanksgiving Holiday)
- November 30 - "KGB Disinformation in the Media and Other
Soviet Active Measures"
Mr. Arnaud De Borchegrave, noted author/lecturer
Room #2008 - New Executive Office Building

If you have any questions, please contact: Mrs. Joyce Thomann, Office of Public Liaison (202) 456-2657.

December 14, 1983

Dear Jerry:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership of the National Forum Foundation, which has played a major role in educating the American public on Latin American affairs. Especially noteworthy is the leading role which the Foundation took in April of 1983 in establishing the Outreach Working Group on Central America, which brings together Administration policy-makers, participants from the Legislative Branch and independent organizations with wide public support.

The National Forum Foundation has played a key role in providing the American people with the information they need to understand national security issues in general and developments in Central America in particular. I extend my warmest thanks to you and your organization for the fine work you have done to see to it that America continues its fight to preserve peace and freedom.

Please accept my continued good wishes for every future success.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jeremiah Denton
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
cc: Merton Blackwell

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 17, 1983

M.B.

Dear Irving:

I wish to confirm the invitation extended to you by Doug Riggs to be a speaker at the White House Central American Outreach Group on Wednesday, October 26, 1983. The group consists of leaders from approximately 40 to 50 grass roots organizations representing millions of people. The meeting begins at 2:30.

If it is convenient, I would like for Doug to accompany you to my office at 2:15 so we could have an opportunity to meet. I will then introduce you at the Central America meeting.

Again, I appreciate your interest and look forward to meeting you.

Best personal regards,

Faith R. Whittlesey

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
For Public Liaison

Mr. Irving Brown
Director
International Affairs
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 290006

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
San Salvador, El Salvador

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October 31, 1983

Dear Mrs. Whittlesey:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 14 which arrived Friday. It was a pleasure to address the Outreach Group and, for once, to face a non-hostile audience.

I currently plan no travel out of El Salvador, but I will be sure to have USIA notify your office of all future trips to Washington. I would be more than happy to address your group again.

Sincerely yours,

Donald R. Hamilton
Public Affairs Officer

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Mrs. Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
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Carlos Anzoategui
11400 Falls Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854

October 27, 1983

Honorable Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

to Martin
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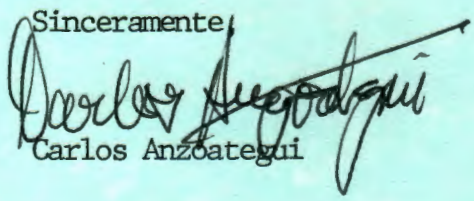
Dear Ambassador Whittlesey:

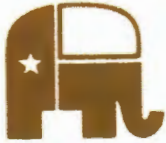
I am deeply grateful for your kindness in inviting me and including me in the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

The issues discussed are most important and beneficial for an understanding of the Administration policy on that region of our America.

Please be advised that I shall continue attending the briefings in private and personal capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights for the People of Nicaragua.

Thank you again for inviting me and please receive my warmest regards and good wishes,

Sinceramente,

Carlos Anzoategui



DIANA DENMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS

August 24, 1983

Dear Morton,

Many thanks for the enclosures on the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America, the 'Digests' and background paper on Central America.

We've got to keep support in those countries.
If only the Americans would read the facts!

I look forward to seeing you during my next trip up. Please call if you ever come this way.

Most Gratefully,

Mrs. Leroy G. Denman, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Republican Party of Texas

Morton Blackwell
The White House, RM 191
Washington, DC 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: JACK C. COURTEMANCHE
FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL MB
SUBJECT: Outreach Working Group "Questionnaire"

The attached questionnaire is intended for the people who have attended our Wednesday Central America briefings. This version of the questionnaire is based on the recommendations of the members of the Working Group at the Monday, November 28th meeting.

This questionnaire is being sent to you for your review and approval. I would appreciate it if you could advise me of your review today, so that the questionnaire can be included in our imminent mailing. Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

A Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire and return it to: The Office of Public Liaison, Room #191-OEOB, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. Thank you.

1. How many Wednesday Central America briefings, approximately, have you attended?
2. Please comment on the usefulness of the briefings you have attended.
3. What topics would be of interest to you for future speakers to address?
4. Who would be of particular interest to you as a speaker?
5. Would you recommend changing the format of the briefings? If so, how?
6. Have the materials which have been distributed to date been useful to you?
7. What additional types of materials/information would be useful to you?
8. Has your organization engaged in any outreach activities? For example: speakers/programs on Central America, op-ed pieces, newsletters, articles in publications of your organization, etc. Please specify.

9. As a part of the White House Outreach program, we have established a Central America Speakers Bureau. Have you/your organization already used our Central America Speakers Bureau?
10. Would your group need a speaker for one of its future meetings?
11. Are there groups you believe should be invited to the White House to receive a special briefing on Central America? If so, please identify.
12. Please use this space for any additional remarks/comments/suggestions you would like to make.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Optional: If you wish, please identify yourself and your organization.

Name: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____