WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/28/85  ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00 P.M. TODAY

SUBJECT: RADIO TALK: NICARAGUA

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RESPONSE: Noted by [Handwritten]

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Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702
PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: NICARAGUA
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985

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I know many well-intentioned people would rather not accept these facts. But we who have the responsibility for governing cannot afford to be ostriches with our heads in the sand. We cannot deny that Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko described the region on our doorstep as "boiling like a cauldron," and urged revolution; or deny that the Soviets turned Grenada into a warehouse of violence; or deny that, in the last 5 years, they
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
RAYMOND F. BURGHARDT

SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk on March 30: Nicaragua

Attached at Tab I is a memo from Bob Kimmitt to Ben Elliott forwarding the NSC recommended changes to the draft Presidential Radio Talk on Nicaragua scheduled for March 30 (see changes pages 3 and 4).

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bob Kimmitt to sign and forward the memo at Tab I with Tab A attached.

Approve _____  Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I - Kimmitt Memo to Elliott
Tab A - Draft Presidential Radio Talk on Nicaragua
w/Chew Staffing Memo of March 29, 1985
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Karna Small concurs.

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Attachments:
Tab I WH Staffing Memo w/speech

Bud and John provided comment directly to Cham. (See attached 2nd draft.)

3/29
MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: RAYMOND F. BURGHARDT

SUBJECT: President's March 30 Radio Talk

Ben Elliott's draft speech looks great. The outline of the speech was agreed to at one of the Buchanan group meetings on Tuesday. I have only made one editorial change on page 3, which I have already passed on to Ben.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign your memo to Ben Elliott at Tab I.

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North, Small, Matlock, Linhard, Fortier, Menges, Douglass, C. Lehman, Steiner, and Covey concur.

Attachments:

Tab I Memo to Ben Elliott
Tab A Proposed draft
MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
FROM: ROBERT KIMMITT
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Attached at Tab A are the NSC recommended changes to the subject draft.

Attachment
Tab A - Revised Draft Presidential Radio Talk on Nicaragua
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The NSC staff concurs in your proposed draft, with the changes as indicated.

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threat to our security, because the communist dictators of Cuba and Nicaragua have not only pledged to transform all Central America into one communist state, they have been caught, forgive me, red-handed, trying to do just that.

Right now, Havanna and Managua are waging a campaign of disinformation to cover up their deeds and reassure the American people with soft, reassuring words of peace. A secret Nicaraguan memo leaked to the Wall Street Journal revealed how the communists have used propaganda to smear their opponents, tighten censorship, and confuse the outside world.

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SUBJECT: RADIO TALK: NICARAGUA
(3/28 - 12:00 noon draft)

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March 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk: Nicaragua

We have reviewed the above-referenced draft Presidential radio address, and have no legal objections to it.

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cc: David L. Chew

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FROM: SHERRIE M. COOKSEY
SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk: Nicaragua

David Chew requested that we provide any comments or edits on the above-referenced draft Presidential remarks (which were received in my office at 2:30) directly to Ben Elliott by 3:00 p.m. today.

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