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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR PENDLETON JAMES

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Am*

SUBJECT: Candidates for the Caribbeana Council

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In response to the Caribbeana Council's request for suggestions for new board members the NSC recommends three names:

1. Professor Ronald Schneider, Queens College, N.Y.;
2. Robert Leiken, Georgetown, Center for Strategic and International Studies; and
3. James Theberge, independent consultant.

The Caribbeana Council is a private organization interested in promoting grass roots, self-help programs in the Caribbean. Its President, John Upston, is about to join the State Department as Coordinator of Caribbean Affairs.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

August 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE 

SUBJECT: Candidates for the Caribbeana Council

The Caribbeana Council has asked the Administration for suggestions on new board members (Tab A). It's a bit irregular, but Norman Bailey and I have three suggestions that could come out of Pen James' office. They are: (1) Ron Schneider, Queens College, New York; (2) Robert Leiken, Georgetown, CSIS; and Jim Theberge.

(Incidentally, the Council's President, John Upston, is about to join the State Department running ARA's Caribbean office.)

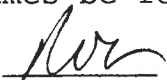
Attached at Tab B is a copy of an earlier reply from James' office.

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to Pen James recommending the NSC staff suggestions.

RECOMMENDATION

That these names be forwarded to Pen James' office.

Approve



Disapprove



Attachment

Tab I	Memorandum to Pen James
Tab A	Incoming Correspondence
Tab B	Letter to John Upston (Copy)

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August 6, 1981

Dear Mr. Upston:

On behalf of E. Pendleton James, I would like to thank you for your letter of July 15, regarding the Caribbeana Council's interest in adding to its Board of Directors and Advisory Boards.

I have forwarded your letter and accompanying information to our personnel specialists who might have specific input in this area.

We appreciate your taking the time to write and will keep you apprised of any recommendations.

Sincerely,

Jay Moorhead
Executive Assistant
to E. Pendleton James

Mr. John E. Upston, President
Caribbeana Council
1625 Eye Street, Northwest
Suite 412
Washington, D.C. 20006

cc: Wendy Borchardt w/ incoming -- Any ideas?
George Astengo w/ incoming -- Any ideas?
Richard Allen w/ incoming -- Any ideas?

August 11, 1951

Dear Mr. Weston:

In behalf of the California Council, I would like to thank you for your letter of July 13, regarding the California Council's interest in adding to its Board of Directors and Advisory Boards.

I have forwarded your letter and recommendations to our personnel specialists who will have specific input in this area.

We appreciate your taking the time to write and will keep you apprised of any recommendations.

Sincerely,

Jay Westland
Executive Assistant
to L. Reinhardt James

Mr. John H. Weston, President
California Council
1635 Eye Street, Northwest
Suite 412
Washington, D.C. 20002

cc: Wendy Burdick - Incoming -- Any ideas?
George Lathrop - Incoming -- Any ideas?
Richard Allen - Incoming -- Any ideas?



Caribbeana Council

1625 Eye Street, N. W./Suite 412/Washington, D.C. 20006
Telephone No. (202) 296-0364

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July 15, 1981

The Honorable Pendleton James
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Pen:

The Caribbeana Council is seeking to add to its Board of Directors and Advisory Boards a few individuals whose qualifications are known to and respected by your office.

The work of the Caribbeana Council, in working toward a free enterprise development of the Caribbean, is compatible with the initiative of the Reagan Administration in this regard.

It occurred to me that there might be people who -- for one reason or the other -- cannot take on a full-time appointment, but who want to get involved in the international field. The Caribbeana Council could well be attractive to such persons, who want to come to Washington from time to time with a purpose as well as purpose oriented visits to the Caribbean.

In view of the interest of Mexico and Venezuela in the Caribbean, we are particularly interested in involving Hispanic Americans with linkages to those countries. We are also interested in involving more people from Florida. Also, our all male Board needs an infusion of women.

You will note from the enclosed fact sheet on the Caribbeana Council some familiar names: Art Quinn, who worked on the transition -- Tony Marshall, who served as Ambassador to Trinidad and later Kenya in the Nixon-Ford years, etc.

Please let me know of any people who come to mind as we continue our effort to strengthen capability of both public and the private sector, in the cooperative spirit of the Reagan Administration.

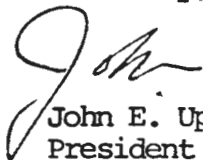
Caribbean Regional Office
Regina Court, Maxwell Gardens, Christ Church, Barbados
Telephone No. 89915

The Honorable Pendleton James
July 15, 1981
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I look forward to your reply.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".

John E. Upston
President

cc: Bob Gray
Chuck Crawford
(Gray & Company)

CARIBBEANA COUNCIL

CORPORATE STATUS

Incorporated in 1977 as a non-profit corporation by the Law Firm of Rogers and Wells.

TAX STATUS

501C3 tax exemption in force since 1977.

ORGANIZATION PURPOSES

Program design and implementation in the foreign assistance field, primarily in cooperation with the English Speaking Islands in the Caribbean. Programs are directed toward agricultural development and diversification -- strengthening the private sector at the community level -- economic stimulation and diversification to reduce unemployment -- and working toward the strengthening of a free press and other traditional institutions.

In short, to work with the private sector and with governments toward an economically viable Caribbean -- with a cultural and social environment conducive to the economic "lifeblood of tourism", but a more expanded economic base to reduce dependence on the tourist industry.

EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS, SINCE 1977

- 1) Development of a comprehensive sheep program for the Eastern Caribbean toward the objective of agricultural diversification and employment generation. This program -- centered in Barbados -- involves continuing technical assistance from the Council in cooperation with the State University of New York at Farmingdale.

- 2) Development of a community-based vegetable production program on the Island of Antigua. The Council designed and funded the pilot project and brought it to the point of economic self-sufficiency.

The program of vegetable production will be expanded by the Council to other Islands, with the establishment of a regional training facility.

- 3) Design of prototypes for new small scale agricultural related enterprise.

In this connection the Council has involved several expert consultants on a continuing association basis.

-- Leather and other sheep by-products, (with Dr. Glen Spurlock, University of California at Davis).

-- Conversion of agricultural waste to locally produced animal feed, (with Dr. Swan, University of Nottingham in England).

-- Development of an economically self-sustaining sheep industry, (with Dr. Ian Fraser, London).

- 4) Sponsorship and management of several major meetings:

-- The First Conference on Energy as it relates to the Island of the Caribbean.

-- A Women in Development Seminar on the Caribbean, as a 'kick-off' to the United Nations International Year of the Child.

-- A Seminar at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn focusing on the economic and cultural inter-relationship between the Caribbean Islands and the Caribbean community in Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens.

-- The First Meeting of the United States of Caribbean News Editors toward strengthening regional communication, training, new technology, etc.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS IN 1981-82

The Council will continue its basic program as developed over the past few years. It will expand its scope to provide technical and program design assistance to Jamaica. In addition to agriculture, an all out effort will be made to identify small and medium size enterprises and pro-

vide entrepreneurial linkages with counterparts in the United States and Canada in co-venturing.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John E. Upston, Founder of the Caribbeana Council

James W. Wine, Director of the International Bank

Peyton Woodson, Chairman of the British American Insurance
Company

Arthur Quinn, Partner, Hamel, Park, McCabe and Saunders,
Washington, DC

Anthony D. Marshall, A Director of the Vincent Astor Foundation
and Former U.S. Ambassador of Trinidad

Walker A. Williams, Executive Director of the Caribbeana Council

Jack Gloster, A Director of the Carnegie Insitution, New York

Harry Culbreth, British American Insurance Company

Theodore Pinnock, A Jamaica National and Prominent Educator
in Rural Development

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Arthur Quinn

James Wine

Harry Culbreth

OFFICERS AND STAFF (Washington)

John E. Upston, President

Walker A. Williams, Executive Director

William Gschwend, Program Director

Arthur Quinn, Treasurer

Susan Benton, Comptroller

Joan Favor, Office Manager

John Simms, Senior Consultant

The Council maintains a fully staffed regional office in Barbados, West Indies.

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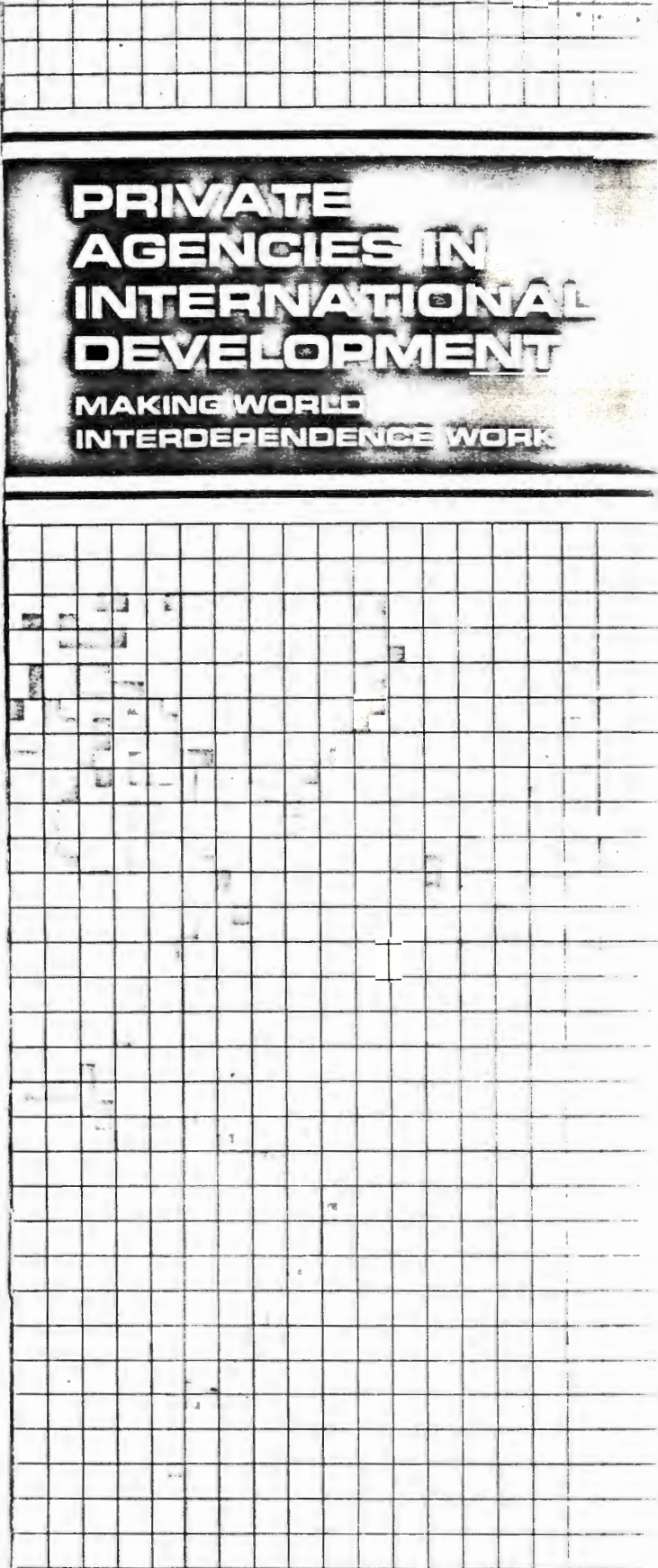
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TO JAMES, E

FROM UPSTON, JOHN E

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 24, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: NORMAN A. BAILEY *NB*

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address Latin American
Ambassadors' Group

The Latin American Ambassadors in Washington meet once a month at one Embassy or another for lunch to listen to and question an Administration figure.

At dinner on August 21, the Guatemalan Ambassador (Monterroso), who will be hosting the group at the October or November meeting, asked me to ask you if you would attend the luncheon and speak briefly. He said you could bring anyone with you you wanted to.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you indicate whether you would like to accept the invitation to lunch with the Latin American Ambassadors.

ACCEPT _____

REGRET _____

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Sure - I did this before,

cc: Roger Fontaine

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FROM BAILEY

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN 

SUBJECT: Status of the Caribbean Basin Initiative
(CBI)

Attached at Tab A is a brief report to you from Secretary Haig on the status of the Caribbean Basin Initiative laying out the schedule of proposed meetings between donors and recipient nations.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker

Attachment

Tab A Memorandum from Secretary Haig

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 25, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE *ry*SUBJECT: Status of the Caribbean Basin Initiative
(CBI)

Attached at Tab A is a brief report to the President from Secretary Haig on the status of the Caribbean Basin Initiative laying out the schedule of proposed meetings between donors and recipient nations.

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum transmitting Secretary Haig's report to the President.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign your memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Memorandum from Sec. Haig

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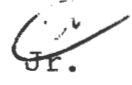
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

Subject: Status of the Caribbean Basin Initiative
(CBI)

A meeting of the Nassau Four with Central American countries (including Panama) to discuss CBI has been tentatively scheduled for September 7-8 in Costa Rica at the Assistant Secretary level.

We are seeking to promote an early meeting between the Four and the Caribbean countries, in such a way as to gracefully exclude Cuba, and will inform you of our progress. Both meetings are intended to identify priority areas for action and to establish institutional mechanisms to pursue these areas in greater detail.

Following these initial consultations we will arrange a meeting between the Nassau Four and other donors (Development Assistance Committee, MDBs) to discuss progress on the CBI and we envision another Foreign Ministers meeting of the Four before the end of the year to review progress and ratify the institutional set up for implementing the initiative.

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE

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Name of Correspondent: Eleanor Foster☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: expresses concerns on Central America and
and Middle East

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DATE November 5, 1981

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Richard V. Allen
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Ms. Eleanor Foster

DATE: 8/26/81 SUBJECT: U.S. policy toward
Central America and the Middle East

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 9/22/81 NSC # 040020

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☐ A draft reply is attached
- ☐ A draft reply will be forwarded
- ☐ A translation is attached
- ☒ XXX An information copy of a direct reply is attached
- ☐ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below
- ☐ Other

REMARKS:


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

04 NOV 1981

Dear Ms. Foster:

I have been asked to reply to your letter to President Reagan regarding U.S. policy toward the Middle East and Central America, particularly El Salvador. I sincerely regret the delay in this response.

We appreciated the special effort you made to let us know the foreign policy concerns expressed by the Pacific Yearly Meeting during its August 6 convention. Regarding the Middle East, strengthening security in the region and continuing the search for peace between Israel and the Arab countries are mutually reinforcing elements in our policy. These states are more likely to move toward peace if they feel secure and confident. For example, we believe the sale of defensive military equipment to Saudi Arabia will help the Saudis promote stability in the Middle East and expand their already great cooperation with us.

This Administration remains fully committed to the security and well-being of Israel and to the friendship between our two countries. Our position regarding the PLO remains unchanged. We will neither recognize nor negotiate with the PLO until it (a) accepts U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which are the basis for efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, and (b) accepts the right of all states in the area, including Israel, to exist in peace. The United States will continue to do everything in its power to achieve a just and lasting peace for all in the Middle East.

We also seek to address the challenges facing our friends in Central America. These nations should be free to solve their internal problems without intimidation or violence supported by Cuba and other Communist governments. In El Salvador, for instance, we seek to reduce the violence and instability there to ease the transition to an elected government. Having already initiated far-reaching reforms in agriculture, the banking system and export trade, the Duarte government started the electoral process with the appointment in March of

Ms. Eleanor Foster,
Presiding Clerk,
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends,
118 Miles Street,
Santa Cruz, California.

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an electoral commission. Our challenge is to assist the Salvadoran Government in maintaining the pace of economic and social progress in El Salvador, despite deliberate efforts by the left-wing insurgents to disrupt that progress. We are providing security assistance with the greatest prudence and caution and with the lessons of the past very much in mind. The major emphasis of our assistance program, however, is economic rather than military: U.S. economic aid will be more than three times our military aid.

Violence is the enemy of all democratic principles, individual rights, and economic progress. The impetus for the cycle of violence which El Salvador has undergone since 1979 is the attempt by the extreme left to capitalize on existing grievances and seize political power. The United States opposes extremism of the right as well as the left and supports the efforts of the Salvadoran Government to curb rightist violence. In our view, the Duarte government presents the best chance for a transition to a democratic political system that will offer the Salvadoran people stability, economic progress, and a real measure of control over their future.

In view of the Society's concern, I am pleased to enclose material that explains our overall policy toward Central America, including El Salvador.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dean E. Fischer
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs and
Department Spokesman

Enclosures.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 26, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. ELEANOR FOSTER
PRESIDING CLERK
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
118 MILES STREET
SANTA CRUZ CA 95060

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERNS ON CENTRAL AMERICAN AND
MIDDLE EAST

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:
LESLIE SORG
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

118 Miles St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
August 26, 1981

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President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President,

The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, composed of 41 Monthly and Preparative Meetings from throughout California, Mexico, and Hawaii, assembling in convention on August 6, 1981, minuted these concerns on Central America and the Middle East. They are addressed to you and to other responsible persons in our government.

Our efforts now must all be directed towards seeking peace, for war and the threat of war hold the end of humankind in its embrace. A stand for peace must necessarily embody a concern for justice or it is empty.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Foster

Eleanor Foster, Presiding Clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING MINUTE - 1981

CENTRAL AMERICAN REPRESSION

To the U.S. Government and our fellow-citizens:

As Friends concerned with the application of Christ's law of love and the principle of non-violence, we believe that the present U.S. administration is supporting terrorism against the vast majority of Central American people. "The real power," said El Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, speaking of his country before his assassination, "is in the hands of the most repressive sector of the armed forces." Therefore, we petition the United States government to cease all forms of aid to the repressive regimes in Central America. Moreover, we urge that the U.S. encourage efforts toward a negotiated peace, that all Central American people may enjoy the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING MINUTE - 1981

MIDDLE EAST PEACE

To President Reagan and Members of Congress:

The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges the United States government to include the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in negotiations, to ask the PLO and Israel to agree to the mutual recognition of the State of Israel and an independent state for the Palestinians, and to cease all shipments of arms to the Middle East.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS:

Attached are the basic talking points for use in Congressional notification/consultation on the Caribbean Basin Program. Contacts are to be made today and tomorrow as indicated in my memo of February 20. (attached)

If you have any questions, please call.

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TO: Mr. Kenneth Duberstein, Assistant to the
President for Legislative Affairs

FROM: Thomas O. Enders *TO: Mr. Duberstein*
Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-
American Affairs

SUBJECT: Caribbean Basin Program

Attached are the basic talking points and key
"if asked" points for use in Congressional notifica-
tion/consultation on the Caribbean Basin Program.
As indicated by you in making assignments, contacts
are to be Monday, February 22, and Tuesday, February 23.

Attachment:
As stated.

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TALKING POINTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS ON CBI

-- There is a potential catastrophe in the Caribbean Basin. If we do not act boldly and soon, we will see more Cubas, more Mariels, more boat people.

-- Vital U.S. interests are at stake: denial of military facilities to our adversaries; critical resources like bauxite and oil; vital sea lanes including the Panama canal. Over half our total imports and exports pass through the Caribbean.

-- Low commodity prices and internal unrest have severely damaged the two dozen small fragile nations to our south. Inflation and unemployment are skyrocketing.

-- Cuba is exploiting the problems of the Caribbean, has won one new base (Nicaragua) and threatens to get others in Central America.

-- We must respond to the economic crisis and the security threat in a comprehensive way. Our response will have costs, but they will be far less -- financially, politically, socially -- than allowing the development of a string of hostile states or major social upheavals on our border.

-- The President will announce his economic proposals for the area Wednesday noon.

-- We have developed this program in coordination with Mexico, Venezuela and Canada -- all of whom will also be making major contributions in aid and trade. Europeans and Japanese will also do more.

-- The program of trade, investment and aid addresses both emergency problems and long-range political and economic development. Its purpose is to put as many countries as possible beyond the reach of Cuba. Each part reinforces the other. All are needed to do the job.

-- Access to our market is the key proposal. The President will request authority to negotiate country-by-country to eliminate duties on all imports from the Basin except on textiles. (If asked: On textiles and apparel we would increase quotas, decreasing them elsewhere.)

-- We will seek Congressional authorization to grant US investors in the Basin countries a meaningful tax incentive. The specifics will be worked out in consultation with Congress.

-- The President will request a FY 82 supplemental assistance appropriation for \$350 million (If asked: \$100 million for El Salvador) to deal with the acute and immediate crisis faced by key countries in the region. He will also ask for a substantial increase in aid for these countries in FY 83. This increased aid is vital to assure that the trade and investment measures have time to work. It will go to the private sector. We recognize how tight the budget is, but our security won't wait.

-- What we offer is opportunities--to trade, attract investment. It's up to the beneficiaries to take advantage of them. What we ask is adoption of policies to encourage private enterprise and investment. Countries that don't adopt such policies (say Nicaragua, Grenada) won't get the benefits.

-- Overall program won't take jobs away from U.S. and might add to them. Additional dollars Caribbean Basin countries earn from us they will spend here.

-- Development gives an alternative to would-be migrants, thus relieving one pressure on the U.S. job market.

-- These measures can't work where terrorists are able to drain resources, demoralize populations, destroy infrastructure. The terrorists must be dealt with. But we have agreed with the other donors to deal with security measures separately. In dollar terms the overwhelming proportion of our assistance will be economic.

-- I hope you will help with the program. We need early statements of support to show our adversaries and our friends worldwide that this nation will help friendly countries on our border when they face desperate circumstances.

IF ASKED

Sensitive Products: Citrus, winter vegetables, shoes, leather apparel etc. and safeguards.

-- Most of the countries in the Basin are so small that they are not a threat to workers in the US. In Central America the problems are so acute that there is little threat of a rapid increase in exports to the US. The psychological political statement of offering access to the US market is as important as the immediate economic benefits. Of course if there are injurious sudden increases

of imports that threaten American workers, there are safeguards which we intend to enforce.

Sugar

-- Sugar is included in the duty-free exemptions but volumes are limited by quota to protect the US domestic support price and to assure that the CCC will not have to purchase surpluses.

Exceptions to the Trade Area

-- It will take only a few exceptions to destroy the credibility of the trade area which our adversaries in the area would then attack as a sham. Moreover, we simply can't start down the road of exceptions and we are counting on the American people to understand that there are vital national interests at stake and only a very minor risk of injury to our industries and workers.

Security assistant component

-- The overwhelming percent of the US assistance going to the Caribbean Basin is economic assistance. The President has allocated \$55 million from emergency funds to military

assistance for El Salvador and is not now proposing a further increase. But we will continue to assess the possible need for such increases.

Minority Interests

-- Large groups in this country have close ties with the Caribbean -- Blacks with the island Caribbean, and Hispanics with Central America and the Dominican Republic. For too long our economic programs have done less for these areas ethnically and geographically close to us than for more remote areas.

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

-- Because the CBI diffuses the advantages which Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands now enjoy as outlets for US investment, a package of offsetting benefits has been designed to reassure Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands that the CBI will favorably affect them. For example, agreement that the excise tax collected on imported rum will be rebated to the possessions and expansion of the airport in St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands.

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