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February 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Council Meeting (X)

The President will chair a meeting of the National Security Council on Friday, February 27, 1981, at 11:00 A.M. The meeting will last an hour. Principals only will attend. (X)

Agenda items will include El Salvador and the Caribbean Basin, Poland, and the F-15 Enhancement Package for Saudi Arabia. (X)

The President also will chair a meeting of the National Security Council on Wednesday, March 4, 1981, at 11:15 A.M. The meeting will last an hour. Principals only will attend and will be notified of agenda items. (X)

Commencing March 12, 1981, and thereafter, the President will chair a meeting of the National Security Council every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Meetings will last an hour. Principals only will attend and will be advised of the agenda. (X)

All briefing materials are to be submitted to James W. Nance, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, by the close of business two days prior to the meeting date. (X)

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of NSC Meeting,
February 27, 1981

Following for your information is the Summary of Conclusions of the NSC meeting on El Salvador:

- Deploy a single five-man Operational Planning Assistance Team (OPAT) and three five-man Small Unit Training Teams (SUT), for a total of 20 additional personnel, as requested by the Government of El Salvador and approved by our Ambassador with support of his entire country team. (S)
- Teams may be deployed to garrisons outside of San Salvador as the Ambassador (Chief of Mission) may direct. (S)
- Reprogram \$5M in FY 81 FMS for El Salvador. (S)
- Provide \$20M in FY 81 under Section 506a, Foreign Assistance Act, for El Salvador. (S)
- Deploy a military survey team to Honduras to determine requirements. (S)
- Integrate the CIA and DOD plans and programs. (S)
- Consult informally with Congress; War Powers Resolution does not apply to present circumstances. (S)

cc: Wm Schneider

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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

(El Salvador)

It was concluded that prompt action needed to be taken to shore up the GOES. It was also concluded that training personnel would be in uniform and would be deployed in garrisons outside San Salvador. The MTTs, however, would be there in a strictly training capacity and specific prohibitions against any combat advisory role were agreed on.

It was decided that Congress be consulted informally and on a routine a basis as possible.

It was also decided to continue work on a longer-term strategy which would carefully blend both covert and overt actions.

The short-term decisions were:

- sending the additional MTTs;
- funding additional military assistance from \$5 million of reprogrammed aid and \$20 million under Section 506;
- sending in a MTT survey team to Honduras.

Summary of Conclusions
(Saudi Arabia)

Saudi F-15 Enhancement

- The President gave final approval to the February 6, 1981 proposal of the Secretaries of State and Defense to provide selected F-15 enhancement items to Saudi Arabia and to provide additional security assistance to Israel.
- As reflected in the Secretaries' proposal, the USG will be supportive of Israeli sales of Kfir aircraft in the context of our more forthcoming arms sales policy. The Israelis still will have to compete for sales on an even basis with US aerospace companies.
- This favorable decision on the Saudi request for F-15 enhancement should form the basis for an improved dialogue with the Saudis on a broad range of security issues of mutual concern. The cables from the Secretaries of State and Defense to their Saudi counterparts should make this point.
- The National Security Council Staff will prepare and circulate a draft talking paper for use with key leaders of the American Jewish community. The paper will stress the President's commitment that the USG will take no action in this area that would be harmful to Israel's security interests.

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