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June 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for the Democratic Resistance Forces in
Nicaragua (S)

The President is expecting to receive and approve legislation allowing the provision of direct intelligence support to the Democratic Resistance opposing the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua. In anticipation of this event, you are requested to take immediate steps to establish the capability to provide this much needed support. (S)

Based on the highly successful interagency Central America Joint Intelligence Team (CAJIT) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] request that Secretary of Defense take the following actions with support from STATE and CIA as required:

o Produce a plan for long-term production of detailed tactical intelligence support to the Democratic Resistance forces, [REDACTED]

o Be able to provide the required intelligence on a continuous basis by not later than mid-Autumn 1985 [REDACTED]

o Develop mechanisms for the provision of CAJIT-produced intelligence to the resistance forces to include secure electronic transmission of reports and imagery and, as required, delivery of special products [REDACTED]

o Insure that an appropriate common map basis exists or is produced on an expeditious basis. Map sources currently available to the resistance forces are unacceptable for the exchange of intelligence information or detailed tactical planning. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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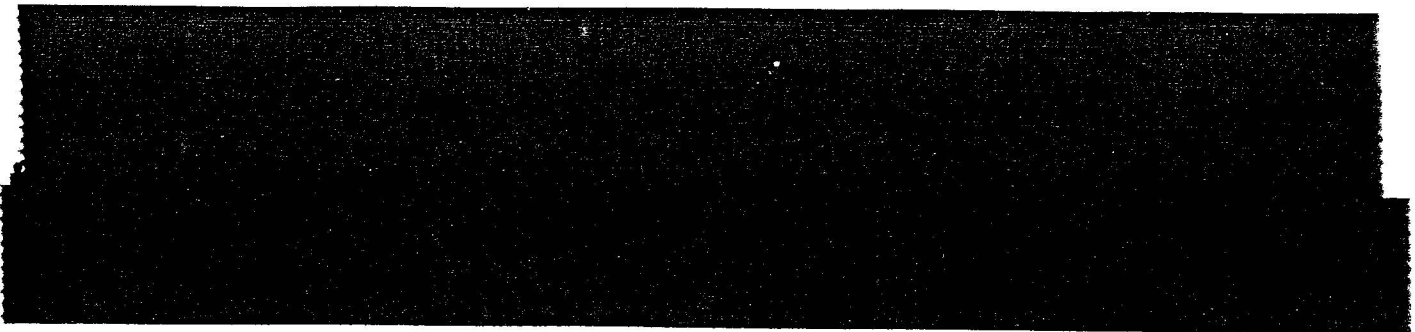
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Separate issue which we don't think should be addressed in the McF memo, but should be handled informally or within DOD are:



If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, please don't hesitate to call me at KY 2792 or Grey 960-3181/2/3.

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We have no record "down in the trenches" of any NSD MEF memo telling us to get on with Nicaragua. In fact, during Feb 85, we tried to get the Bushalter group to request an NSDD on some such memo so that we could get "community" support for the increase in collection priority against Nicaragua.

Please make sure DOD gets primary action with CIA/STATE support or else it will turn into a turf battle.