

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM: WILLIAM B. LYTTON, III *w*

SUBJECT: OLIVER NORTH: CONTACTS WITH THE PRESIDENT

North spoke with the President on the telephone on only two occasions when he was telephoned by the President.

March 27, 1984 - Conference call with the President, Jackie Tillman (NSC), and Alvarado Magana Borge, (Provisional President of El Salvador).

November 25, 1986 - 6:43 pm - 6:45 p.m. to Room 2303 at the Sheraton Premier Hotel, Vienna, Virginia. This was the "good by" call.

Secord testified on May 6, 1987, at about 2:55 p.m. that he was in the hotel room with North when the President's call came in. He testified that he heard North say to the President:

"Mr. President. I'm sorry it had to end this way, I was trying to serve you the best way I knew how, Mr. President."

Secord also testified that, before this call from the President, North had spoken with the Vice President.

The Vice President's records reflect that he received a call from and spoke with North at 4:20 p.m. on November 25, 1986, in the V.P.'s office in the West Wing. We do not know how long that call lasted.

The President and the Vice President spoke on the phone with each other on the same date, November 25, 1986, from 5:02 p.m. to 5:04 p.m.

North met with the President on approximately 33 occasions, never with fewer than three other people in the room (except possibly for the photo opportunity with Ms. Newington when only the President, North, Ms. Newington and Pat Buchanan were present according, to the Diarist's computer records). The meetings may be described as follows:

Business meetings	-	11
NSPG's	-	6
NSB's	-	7
NSC's	-	1
Ceremonials	-	8
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To our knowledge, North never told the President of the diversion. The President has said he was never told of the diversion of Iran arms profits to the Contras, and, to our knowledge, no one has ever contradicted this.

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Attachment