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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Funding for the Nicaraguan Program and El Salvador
(S)

Our urgent supplemental request for \$21M to maintain the Nicaraguan program and \$62.7M in emergency security assistance for El Salvador has been returned to the House in disagreement from the House/Senate Appropriations Conference. It is likely that this legislation will be voted on the House Floor early next week. (S)

The Secretary of State shall take the lead in developing a concerted Administration effort to achieve passage of the El Salvador supplemental and Congressional approval for sufficient resources to continue our support to the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance. This endeavor should be fully coordinated with and supported by the DOD and the Intelligence Community. (S)

We should frame our approach on the strategic importance of Central America to our own national security. It should be stressed that continuing the Nicaraguan program is critical not only to the future of Central America but to our world-wide credibility. Measures should be taken to cause a closed briefing for the entire House of Representatives so that there can be no doubt that "terminating" this program would have disastrous results for the United States. (S)

Ronald Reagan

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