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DECISION MEMORANDUM

The following decisions were unanimously endorsed at the June 1, 1981 meeting of the National Security Council:

CARIBBEAN BASIN

(1) Funding for implementation of the Caribbean Basin Program (currently estimated by the State Department at approximately \$300 million - \$400 million) must be within totals already established by the President in the outyear projections for FY-83 and not treated as add-ons to the budget.

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

(2) The Special Trade Representative will head an inter-agency task force to analyze the structure and implementation of the Caribbean Basin Program.

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

(3) In view of the need for in-depth preparations, it may not be possible to announce the Caribbean Basin Program at the conclusion of the Lopez-Portillo visit. Accordingly, it is proposed that a meeting be held in Miami in late June between the Secretary of State and the Foreign Ministers of Canada, Mexico and Venezuela, and in California in August between the President and the respective Heads of State to formalize the announcement of the Caribbean Basin Program.

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

(4) The Governor of Puerto Rico will be briefed fully on all aspects of the program.

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER

(1) The draft NSDD on Conventional Arms Transfer is approved in principle and will be issued over the President's signature (Tab B).

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

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Review on June 1, 2011
Extended by Richard V. Allen
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(2) The Administration agrees in principle to the sale of F-16A aircraft to Venezuela. The announcement of this decision will be made in advance of the proposed visit to Washington by Venezuelan President Herrera Campins.

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

(3) Arms sales that raise significant policy issues or budget questions, or that have major political or media aspects, will be forwarded to the President for review, either in a decision memorandum or as an NSC agenda item.

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

(4) United States Government representatives should actively promote the F-5G and F-16/79 as capable, lower-cost, and more easily maintainable alternatives to first-line fighter aircraft.

APPROVE RR DISAPPROVE _____

LIBYA

(1) The National Security Council approves in principle the proposed naval exercise in the Gulf of Sidra and agrees that it should be postponed until August, at which time there will be two carrier groups in the region. Contingency plans in the event of a Libyan response to the naval exercise will be discussed at a later NSC meeting.

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