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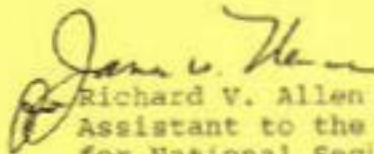
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February 18, 1981

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 (U)

Attached is a copy of a paper that was prepared by the State Department for the National Security Council Meeting scheduled for February 18, 1981 at 10:30 a.m. (C)



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

Attachment

cc: Jeane Kirkpatrick
 William Clark
 Frank Carlucci

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 17, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Paper for the NSC Meeting on El Salvador

Attached is a paper for the upcoming National Security Council meeting on El Salvador.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Briefing paper entitled
"El Salvador Interagency Options
Paper for the NSC"

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Summary NSC Paper on El Salvador

The level of future infiltration of materiel and men for the insurgents in El Salvador is unknown. Our information on the current strength and strategy of the guerrillas is spotty.

A comprehensive Interagency study on U.S. policy is currently underway. The U.S. Embassy has requested early action on a minimum package of additional helicopters, additional mobile training teams and US MILGP augmentation. Given the public attention to this issue, some preliminary decisions are required before completion of the basic study.

The Interagency Group recommends:

- The President should issue an unambiguous statement of our resolve to support the Salvadoran Government and oppose the Cuban-backed insurgents.
- Four additional UH-1H helicopters should be provided to El Salvador.
- A six-man naval MTT should be deployed to assist the Salvadoran Navy in interdiction techniques and maintenance.
- An additional \$5 million FMS guaranteed loan should be made available quickly through reprogramming (a 15 day Congressional Notification is required).
- The US should work closely with the GOES and its other principal supporter, Venezuela, in coordinating international strategy.

There are two issues requiring NSC decision.

(A) Training: The Embassy recommends we deploy 4 five-man training teams outside the capital. Our options, with Congressional/legislative constraints, are four:

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 20, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN
FROM: ROGER FONTAINE **RF**
SUBJECT: The President's Decisions on El Salvador ~~(S)~~

At Tab A is a Presidential directive to the Secretary of Defense implementing the decision taken at the NSC meeting, February 18, 1981. That decision called for a naval MTT to be dispatched to El Salvador and the augmentation of the MILGROUP in that country. ~~(S)~~

At today's Interagency Group meeting held at the State Department, the military representation were not sure what had been decided, and stated that no action could be taken until they received a memorandum from you. ~~(S)~~

Janet Colson said there was no formal mechanism yet, and suggested I draft a memorandum for your signature. (U)

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the Secretary of Defense at Tab A. (U)

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