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The President has reviewed the interagency study outlining U.S. policy in Central America and Cuba through 1984. Our current strategy is sound, but relies heavily on maintaining adequate resources for continued success. In addition, a consistent and high level focus of all concerned agencies is required to fully implement prior decisions and expand on our current efforts. He, therefore, has reached the following decisions:

- (1) The decisions contained in NSDD 17 are to be fully and consistently implemented.
- (2) An interagency group will be formed immediately under the direction of the Assistant to the President for Legislative Liaison to provide whatever support is required to obtain Congressional approval for the FY 82 supplemental requests for the region.
- (3) Our current public affairs and Congressional information programs will be improved. The public affairs effort shall be internationalized, targeting opinion leaders and organizations worldwide.
- (4) The Secretaries of State and Defense will review current personnel strengths in the region for adequacy to carry out our policy and forward appropriate recommendations for approval.
- (5) FMS cash sales to Guatemala is authorized; reprogram up to \$50,000 in IMET funds for FY 82 and up to \$10 million in FMS credits for FY 83.
- (6) To insure that all components of our strategy, to include negotiations, remain mutually reinforcing and valid, the Interagency Core Group will forward periodic status reports on our progress through the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for the President's review.

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