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WASHINGTON

December 9, 1989

Mr. President:

Attached are talking points for your telephone call with President Arias. He will initiate the call and the Costa Ricans have been told that "around noon" tomorrow (Sunday) would be the most convenient time for you.

In addition to giving Arias more detail on your discussion with Gorbachev about Central America, this conversation offers you the opportunity to stiffen his spine on the Central American Presidents' meeting which will be taking place also tomorrow.



Robert Gates

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POINTS TO BE MADE FOR POSSIBLE TELEPHONE CALL
FROM COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ARIAS

- As I told you in my telegram, I referred specifically to your telephone call to me when I urged President Gorbachev to insist that Castro stop supporting the FMLN.
- I must say that we did not receive a satisfactory response.
- Gorbachev said that he had already sought to influence Castro. He also said that the Nicaraguans had given assurances that they were not supplying arms to the FMLN.
- I told him quite clearly that the Sandinistas were doing so. We are going to continue to press the Soviets on this issue, and I urge you to do so as well.
- The Central American Presidents have an important opportunity to press this point at the summit meeting this weekend. I hope you will support Cristiani on this, as well as demand that the FMLN stop its offensive in the cities.
- I believe that the UN Observer Group -- ONUCA -- should have an important role to play in monitoring arms flow to the FMLN, and I hope it will begin operations quickly.
- I know Ortega wants to discuss Contra demobilization. I hope you will emphasize that he has to create the conditions so they can return, beginning with cease-fire talks. His side walked out of the talks in Washington.
- There should not be unrealistic deadlines. That would only further disrupt the painstakingly crafted Esquipulas process. Moreover, failure to meet them could lead the Sandinistas to cancel or postpone the elections.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506
December 9, 1989

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. GATES

THROUGH: WILLIAM T. PRYCE *WTP*

FROM: DAVID A. PACELLI *DAP*

SUBJECT: Possible Telephone Call to the President From
Costa Rican President Arias

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Costa Rican President Arias has received the President's message on the conversations as Malta concerning Soviet support for the Central American peace process (Tab II). Nevertheless, he asked the U.S. Embassy on Thursday if the President would accept a call from him this weekend to further discuss the subject. In the President's previous telephone conversation with Arias on November 28, Arias expressed the view that the Soviets should hold Fidel Castro to account, since he was the primary one responsible for assisting the FMLN offensive.

We believe the President should accept the call. The talking points at Tab I address the Malta meeting and issues at the Central American summit.

The summit was originally to take place in Managua, but was moved to San Jose after Salvadoran President Cristiani announced he would refuse to come. The Central American Foreign Ministers meet today, and the Presidents will meet on Sunday and Monday. The primary agenda question is Nicaraguan support for the FMLN, but Ortega has insisted that a second agenda item be added on the status of Contra demobilization. According to the Tela agreement, that was supposed to have taken place by December 5.

We are concerned that the Central Americans will not give Cristiani sufficient support and that they will put set a new unrealistic date for the Contras to disarm.

AAB for RB
Concurrence by: Robert Blackwill

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward to the President the Points to be Made at Tab I in the event of an Arias call.

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Attachments

Tab I Points to be Made

Tab II The President's Telegram to Arias

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U.S. AID IN INVESTIGATING THE JESUIT MURDERS

- WE FACILITATED THE TRAVEL OF THREE PRIVATE U.S. PATHOLOGISTS TO REVIEW THE OFFICIAL AUTOPSIES; THEY WERE SATISFIED AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF TORTURE.
- IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CRISTIANI'S REQUEST, WE SENT TWO USG EXPERTS TO ASSIST THE INVESTIGATION. THE FBI IS ALSO PROVIDING FORENSIC ANALYSIS IN THE U.S. WE STAND READY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED.
- AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPANISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS AND THE SALVADORAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WE GAVE HUMANITARIAN PAROLE TO A WOMAN WHO SAID SHE WITNESSED THE CRIME (LUISA CERNA) AND HER FAMILY.

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- WE HAVE FACILITATED POLYGRAPHS OF MRS. CERNA TO ASSIST IN HAVING AS MUCH USEFUL TESTIMONY AS POSSIBLE; SHE HAS NOT BEEN HARASSED OR MISTREATED IN ANY WAY.
- WE HAVE CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE TO THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF A FULL AND PROMPT INVESTIGATION. PRESIDENT CRISTIANI HAS PLEDGED TO PROSECUTE WHOMEVER IS RESPONSIBLE.

U.S. AID IN INVESTIGATING THE JESUIT MURDERS

- We facilitated the travel of three private U.S. pathologists to review the official autopsies; they were satisfied and found no evidence of torture.
- In response to President Cristiani's request, we sent two USG experts to assist the investigation. The FBI is also providing forensic analysis in the U.S. We stand ready to provide additional assistance as needed.
- At the request of the Spanish and French governments and the Salvadoran catholic church, we gave humanitarian parole to a woman who said she witnessed the crime (Luisa Xerna) and her family.
- We have facilitated polygraphs of Mrs. Cerna to assist in having as much useful testimony as possible; she has not been harassed or mistreated in any way.
- We have continued to emphasize to the Salvadoran government the importance of a full and prompt investigation. President Cristiani has pledged to prosecute whomever is responsible.

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EL SALVADOR: JESUIT WITNESS

Q: Comment on Rivera Damas' allegations that U.S. officials "brainwashed" witness to Jesuits' slaying?

A: WE ABSOLUTELY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY DENY ANY ALLEGATION THAT U.S. OFFICIALS MISTREATED THE WITNESS. SINCE THE TERRIBLE KILLINGS TOOK PLACE THERE HAVE BEEN MANY MINSINFORMED AND UNSUBSTANTIATED STATEMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY. THE ARCHBISHOP HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN THE CORRECT FACTS IN THIS CASE.

-- WE HAVE A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO FIND THE KILLERS OF FATHER ELLACURIA AND THE OTHERS.

-- AS WE PROMISED PRESIDENT CRISTIANI AND THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE, WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THE SALVADORANS FIND THE KILLERS AND BRING THEM TO JUSTICE.

-- WE EXPECT THIS CASE TO BE INVESTIGATED FULLY AND PROMPTLY. AND THAT THOSE IMPLICATED BY THE INVESTIGATION BE PROSECUTED. WE HAVE MADE THIS ENTIRELY CLEAR TO PRESIDENT CRISTIANI AND THE ARMED FORCES. IT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE FOR US TO DISCREDIT A WITNESS.

Q: Precisely how was she treated?

A: THE WITNESS WAS BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE SHE, THE CHURCH, AND THE SPANISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS REQUESTED THAT SHE BE BROUGHT HERE.

-- SHE WAS KEPT AT U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPENSE IN A HOTEL. THIS WAS FULLY COORDINATED WITH THE JESUIT COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE JESUITS COULD SEE HER AT ANY TIME THEY WISHED. AT THE CONCLUSION OF HER QUESTIONING, SHE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE JESUITS.

-- SHE AND HER FAMILY WERE GIVEN HUMANITARIAN PAROLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Q: Did a Salvadoran interrogate her?

A: THE HEAD OF THE SALVADORAN SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, A MILITARY OFFICER, TOOK THE WITNESS' STATEMENT. A U.S. OFFICIAL OBSERVED ALL THESE INTERVIEWS.

Q: Did she have a lawyer?

A: NO. SHE IS NOT A SUSPECT. THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEW WAS TO DETERMINE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT WHAT SHE KNEW.

Q: Was she polygraphed?

A: YES, SHE TOOK AT LEAST SIX POLYGRAPHS OVER THREE DAYS.

Q: What did the interviews and polygraphs reveal?

A: THE WITNESS OFFERED THREE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF WHAT SHE HAD SEEN AND HEARD OF THE CRIME. WE BELIEVE THE WITNESS WAS NERVOUS BECAUSE OF THE STRESS OF HER SITUATION AND HER DISCOMFORT WITH BEING UPROOTED FROM EL SALVADOR. THIS MAY EXPLAIN THE FLUCTUATIONS IN HER STORY.

Q: Did U.S. or Salvadoran officials intimidate her?

A: ABSOLUTELY NOT. WE TRIED TO MAKE HER FEEL SAFE AND SECURE AND TO CREATE A SITUATION IN WHICH SHE FELT THAT SHE COULD DISCUSS FREELY WHAT SHE HAD SEEN. AS A WITNESS TO A CRIME, SHE WAS INTERVIEWED EXTENSIVELY BY THE FBI AND THE SALVADORAN INVESTIGATOR FROM THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT. WE REPEAT, SHE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AT HER OWN REQUEST AND WAS QUESTIONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT.

-- WE EXTENDED EVERY COURTESY TO HER, INCLUDING HUMANITARIAN PAROLE, A PLACE TO STAY, AND SECURITY. THE CHURCH WAS GIVEN TOTAL ACCESS TO HER, AND NEVER COMPLAINED OF HER TREATMENT.

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SUMMARY OF 13-POINT
CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT AGREEMENT
December 12, 1989

(Declaration of San Isidro de Coronado)

1. Condemns armed actions and terrorism by irregular forces.
2. Supports President Cristiani, calling his government "democratic, pluralistic and participative."
3. Supports Salvadoran Government in its pursuit of peaceful solution to the Salvadoran conflict; reiterates call on FMLN to immediately cease hostilities, renew peace talks, and renounce attacks on civilian population. Asks UN Secretary General to help restart peace talks.
4. Points out that demobilization applies to the FMLN; asks CIAV (the UN/OAS body created to assist demobilization) to initiate actions for FMLN demobilization.
5. Supports Nicaraguan Government in that funds for the Nicaraguan Resistance for voluntary demobilization, repatriation, and relocation be immediately turned over to CIAV.
6. The UN border-monitoring force, ONUCA, should accelerate its efforts to prevent arms from reaching the Nicaraguan Resistance and the FMLN.
7. Nicaragua reiterates its offer to take steps so that returning Resistance members may register to vote.
8. Underscores importance of international economic cooperation for peace prospects.
9. Ratify their commitment to respect human rights.
10. Request the UN Secretary General to establish necessary links to involve more directly in peace efforts other states with interests in the region; requests ONUCA mandate be extended to include verification of the cessation of hostilities and demobilization of irregular forces.
11. Reaffirms that ONUCA deployment is of utmost urgency; asks UN Secretary General to accelerate its deployment.
12. Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica exhort Salvadoran and Nicaraguan Presidents to reestablish diplomatic ties.
13. Honduras and Nicaragua agree to create a bilateral commission to seek an extrajudicial settlement of the World Court suit within six months; they will request the Court to defer further action until June 1990.