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May 8, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK D. MCCLURE

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *Rg fm*
SUBJECT: Points to be Made on the Emergency Supplemental
Meeting for Bipartisan Leadership Meeting, May 9,
1990

Attached are Points to be Made on the Emergency Supplemental for
the President's meeting with the bipartisan leadership on May 9,
1990, at 10:50 a.m.

Attachment
Tab A Points to be Made

cc: James Cicconi

POINTS TO BE MADE
PANAMA/NICARAGUA SUPPLEMENTAL

- I have become increasingly concerned about the fate of the Panama/Nicaragua supplemental.
- The planting season is about to begin in Nicaragua, and President Chamorro desperately needs our help.
- The Contra Demobilization Agreement is dependent on the economic assistance contained in this Supplemental. Further delay could jeopardize the Agreement.
- In Panama, we run the risk of civil disturbance unless we help get the economy back on track. If there is violence in the streets, the U.S. may once again be called upon to restore order.
- Already, we have had the trade bill, child care, East Europe, abortion and countless procedural battles too numerous to count thrown in the path of this bill.
- It is a national disgrace that we cannot come to the assistance of these two fragile democracies quickly.
- Jim Baker has now met twice with you to discuss a bipartisan agreement on El Salvador. He is committed...we are committed...to striving to forge a bipartisan policy on El Salvador.
- At the outset of negotiations, he stated that the Administration was ready -- for the first time in ten years -- to accept true conditionality on El Salvador's

assistance. I think we have demonstrated our sincerity about reaching an agreement.

- We have demonstrated our good faith, and I know you know Jim Baker is sincere in his effort to work with you. But I really believe it is time to remove this issue from the urgency of the supplemental.
- There are other ways to address the Salvador issue. A free standing bill or an amendment on the FY '91 appropriations bills are just two.
- Part of the reason the Bipartisan Accord on Nicaragua led to the desired result was its durability. It could not have lasted without widespread support on both sides of the aisle -- and that was possible because neither side negotiated the agreement under duress.
- We have the best chance in ten years to end the war in El Salvador. But we will only ensure a continuation of El Salvador's suffering if we replay the partisan fights of the 1980s.
- I am asking you today to refrain from adding El Salvador language to the supplemental, to allow desperately needed money to go to Panama and Nicaragua, and to join with us in negotiating an agreement that will help end the killing in El Salvador.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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May 8, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: VIRGINIA A. LAMPLEY *pal*
SUBJECT: Points to Be Made on Emergency Supplemental
Meeting, May 9, 1990

Attached is a memorandum to Fred McClure containing Points to be Made on the Emergency Supplemental Bill for the President's bipartisan leadership meeting, May 9 at 10:50 a.m. following the bipartisan Budget meeting.

Concurrence by: Bill Pryce *WTP*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to Fred McClure
Tab A Points to be Made

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: WILLIAM T. PRYCE *WTP*FROM: DONALD C. JOHNSON *DJ*SUBJECT: Points to be Made for the President on
Panama/Nicaragua Aid Bill*Natl Sec Advisor
has seen*

Attached at Tab I is a Memorandum to the President attaching some points to be made for his meeting with the press later today on the Panama/Nicaragua aid bill.

Concurrences by: Roman Popadiuk, and Virginia Lampley

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Points to be Made

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POINTS TO BE MADE ON THE
PANAMA/NICARAGUA AID BILL

- I am making an urgent appeal to Congress to come to the assistance of the peoples of Nicaragua and Panama.
- I announced my original request for \$500 million in assistance to Panama on January 25. .
- On March 13, I submitted my modified request for \$800 million for both Nicaragua and Panama. At the time of submission, I asked the Congress for passage of the legislation by April 5, in time for Violeta Chamorro's inauguration. I also asked members of Congress in public and private that the bill not be loaded up with extraneous items.
- Members of my Administration have met with the Congress to explain the content and urgency of this request. But the Easter recess came and went with no passage. Moreover, the bill has tripled in size, as extraneous items have been piled onto it. Even worse, the additional amendments include provisions that I vetoed as recently as last fall.
- I have met repeatedly with the leadership of both houses of the Congress to urge rapid passage. In the last several days, I have shared with them the contents of a letter received from President Chamorro of Nicaragua pleading for prompt passage.
- The situation in Nicaragua is critical. Mrs. Chamorro's Government is bankrupt. She has asked me for a bridge loan, but I cannot provide one, because the Nicaraguans have not

assured means of repayment. My hands are tied. I cannot provide a loan anchored on legislation which is not assured.

- Panama is also in dire need of the "jump-start" our assistance will give to enable it to recover from the economic devastation of the Noriega dictatorship.
- We are now facing the Memorial Day recess, which is two months beyond my request, without the assurance that this legislation will be passed. I call on the Congress to finish this urgent priority and remain until it completes action on a bill that I can sign. We must not let this procedural gridlock in Congress destroy the hopes for freedom in these two fledgling democracies.