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February 5, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR G. PHILIP HUGHES

FROM: NICHOLAS ROSTOW *NR*

SUBJECT: Minutes of Deputies Committee Meeting

Attached are the minutes from the Deputies Committee meeting on Panama, held December 20, 1989 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Concurrence by: Bill Pryce *WP*

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the attached minutes for file.

Approve *APB*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment  
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Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: December 20, 1989

LOCATION: Video Conference

TIME: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Minutes of DC Meeting on Panama (8)

PARTICIPANTS:

The Vice President's Office:  
Carnes Lord

State:  
Robert M. Kimmitt  
Bernard Aronson  
Richard Clark  
Michael G. Kozak

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Michael Kozak: We are pushing Justine to be the head of the PDF, but we need contact with him. He could be a transitional commander. (S)

Robert Gates:

[1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.3(b)(1); 3.3(b)(6); (b)(3)]

(S)

Michael Kozak: The problem is that there aren't any good candidates. (S)

Robert Gates: What about the coup plotters. (S)

Michael Kozak: Wong is the best, but may be physically broken and is not from the PDF structure. (S)

Robert Gates: Did Endara have political consultants? (S)

Michael Kozak: Yes. (U)

Robert Gates: We have to get off the dime. The military side is going well, the civilian side is lagging behind. Bushnell needs to be a sparkplug. If there are disconnects between this group and the working group, let me know. Tonight and tomorrow we must work fast. Endara has appointed a U.N. Ambassador. (S)

Richard Clark: Thurman has approved a POLAD and three new people are on the ground. (S)

Robert Gates: By this time tomorrow, we need evidence that the government is up and running. We need video and radio communications. The communications people should work with the PSYOPs people. (S)

Richard Kerr:

[1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.3(b)(1); 3.3(b)(6); (b)(3)]

Robert Gates: The congressional leadership is unhappy. The briefers had to cut the meeting short and the leadership is concerned about where we are going next. We have offered a second briefing at a time and place of their choice. (S)

Richard Kerr: We should consider a reward for Noriega. (S)

Robert Gates: The PCC should consider it as well as a program for purchasing weapons from people who turn them in. To summarize, Kozak will chair a working group to focus on getting Endara on the radio and TV, making appointments, getting political advice, and bounties for weapons. (S)

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