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PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM/NSC-46

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Secretary of Agriculture
The Secretary of Commerce
The Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations
The Administrator, Agency for International Development
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of U.S. Policies Toward Central America ~~X~~

The President has directed the Policy Review Committee to undertake a comprehensive review of U.S. policy for Central America. Our goal is to develop a coherent set of policies toward each of the countries and toward the region as a whole that will more effectively promote our interests which include the development of democratic societies, the observance of human rights, the ending or diminution of violence and terrorism, and the denial of the region to forces hostile to the U.S. Among the goals leading to the promotion of these interests are the economic and social development of the countries in the region, increased regional cooperation, the development of a viable, democratic middle in the four northern countries of Central America. ~~(S)~~

Under the direction of the Secretary of State, a paper should be prepared which analyzes the problems in the countries and in the region, including the impact of the situation in Nicaragua on the region, and the distinctive causes of violence and instability in each country. ~~(S)~~

The review should discuss specific policies which the USG should consider to each nation and to the region as a whole to further the goals and interests described above. The policies should address regional issues such as economic integration and cooperation, and disputes among countries of the region. It should

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propose specific policies or positions toward key groups in the region including guerrilla groups, and toward countries outside the region that influence or assist these groups. ~~(S)~~

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The Secretary of State should chair the Policy Review Committee. and the review should be based on a 20-page paper, exclusive of appendices, to be transmitted to the National Security Council by June 1, 1979. ~~(S)~~

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