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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT:

Guatemalan Aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger, Director Casey, and General Vessey asking for their views on increased U.S. assistance to Guatemala. Your memo is cast as suggestion which derives from trip to the region.

The real purpose of your memo is to find a way by which we can compensate the Guatemalans for the extraordinary assistance they are providing to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters. At Tab II are end-user certificates which the Guatemalans have provided for the purchase of nearly \$8M worth of munitions to be delivered to the FDN. These nine documents are a direct consequence of the informal liaison we have established with finary afficient and your meeting with he and Guatemalan official. The ammunition and weapons identified in these documents will be delivered in several shipments (2 by aircraft and 1 by sea) starting on or about March 10, 1985. All shipments will be delivered to Guatemala, be receipted for by Guatemalan military officers, and turned over to FDN representatives at La Aurora Airport and Puerto Barrios on arrival. Adolfo is convinced, and I agree, that the Guatemalans have not removed or withheld any equipment/munitions from the FDN deliveries which have occurred to date.

During one of the meetings with the Guatemalans in which the process above was arranged, one of the Guatemalan officers presented a "wish list" of items which they desperately need in order to prosecute their war against the Cuban-supported guerrillas. A copy of the list is attached at Tab III. Each of the items identified are in priority within four principal categories: Aircraft, Ground Forces Equipment, Weapons and Munitions, and Non-Tactical Military Equipment.

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Tab I - McFarlane Memo to Shultz/Weinberger/Casey/Vessey

Tab II - Guatemalan End-User Certificates

Tab III - Guatemalan Military Equipment Requirements

### GUATEMALAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following military equipment and services have been identified as the highest priority for the Guatemalan Army in combatting the Communist guerrillas. They are listed in sequence of highest to lowest need within each category.

### Aircraft:

- -- New or refurbished helicopters and spare parts for existing inventory.
- -- Spare parts for fixed wing cargo aircraft.
- -- New or refurbished ground attack aircraft and spare parts for existing inventory.
- -- New trainer aircraft and related spare parts.

### Ground Forces Equipment:

- -- Communications equipment, including secure voice systems.
- -- Various vehicles for troop and logistical transport.
- -- Engineering equipment, including bulldozers, road-graders, and survey instruments.

### Weapons and Munitions:

- -- Light and medium weapons, including M-16 rifles, M-60 machine guns, pistols (9mm and .45 caliber), 81mm and 60mm mortars, and 90mm recoilless rifles.
- -- Ground force munitions, including mortar, recoilless rifle, and artillery rounds, assorted mines and explosives, and 7.62 x 51 linked ammunition, plus hand grenades.
- -- Aerial munitions, including 200 and 500 pound bombs and 2.75 inch rockets with appropriate warhead mixes.

### Additional Non-Tactical Supplies and Equipment:

- -- Field hospital equipment, general medical supplies, and training for paramedics.
- -- Tactical radars for use in detecting border infiltration.

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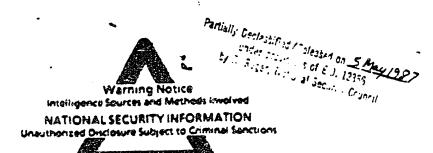
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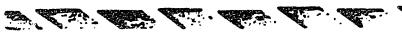


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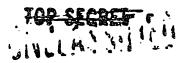
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