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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

August 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH

SUBJECT: Briefing for Former President Ford

ON Sunday you approved a Special Air Mission (SAM) for Former President Ford. Your authorization is now needed for Alfonso Sapia-Bosch and North to accompany VADM Moreau for the briefing. We will depart August 30 and return to Washington at noon August 31. We will RON in Denver on the night of August 30.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve orders to be cut for Alfonso Sapia-Bosch and North for travel as indicated above.

Approve RMK

Disapprove _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Special Air Mission for Former President Ford

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If you agree, we will detail appropriate briefers to fly from Colorado to Washington with President Ford. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, we should ensure that the plane provided is one of our Special Air Mission aircraft.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve a Special Air Mission aircraft for former President Ford's travel from Vail Colorado to Washington, D.C. on August 31, 1983.

Approve *WPC*

Disapprove _____

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August 31 - September 1

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August 9, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Briefing for Former President Carter

Per guidance from ADM Poindexter and Bob Kimmitt, Mr. Carter's Atlanta office was contacted today to arrange a briefing on Central America in concert with delivery of Mr. Carter's normal intelligence material. State Department has agreed to have Mr. Michael Skoal (ARA) accompany me on this venture.

We are making informal arrangements for the use of a military aircraft and plan to make the trip on Friday, August 11. It is understood that there is some urgency to making this trip in that the briefing is to take place before President Carter meets with Dr. Kissinger. A briefing prior to President Reagan's meeting with President de la Madrid may also serve to ensure that any comments made by President Carter regarding the meeting would be helpful to our goals.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the course of action outlined above.

Approve



Disapprove



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Keep me advised on arrangements
for this.



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August 16, 1983

Dear :

I am pleased you were able to attend our meetings last week on such short notice. I believe it was a good opening session.

During the course of our briefings, social and humanitarian issues in Central America came up repeatedly. A number of the Commissioners expressed interest in looking at problems associated with human rights, refugees, malnutrition, infant mortality, and other topics in this general field.

In the circumstances it seems to me that we might usefully devote our September 7-8 sessions to social and humanitarian issues. This will enable us to focus the September 12-13 meeting on the economic development of Central America. Several of you have already suggested individuals and organizations to be consulted in this area. I would welcome any additional suggestions you might have. The staff is identifying candidates for lead consultant to help set up the September 7-8 meeting. They will get those names to you for your consideration within the next few days.

We also have the problem of setting aside time to look at long-term political and diplomatic options. It seems to me we could fit that in most efficiently by extending the September 28-29 meeting to the early afternoon of September 30. That would give us time to consider both security and the political-diplomatic options as an integral whole. An alternative would be to add a new session on the latter subject October 3-4. The disadvantage there would be the necessity of returning to Washington so soon after the September 28-29 meeting. Please let me know your preference as soon as you can.

I am enclosing the schedule of meetings as it now stands. I am also enclosing an updated list of experts, which includes those recommended by Commission members, along with the letter

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we are sending the experts, posing the questions we formulated during our meeting. Please do let me have any further thoughts you might have on the schedule or on additions to our list of experts.

I look forward to seeing you August 31 for our next meeting. I will get the agenda to you just as soon as we can nail down the times for the appearances of our prominent guests. Presidents Ford and Carter, and former Secretaries Vance, Haig, Rogers, and Rusk have agreed to meet with us.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Kissinger

Enclosures: Schedule of Meetings
List of Experts
Letter and Questions Sent to Experts

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TAB B



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

August 10-12	Work plan and initial briefings.
August 31 - September 1	Consultations with former U.S. Government leaders.
September 7-8	Social and humanitarian issues in the region.
September 12-13	Economic development in the region.
September 21-22	Political development in the region.
September 28-30	Security issues. Commission discussion of long-term political and diplomatic options.
October 10-15	Travel to Central America (tentative - subject to invitation).
October 21-22	Commission discussion of U.S. interests in the area.
November 2-3	Incompleted matters.
November 16-21	Travel to Contadora countries. (tentative - subject to invitation).
December 2-3	Commission discussion of elements of an integrated long-term strategy.
December 9-10	Drafting session.
December 16-17	Drafting session.

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TAB C



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 16, 1983

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Dear :

The National Bipartisan Commission on Central America has just completed its first series of meetings. We are going to make a diligent effort to finish the work of the Commission on Central America by the end of the year. This implies a heavy work schedule. The Commission will be meeting in Washington and make one or more visits to the region. Following this, the Commission will have to buckle down to writing the report.

The Commission is emphatic that it will not insinuate itself into the diplomatic apparatus of the government. We will not attempt to manage the day-to-day activities of the United States in Central America. We are not in the business of negotiation. Our goals are to articulate policy guidelines for the longer term, based on a definition of this nation's interest in Central America and its future. We will seek to do so within the framework of partnership and cooperation and democratic evolution.

Can you give us a hand? We would very much like to have your insights as early in our tight schedule as possible. Attached is a list of issues we hope the Commission can address. Even a few brief written comments on one or all of them would be helpful -- or on any other aspect of the Commission's mandate.

These questions are not, of course, intended to preclude your giving us your thoughts on other aspects of the Commission's mandate, which we may have neglected to include.

We should add that we do not feel that we should focus narrowly on the five countries of what is technically called Central America. The United States has special historic relationships with both Mexico and Panama. They are important members of the Contadora group, thus influencing and being influenced by what happens in the Isthmus. Furthermore, there

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are common dimensions -- as well, of course, as distinct differences -- between Panama and Mexico on the one hand, and the five on the other. For these reasons, do not limit your responses to the five nations of Central America itself, but consider, to the extent the issues are common, the larger framework.

We are deeply grateful for your help. Can we have your views by September 15? I apologize for the tight deadline but we are under time constraints not of our own making.

Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Kissinger

Attachment: Questions on Central America

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Planned Agenda for Second Session

August 31 - September 1

August 31:

- 10:00 - Cyrus Vance
- 12:00 - 1:00 - Administrative and organizational matters
- 1:00 - 2:30 - Alexander Haig (light lunch will be served during this segment)
- 3:00 - President Ford
- 4:30 - General Discussion
- 6:00 - Adjournment

September 1:

- 9:30 - Sol Linowitz
- 11:00 - William P. Rogers
- 12:30 - 2:00 - Dean Rusk (light lunch will be served during this segment)
- 2:30 - President Carter
- 4:00 - General Discussion
- 5:00 - Adjournment

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