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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 27, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.
FROM: WILLIAM B. LYTTON III 
SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF DEPOSITIONS

Attached is a list of the depositions which the House Select Committee wants to have declassified. We received this request Friday afternoon, August 21, 1987. Of these one hundred plus depositions, the only priorities are Admiral Crowe, DDCI John McMahon and Paul Thompson.

Attachment
As stated.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MARLIN FITZWATER

FROM:

WILLIAM B. LYTTON III

SUBJECT:

SELECT COMMITTEES' RELEASE OF DON GREGG'S
TESTIMONY

Don Gregg, National Security Advisor to the Vice President, and Sam Watson, Gregg's deputy, were deposed by the Select Committees on May 18, 1987 and June 16, 1987, respectively. Their deposition transcripts have been declassified, and the Select Committees are expected to release them publicly, possibly as soon as today.

I anticipate that the aspect of their testimony which will be the subject of press interest has to do with Gregg's repeated assertions that Gregg did not know of Felix Rodriguez' (AKA Max Gomez') involvement with North in the Contra resupply effort until August 8, 1986, when Rodriguez told him.

Two documents attached to Gregg's deposition, which we produced to the Committees several months ago, are apparently inconsistent with this testimony. There is an April 16, 1986, Schedule Proposal from Don Gregg to Debbie Hutton, who kept the V.P.'s schedule, requesting that the Vice President meet with Felix Rodriguez, "a counterinsurgency expert visiting from El Salvador" for the purpose of briefing the Vice President "on the status of the war in El Salvador and resupply of the Contras." An April 30, 1986 Briefing Memorandum for the Vice President from Don Gregg, which was a part of the V.P.'s daily briefing book, states that the purpose of the scheduled May 1, 1986 meeting between the Vice President and Rodriguez is to "provide a briefing on the status of the war in El Salvador and resupply of the Contras." Both documents have Don Gregg's initials on them, but he testified his secretary, Phyllis Byrne, put his initials on them and that she routinely prepared such memos, under his name, without his involvement.

Gregg says he never saw the memos and he didn't tell Byrne to use the phrase "resupply of the Contras." Byrne, whose testimony has not yet been declassified or released, testified that Sam Watson gave her that phrase. Watson, when told in his deposition of Byrne's testimony, did not disagree with Byrne, but said he could not recall giving her that phrase, and he was fairly certain that he did not.

Everyone who was at the meeting of May 1, 1986 between the V.P., and Rodriguez (i.e., Gregg, Watson, Fuller, Nick Brady and Rodriguez) have denied that resupply of the Contras was discussed, notwithstanding the briefing memo.

The V.P.'s office is aware of these facts and will be prepared to handle inquiries. We should defer to them.

✓ cc: A. B. Culvahouse, Jr.