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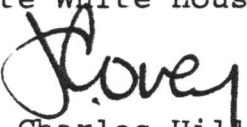
CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: TORCH LIGHT III; White House Participation

REFERENCE: Poindexter To Sayre Memo of May 17, 1984

The Torch Light III Exercise is technically not covered by the provisions of NSDD 30 in that it is not a federally sponsored exercise. However, it is clearly a major exercise which will involve a number of federal agencies and which will examine the command and control arrangements between and among local, state and federal jurisdictions. Given the high degree of probability that a terrorist related incident at the Games will require federal intervention, it would, in our opinion, be prudent to use Torch Light III as an opportunity to test the TIWG system.

As Mr. Deaver notes in the penultimate paragraph of his memorandum to you, our guidelines for domestic terrorist incident handling have often been overtaken by events, transcending established mechanisms of control. We would therefore agree with his contention that it would be both wise and worthwhile to demonstrate White House concern for this exercise.


Charles Hill
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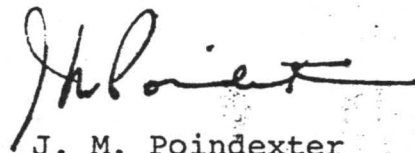
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MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR ROBERT M. SAYRE
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J. M. Poindexter
Deputy Assistant to the President
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Attachment

Tab A - Deaver Memo to McFarlane of May 3, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER *mm*

SUBJECT: Olympic Security Exercise

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Consequently, I ask that your staff examine the feasibility of White House participation in this event and determine what would be the most appropriate scenario. Coordination can be made with Ken Hill of my staff, Olympic security liaison, X7491.

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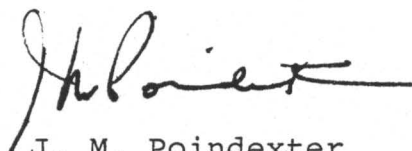
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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *Amg*

SUBJECT: Olympic Security Exercise TORCH LIGHT III

We have passed your proposal for White House participation in the exercise to the Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism (IG/T) for their recommendations. If the IG/T exercise review group develops a suitable scenario for involving the Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) in accordance with NSDD-30, we will arrange to have the group convened as appropriate. The NSC Staff officer responsible for coordinating counter-terrorist activities is Oliver L. North (395-3345).

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 16, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Olympic Security Exercise TORCH LIGHT III

Mike Deaver's memo at Tab A asks that you "examine the feasibility of White House participation" in this law enforcement/command post exercise in Los Angeles. The exercise will test command, control, and security arrangements for coordinating among local jurisdictions and the FBI. DOD will provide observers but not participate.

We have asked IG/T and MCT at State to examine whether or not it would be worth having the TIWG participate in this event (June 15). Your memo back to Mike Deaver (Tab I) so indicates. The memo at Tab II from ADM Poindexter asks the IG/T to formally approve the exercise in accord with NSDD-30 and, using their exercise planning cell, coordinate with Ken Hill on the scenario and liaison as requested by Mike Deaver.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I to Mike Deaver.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

That you authorize ADM Poindexter to sign the memo at Tab II to the IG/T with Tab A attached.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Don Fortier, Ken deGraffenreid, and Dick Levine concur.

Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane Memo to Deaver
- Tab II - Poindexter Memo to the IG/T
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IP: You will be in Colorado on 5/30, but recommend you sign memo as is in event that changes for any reason.

✓ Please tell Ken Hill(?) about this and also Ed Hickey. J

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT SIMS

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Bob*

SUBJECT: Public Statement on U.S. Position on Terrorism vs. Support for the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters

Attached at Tab A is a draft statement for use by a White House official which will respond to constant press questioning on "What's the difference between terrorism and what we are supporting in the Nicaraguan opposition?" It is to be used only on an if asked basis.

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Tab A

Contingency Statement on Terrorism vs. Support for Nicaraguan Opposition

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CONTINGENCY STATEMENT ON TERRORISM vs. SUPPORT IN NICARAGUA
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Q: What is the difference between terrorism and what the U.S. is doing in Nicaragua?

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There is significant difference in both form and substance from the organized, pre-announced military operations of the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters which are not oriented against innocent civilians and surprise attacks conducted without regard to the safety of non-belligerents and innocent bystanders, the blowing up of a crowd of Christmas shoppers at Herrod's department store, the assassination of an American diplomat in Rome, or the early morning bombing of our embassy in Beirut by those who wish to hide their true purposes, involvement, and intentions.

Those who criticize our support for the Freedom Fighters should reflect on the origins of our own revolution--founded on a belief in democracy and liberty. As a peace loving people, we abhor political violence--be it terrorism or a revolution. But we also have a Jeffersonian tradition in this country which is based on the belief that the people have the right to rebel against tyranny. We did so 208 years ago, but could only have succeeded with support we received from third countries. Our rebellion was recognized under the rules of war operative at that time. We continue to believe that a people, denied other means of expression who take up arms against oppression, have a just cause. The Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters have not resorted to terror--they have instead conducted an organized opposition to Soviet and Cuban-supported totalitarian communism. Should they fail now, we will compromise not only our heritage of support for democracy, but our future as well.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Public Statement on U.S. Position on Terrorism vs. Support for the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters

Karna Small has asked for a brief piece which will respond to constant press questioning on "What's the difference between terrorism and what we are supporting in the Nicaraguan opposition?" This same question has been asked in each of the four Congressional briefings we have given on NSDD-138.

The statement at Tab A is designed to be used by a White House press spokesperson--either on or off the record--the next time the question is asked. It follows the basic line of my response when asked the question on the Hill and seems to have satisfied at least some of the critics. Please note that at no place is there an admission of U.S. involvement in the mining operations.

Bob Sayre at State has cleared on this statement and has agreed to use the same line in future testimony on our terrorism legislation.

If you approve, this can be passed to Karna Small, Bob Sims, and Larry Speakes for use the next time the question is asked. It may be useful to take this on the European trip since it may well come up during the President's appearances overseas.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the attached contingency statement for use by a White House official.

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Tab A - Contingency Statement on Terrorism/Support for Nicaraguan Opposition

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CONTINGENCY STATEMENT ON TERRORISM vs. SUPPORT IN NICARAGUA
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A: There are some who have chosen, intentionally or otherwise, to confuse our support for the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters with state-sponsored international terrorism. Let me provide some examples which illustrate the difference between terrorism and our support for a democratic resistance opposing totalitarian communism.

Terrorism is the assassination of an American military officer in Paris because the "U.S. is a friend of Israel."

Terrorism is Muammar Qadhafi directing placement of a bomb aboard on Air France jet leaving the Central African Republic in an indiscriminate attempt to blow 89 innocent civilians from six different countries out of the air--because France has helped to thwart Qadhafi's plans for overthrowing the pro-western government of Chad.

Terrorism is the brutal machine gun murder of a British policewoman in London defending the United Kingdom's long established right of peaceful assembly.

And, terrorism is the destruction of our embassy in Kuwait, the suicide action at our Marine barracks in Beirut, and the bomb placed on a luggage cart at Orly airport in Paris that kills and maims scores of innocent victims.

It is important to differentiate ~~difference~~ between terrorism's rampant indiscriminate brutality against innocent third parties and the organized armed opposition to communist tyranny that is taking place in Nicaragua. The Freedom Fighters have, in accord with established rules of international behavior, declared that Nicaragua and its territorial waters are a war zone. Well in advance of any military operations in Nicaragua or its waters, the resistance forces issued proper advisories to travellers and mariners that the area was subject to hostilities. It must also be noted that the mines used in Nicaragua's ports are, by the Sandinistas own admission, incapable of sinking a ship--and able to do only minor damage to seagoing vessels. Surely one must recognize that larger, more lethal mines could have been employed to stop the flow of Soviet bloc weapons into Nicaragua.

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