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Mailgram to Hispanic Evangelicals

I AM PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A SPECIAL WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND OUR CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY TO BE HELD AT THE WHITE HOUSE'S OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM #450, ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1983 BEGINNING AT 4:00 P.M.

THE BRIEFERS WILL BE AMBASSADOR OTTO JUAN REICH, SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR PUBLIC POLICY/ON LATIN AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE; MAJOR OLIVER NORTH, STAFF MEMBER, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL; AND MR. KERRY PTACEK OF THE INSTITUTE FOR RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH

HISPANIC EVANGELICALS

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 1983  
LOCATION: Room #450 - OEOB  
TIME: 4:00 p.m.

I. PURPOSE:

To brief certain individuals from the Hispanic Evangelical sector on matters relating to Central America and the Administration's policies.

II. BACKGROUND:

The briefing for Hispanic evangelicals was suggested by the Reverend Dr. John Gimenez and his sister, Anna Gimenez. Most of the list of invitees was supplied by them, but other names were supplied by the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Religious Broadcasters, Maranatha Youth Ministries and other organizations.

Many of these people were incorrectly led to believe by Henry Zuniga many months ago that a meeting for them had been set up with the President.

The people at the meeting are predominantly of the charismatic persuasion. Others are self-described fundamentalists. Others prefer to be called evangelicals. Politically they are overwhelmingly conservative, pro-life, pro-defense, pro-family and anti-communist.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Ambassador Otto Juan Reich  
Major Oliver L. North, National Security Council  
Mr. Kerry Ptacek, Research Director, Institute on  
Religion and Democracy

IV. PRESS PLAN:

None. However, Mr. Juan Williams of the Washington Post and Mr. Marvin Kalb have been cleared to attend.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

4:00 p.m. - Faith Ryan Whittlesey opens the meeting.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Talking points
2. Introduction for speakers
3. Agenda for meeting.

## TALKING POINTS

- On behalf of the President, I want to welcome you to the White House Complex and personally thank each and every one of you for the personal effort and sacrifice you have put toward attending this briefing on our national security as it relates to Central America.
  
- I want to particularly thank the Reverend Dr. John Gimenez and his sister Anna Gimenez for suggesting this briefing and helping us assemble the list of invitees.
  
- I need not tell you that this is an issue of great importance to this Administration. I personally believe that the judgment of history on this President will depend heavily on how we handle the situation presently facing us in Central America.
  
- The common language which is shared by many in this very special audience with the peoples of Central America allows you a degree of sensitivity which simply is not attainable for those who are not so linked.
  
- Further, this audience has another common bond -- that of Christianity. If there were to be further communist takeovers in Central America, many of you in this audience would be the first recourse for assistance for a yet

unnumbered line of refugees. Refugees who, for the first time in recent memory, would be traveling to the United States across a land bridge instead of over vast bodies of water.

- This Administration is very sensitive to the potential problem of refugees. We understand it. We know how it would impact on our economy, our educational system, our welfare system, our health care delivery systems, our housing and our unemployment to name some major areas.

- But of far greater importance to this Administration is the human tragedy for individual refugees. People who flee communist regimes in order to save their lives lose their possessions, their homes, their jobs and many of them family and friends. Most Americans can't imagine fleeing our country and saying goodbye to a loved one you may never see again because one of you may not be lucky enough to survive. But I believe that virtually every one of you, in your own ministry, has helped many desperate refugees who have abandoned everything to escape communism.

- Of course, we can avoid the human suffering created by a communist advance in Central America. If the Congress

grants the economic and military aid which the President has requested for supporters of democracy in the region, the communists will fail. We believe that getting the facts about Central America to key leaders such as yourselves is the best way to convince members of Congress to support the President.

- Introduce Otto Reich

Reich speaks

- Introduce Major Oliver North -- but note that the remarks of Major North must remain OFF THE RECORD.

Major North speaks

- Introduce Kerry Ptacek

Ptacek speaks

## INTRODUCTION OF

### OTTO JUAN REICH

- On July 5, 1983, the Secretary of State announced the appointment of Otto Juan Reich as Advisor to the Secretary with the personal rank of Ambassador to coordinate foreign and domestic public policy efforts related to Latin America in general and Central America in particular.
- Ambassador Reich works closely with the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs who has overall responsibility for policy issues in the region.
- Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Reich was the Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development in charge of Latin America and the Caribbean. As such, he was the principal officer in the United States government charged with the direction of U.S. economic support and development assistance for this region of the world.
- Before joining AID, Mr. Reich was the Director of Washington operations for the Council of the Americas.
- Ambassador Reich holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina in International Studies

and a Masters from Georgetown University in Latin American Studies.

- Mr. Reich is a veteran of the United States Army where he served in a liaison capacity with the Government of Panama.
  
- Mr. Reich was born in Havana, Cuba.

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- Mr. Ptacek graduated from the University of Michigan and studied Latin American History on the graduate level at the University of Texas, Austin.
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
September 14, 1983

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MEETING WITH

HISPANIC EVANGELICAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS

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TIME: 4:00 p.m.  
DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 1983  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1983

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THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Additions to Listing of Invitees -  
Briefing for Hispanic Evangelicals

The attached listing contains the names of individuals who should be added to those being invited to the briefing on Central America for the Hispanic Evangelicals.

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