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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1983

Mr. Clyde A. Wheeler, Jr.
Vice President - Government Relations
SUN COMPANY, INC.
Suite #820
1800 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Clyde:

Thank you for your very helpful letter of July 5th with suggestions for actions in support of the President's policy in Central America.

I am glad you were able to attend our briefing for business leaders on July 13th in the Indian Treaty Room.

We are already working on meetings with State Legislators. We are also targeting border states and community leaders in key media areas for special attention by White House briefings and by providing Administration speakers for key leader's meetings in these areas.

We are not now budgeted for "truth squads," but I understand that a coalition of conservatives, the Central American Freedom Alliance is, with Richard Viguerie's help, planning to fund a "flying truth squad."

Attached are copies of the four White House Digest papers which have been issued through our Outreach Working Group on Central America.

If there are any other topics which you think should be covered in this series, please let me know.

Again, thanks..

Cordially,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Enclosures

STATUS OF LEGISLATION AFFECTING CENTRAL AMERICA - AS OF 6/27

I. 1983 Supp/84 - Authorizations Bills

Reported out of Committee (S.1347 and HR.2992). Awaiting floor action expected after July 10 (after July 4 break) and before Aug. 5 or 6 (the summer recess).

Note: The 1983 Supp. was included by both the SFRC and HFAC with the regular 1984 Bill. Furthermore, the House Bill is for '84 and '85. The Senate Bill is only for '84.

SFRC bill provides \$76.3 million (FMS, MAP, IMET) for El Salvador and, of this, \$16.5 million is from supplemental request.

HFAC bill provides \$65 million for El Salvador. \$8.7 is from the supplemental request.

II. 1984 Appropriations Bills

Process has not started. Foreign Ops. Subcommittees have not marked up. Doc Long Subcommittee postponed 6/16 mark-up to a date uncertain. Kasten Subcommittee has not yet scheduled a mark-up date. *fail?*

III. 1983 - Supplemental Appropriations Bill

✓ Passed by the full House and the Senate. Conference likely sometime after the July 4 recess.

✓ Note: Senate Bill will have \$50 million for El Salvador, the House Bill nothing.

IV. CBI

✓ House Ways and Means marked-up June 21 and will go the the House Floor after the July 4 recess. *week of July 11* The CBI was passed by the Senate as an amendment to the bank withholding tax repealer. The House and Senate must put the two vehicles together, assuming the full House passes the Bill. *up as down vote*

V. Boland-Zablocki

House floor consideration expected between the July 4 recess and the August break. There is no comparable vehicle in the Senate.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1983

Mr. Victor Blanco, Chairman
INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION
2010 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90057

(213) 483-4847

Dear Mr. Blanco:

Velma Montoya of the White House Office of Policy Development has told me of your interest in Central America and asked that I inform you of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America which is chaired by Mrs. Faith Ryan Whittlesey, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison.

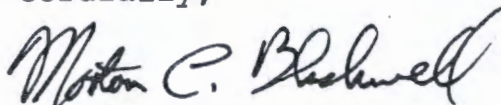
The White House Outreach Working Group on Central America meets regularly on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Old Executive Office Building for the purpose of discussing the developing situation in Central America. The Working Group is comprised of government officials. On Wednesdays we invite to meet with us representatives of organizations concerned about the worsening situation in Central America, its potential impact on the security of the United States and the Administration's policies with regard to the entire Central American crisis.

For your information, I am enclosing some documents which have been developed by the Outreach Working Group as well as some documents which were presented at our meeting of this date by Ambassador-at-Large, H. Eugene Douglas and Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, Richard McCormack.

We would be most pleased to have you at our meetings when it is possible for you. If you can attend, please call my office in advance so that your name can be placed on the White House clearance list. My number is (202) 456-2657.

If you cannot attend, but would like to receive materials generated/discussed by the Working Group, let me hear from you.

Cordially,



MORTON C. BLACKWELL,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, II
Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

FROM: Dolf Droge *Dolf Droge by jet*

SUBJECT: Briefing Activities Report - Re: Central America

Following, in date order, is a listing of briefings which have been scheduled:

- June 24 ASIAN INDIAN-AMERICANS
(Planned and Chaired by Linas Kojelis)
Room #450 - OEOB
Speakers: Steven Eisenbraun, State Department
Representative from INS
Jacqueline Tillman, representing
Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
Dolf Droge
- June 28 WESTERN HEMISPHERE/LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS
(Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Caucus)
Requested by the Vice President's Office -
Planned & Chaired by Dolf Droge)
Speakers: Otto Reich, Department of State/AID
Jacqueline Tillman, Department of State/UN
- July 7 AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION PRESIDENTS
(50 State Presidents of American Farm Bureau
Federation)
Speakers: The Honorable John Lehman,
Secretary of the Navy
The Honorable Nestor Sanchez,
Deputy Secretary of Defense for
Inter-American Affairs
- July 11 THE FORUM
Women's Foreign Policy Discussion Group
Washington, D.C.
Speaker: Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick

- July 13 AMERICAN LEGION STATE CONVENTION - Pittsburgh, PA
Speaker: The Honorable Nestor Sanchez,
Deputy Secretary of Defense for
Inter-American Affairs
- BUSINESS LEADERS BRIEFING (Room #450 - OEOB)
Chaired by Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Speakers: Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II
Richard McCormack, Assistant Secretary of
State for Economic & Business Affairs
Mr. Roger Fontaine, National Security Council
- July 15 AMERICAN LEGION STATE CONVENTION - Ocean City, MD
Speaker: Ambassador J. William Middendorf
Audience: 2,000
- July 21 WOMEN'S LEADERS BRIEFING
Room #450 - OEOB 3:00 p.m.
Speakers: Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
Ambassador Vernon L. Walters
- July 28 RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS BRIEFING
Room #450 - OEOB 1:00 p.m.
Speakers: Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
Ambassador Vernon L. Walters
- August 19 NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - Seattle, WA
Speakers: (Unconfirmed - awaiting response from
Ambassador Richard Stone)
- Aug 12-19 NATIONAL CONVENTION, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
New Orleans, Louisiana
Speaker: (Unconfirmed - Ambassador Richard Stone
Requested)
- August 26-28
CUBA INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC ANNUAL CONVENTION
Los Angeles, CA
Speaker: (Unconfirmed - Vice President and
Ambassador Langhorne Motley requested)
Audience: 200
- August 26-27
AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL BRIEFING
Speaker: The Honorable Nestor Sanchez, Deputy
Secretary of Defense for Inter-American
Affairs (morning - August 26)
(Ambassador J. William Middendorf requested,
not yet confirmed) (August 27 - 12:00 noon)

- Sept 3 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION - Burbank, CA
Speaker: Ambassador Vernon Walters
Audience: 300-400
- Sept 12-14 GOP NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY, Washington, D.C.
September 12: Speaker: Major Ollie North, NSC, OEOB
September 13: Speaker: Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
(Hyatt Regency, Crystal City)
Speaker: (Ambassador Richard Stone and
Ambassador Otto Reich, as yet
unconfirmed)
Audience: 250-400 delegates
- Sept 18 AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL, ANNUAL MEETING
Philadelphia, PA
Speaker: (Ambassador J. William Middendorf, Unconfirmed)
- Oct 4 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AMERICAN LEGION QUARTERLY
MEETING, Channel Inn, Washington, D.C.
Speaker: Roger Fontaine, NSC
- Oct 12 HISPANIC FEDERATION, Los Angeles, CA (Banquet)
Speaker: Ambassador Vernon Walters
Audience: 200-250
- Oct 22 AMERICAN LEGION OF NORTH CAROLINA FALL MEETING,
Charlotte, N.C.
Speaker: Unconfirmed
Audience: 500
- Oct 22 ACCURACY IN MEDIA CONFERENCE, New Hampshire
Speaker: Ambassador Vernon Walters
- Oct 28-30 AMERICAN LEGION MID-WINTER MEETING, Douglas, AZ
Speaker: (Unconfirmed)
- Nov 5 AMERICAN LEGION OF SOUTH CAROLINA FALL MEETING,
Greenwood, S.C.
Speaker: (Unconfirmed)
Audience: 250
- Nov 5 AMERICAN LEGION OF VIRGINIA ANNUAL FALL MEETING
Speaker: Ambassador J. William Middendorf (tentative)
Audience: 350

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- Jan 14-15 AMERICAN LEGION OF ARKANSAS MID-WINTER MEETING
Little Rock, Arkansas
Speaker: (Unconfirmed)
Audience: 150

January AMERICAN LEGION OF CONNECTICUT MID-WINTER MEETING
AMERICAN LEGION OF GEORGIA MID-WINTER MEETING
AMERICAN LEGION OF ALABAMA MID-WINTER MEETING
AMERICAN LEGION OF MISSISSIPPI MID-WINTER MEETING

Jan 29 AMERICAN LEGION AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARIES
OF OHIO MID-WINTER MEETING, Columbus, Ohio
Speaker: Colonel Lawrence Tracy, Department of
Defense, IAA
Audience: 1200

Feb 11 AMERICAN LEGION OF NEW MEXICO MID-WINTER MEETING,
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Speaker: The Honorable Nestor Sanchez,
Deputy Secretary of Defense for
Inter-American Affairs (Unconfirmed)
Audience: 350

March AMERICAN LEGION OF CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING
Speaker: (Unconfirmed)


Jun 15-16 AMERICAN LEGION OF LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION
Speaker: Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick (Unconfirmed)
Audience: 2300

July AMERICAN LEGION OF TEXAS STATE CONVENTION,
El Paso, Texas
Speaker: Ambassador H. Eugene Douglas
Audience: 2000

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell 
SUBJECT: Invitation to Religious Broadcasters

Attached is a draft mailgram which I propose be sent over your signature to the 302 major religious broadcasters.

MCB:jet

1 Attachment a/s

D R A F T

(Mailgram to Religious Broadcasters)

I AM PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A SPECIAL 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 JULY 2, 1983 AT ONE O'CLOCK, P.M.

THE BRIEFING, INCLUDING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, WILL BE ON THE RECORD AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR VIDEO TAPE RECORDING, WHICH CAN BE USED FOR FUTURE BROADCAST PURPOSES. THE BRIEFERS WILL BE THE HONORABLE JOHN LEHMAN, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, AND THE HONORABLE VERNON A. WALTERS, U.S. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE. PLEASE NOTIFY JOYCE THOMANN, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON (202)456-2657 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING YOUR PARTICIPATION.

CORDIALLY,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: NANCY RISQUE

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: July 27th Briefing for Outreach Working
Group on Central America

Thank you very much for clearing invitations to Congressman Mark Siljander and Congressman Vin Weber to address our meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27th.

It occurred to me that it might be helpful if, as we introduced the Congressmen to those present that we mention that a number of the regular participants in these briefings specifically requested that we get Congressmen Siljander and Weber to come discuss their activities regarding Central America. We will do it that way unless you suggest otherwise.

Thank you for your cooperation.

MCB:jet

cc: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MCB*

SUBJECT: National Bipartisan Commission on Central America

There is little wrong with the Executive Order. It is a good idea to preempt Congressional action on the Jackson-Mathias proposal. There is, of course, no possibility of a national consensus on U.S. policy for the region. Too many organized elements want a Marxist victory there.

The predicted appointment of Henry Kissinger as chairman, however, would be a disaster for our efforts to generate grassroots support for the President's policy in Central America.

This morning, one conservative leader very supportive until now of the President's Central American policy said he had no intention of working for a policy crafted by Kissinger. Paul Weyrich described Kissinger as "a mortician of U.S. national interests. He applies cosmetics and then buries them."

A Kissinger appointment would tend to dry up contributors to favorable grassroots lobbying appeals. It was the conservative grassroots, after all, who roared their approval when candidate Reagan in 1976 promised a new Secretary of State. A Kissinger appointment would display a lack of understanding of the nature of the President's constituency. We would lose a lot of badly needed support.

MCB:jet

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 NOON TODAY

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ORDER ENTITLED "NATIONAL BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON CENTRAL AMERICA"

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations by noon today.
Thank you.

RESPONSE:



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAVID A. STOCKMAN *DAS*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER ENTITLED
"NATIONAL BIPARTISAN COMMISSION
ON CENTRAL AMERICA"

SUMMARY. This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed Executive order which would establish the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America.

BACKGROUND. The proposed order would establish a Commission, to be composed of not more than 11 members to be appointed or designated by the President, from among distinguished leaders of government, business, labor, education, and the Hispanic and religious communities. The President will designate a Chairman from among the members of the Commission.

The Commission will study the nature of United States interests in Central America and the threats now posed to those interests and report to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress on elements of a long-term United States policy that will best respond to the social, economic, and democratic development in the region, and to internal and external threats to its stability and security. The Commission also will provide advice on means of building a national consensus on a comprehensive United States policy for the region.

The Commission will report to the President by December 1, 1983. Unless sooner extended, the Commission will expire 60 days after submitting its final report.

None of the affected agencies has objected to the proposed Order.

RECOMMENDATION. I recommend that you sign the proposed Order.

Enclosure

FACT SHEET

The President today signed an Executive Order which created the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America. The Commission will be composed of not more than 11 members, to be appointed or designated by the President, from among distinguished leaders of the government, business, labor, education, Hispanic and religious communities. No more than six members will be of the same political party. The President will designate one of the members to serve as Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission will study the nature of United States interests in Central America and the threats now posed to those interests and provide advice to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress on elements of a long-term United States policy that will best respond to the challenges of social, economic, and democratic development in the region, and to internal and external threats to its stability and security. The Commission also will provide advice on means of building a national consensus on a comprehensive United States policy for the region.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NATIONAL BIPARTISAN COMMISSION
ON CENTRAL AMERICA

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and in order to establish, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 1), the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment. (a) There is established the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America. The Commission shall be composed of not more than 11 members appointed or designated by the President. These members shall be drawn from among distinguished leaders of the government, business, labor, education, Hispanic and religious communities. No more than six members shall be of the same political party.

(b) The President shall designate a Chairman from among the members of the Commission.

Sec. 2. Functions. (a) The Commission shall study the nature of United States interests in the Central American region and the threats now posed to those interests. Based on its findings, the Commission shall provide advice to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress on elements of a long-term United States policy that will best respond to the challenges of social, economic, and democratic development in the region, and to internal and external threats to its security and stability. The Commission also shall provide advice on means of building a national consensus on a comprehensive United States policy for the region.

(b) The Commission shall report to the President by December 1, 1983.

Sec. 3. Administration. (a) The heads of Executive agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide the Commission such information as it may require for purposes of carrying out its functions.

(b) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation for their work on the Commission. However, members appointed from among private citizens of the United States may, subject to the availability of funds, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in the government service (5 U.S.C. 5701-5707).

(c) The Secretary of State shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide the Commission with such administrative services, funds, facilities, staff and other support services as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.

Sec. 4. General. (a) Notwithstanding any other Executive Order, the functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, which are applicable to the Commission, shall be performed by the Secretary of State, in accordance with guidelines and procedures established by the Administrator of General Services.

(b) The Commission shall, unless otherwise extended, terminate 60 days after submitting its final report.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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WASHINGTON

July 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: John Rousselot
FROM: Joyce E. Thomann *Joyce Thomann*
SUBJECT: Central American Outreach Meeting

This is to advise you that the President will address the Wednesday meeting of the Central American Outreach Group.

FOR THIS ONE MEETING ONLY, the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held in Room #450-OEOB.

Attached for your information is a copy of the Agenda.

Please let me have a listing (name, social security number and date of birth) of those individuals who will be attending at your invitation. As we discussed today, I would think 20 individuals would be a number we could handle.

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1 Attachment a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell, *MCB*
SUBJECT: Agenda for Outreach Working Group Meeting,
Wednesday, July 27, 1983

The attached Agenda presumes that the President is confirmed for 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20th.

MCB:jet

1 Attachment a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

OUTREACH WORKING GROUP ON CENTRAL AMERICA

Meeting of:
Wednesday, July 20, 1983
10:00 a.m.
Room #450 - OEOB

A G E N D A

- 10:00 a.m. Announcements of Upcoming Activities
- 10:15 a.m. Speaker - Rabbi Morton Rosenthal,
 Anti-Defamation League
 "Persecution of Jewish People in
 Central America"
- 10:30 a.m. Speaker: Mr. Isaac Stavisky, a
 Nicaraguan Jewish Refugee
 "The Sandinistas Against
 the Jews"
- 10:50 a.m. Speaker - Ms. Jacqueline Tillman,
 Executive Assistant to
 Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
 "PLO and Libyan Activities in
 Central America"
- 11:15 a.m. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
 (Brief Remarks)

TALKING POINTS

Central America

*From Roger
Fontaine,
amended by
Dolf Droge*

- o Welcome to the White House.

- o The President, Judge Clark and I are delighted you could be here today.

- o You are here today because of our concern regarding Central America.

- o The President believes -- indeed the entire Administration believes -- that we cannot afford to lose in Central America.

- o But we are losing as of today and not only in El Salvador.

- o We cannot afford to lose because it is too close and it is too important.

- San Salvador is closer to Washington, D.C. than Washington, D. C. is to Los Angeles.

- Central America is the bridge between the Americas -- north and south. It is not isolated, but linked by land, air, and sea routes to North and South America and the Caribbean.

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- Two-thirds of our trade go through Panama Canal and the Caribbean.

- In war time or any emergency short of war, much of our men and materiel would go through those sea lanes to Europe or the Middle East.

- Forty percent of our imported oil goes by the island of Grenada in the East Caribbean -- an island rapidly becoming a Soviet/Cuban political and military base.

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- o If Central America and nearby states were to become communist dictatorships we would face an unprecedented and illegal wave of immigrants fleeing those dictatorships.

- People have always fled communist revolutions by the millions: there are no exceptions.

- But this time they will have a land route or a very short sea route to come to America.

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-- In the Caribbean Basin region, including Mexico, Central America and the insular Caribbean, there are some 150 million people.

150 million people.

-- Already 500,000 Salvadorans are here illegally and that country is not communist yet. That is equal the number of Vietnamese who arrived here in the 1970s.

-- If 100,000 Cubans fleeing from Castro's Cuba in the summer of 1980 and fewer Haitian immigrants can cause so much trouble for us -- what will millions and millions of Central Americans do for us when they arrive after their countries are taken over by Castro-style revolutionaries?

.. The overall disruption resulting from such a catastrophe would destroy the steadily strengthening economic recovery which President Reagan and the American people have begun to

o Also, if Central America falls, few in the world and ^{achieve} certainly not the Soviet Union, will believe the United States has the wit and will to defend its vital interests.

- o Allies and adversaries alike will believe -- rightly in my opinion -- that we cannot meet this nearby challenge. Moreover, it would imply we won't move when it is further away from us.

- o Because rightly or wrongly the rest of the world believes Central American is our backyard. That's the perception. We can deny it. But that perception is nearly a century old and it won't change.

- o Therefore, the President knows what every American President has known since this nation assumed global responsibilities: namely, we cannot meet our commitments in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia without a friendly western hemisphere.

We simply can't do it.

- o We have two immediate problems.

First:

-- In El Salvador, a communist insurgency fully backed by Nicaragua, Cuba and the Soviet Union continues to seek power through violence directed at the Salvadoran economy and people.

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-- The insurgency continues in Guatemala while the infrastructure of a future guerrilla war is being built in Honduras and Costa Rica also.

Second:

-- To help promote and protect these so-called "wars of national liberation," the Soviets and their closest ally also have steadily built up their military power and ability to project power in the Caribbean Basin.

.. Cuba is an armed camp bristling with Cuban and Soviet troops, advanced fighters and increasingly modern naval warships...little resembling the Cuba of the 1960s.

.. Nicaragua has become a mainland base for the Soviet bloc as well. Modern port and air

base facilities are being rapidly constructed and there is no question as to who will have access to them.

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- o In Grenada, that very modern airport will be completed next year, thanks to the Cubans. The airstrip will handle anything flying in the Soviet bloc inventory.

- o These Soviet bloc sponsored guerrilla wars, plus increasing military power in the region are the twin threats that face us.

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- o The President knows that and is prepared to vent that threat. But we need resources.

-- We need the money to protect El Salvador and Guatemala and the others.

-- That money will furnish them the economic and military assistance so they can prevail -- not with United States combat troops, but their own.

-- Harry Truman did that in Greece and beat the communists. Imagine our stake in the ^{Mediterranean} Meditterrean if Greece had become Communist in 1947!

- o We need programs and funding that will do the job, but we need time and patience to make them work.

- o Most of all, we need your help to persuade the Congress that this is vital to us -- all of us -- and that it must be a bipartisan effort.

- o Thank you.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

DATE: JUL 12 1983

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Mark - 7/13/83

SUBJECT: H. R. 1271 - Pres. Certification re Creditors in El Salvador

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REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

*this is fine.
M. Blackwell*

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2270

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 1983 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: July 13, 1983, 5:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 1271 -- Presidential Certification on Conditions in El Salvador

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REMARKS:

Please forward comments on this enrolled bill to my office by 5:00 Wednesday, July 13.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUL 11 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 1271 - Presidential Certification on
 Conditions in El Salvador
 Sponsors - Rep. Studds (D) Massachusetts and eight
 others

Last Day for Action

July 16, 1983 - Saturday

Purpose

Requires the President to make certain determinations as part of his certification on progress in El Salvador in the human rights and political areas.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of State

Approval

National Security Council

Approval

Discussion

Section 728 of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-113) requires the suspension of all military assistance and sales to El Salvador and the prompt withdrawal from El Salvador of members of the Armed Forces performing defense services and related activities unless the President certifies to the Speaker of the House and the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Government of El Salvador:

- (a) is making a concerted effort to comply with internationally recognized human rights;
- (b) is achieving substantial control over all elements of its own armed forces to bring an end to their indiscriminate torture and murder of Salvadoran citizens;
- (c) is making progress in implementing economic and political reforms; and
- (d) is committed to the holding of free elections.

Such certification, made thirty days after enactment of P.L. 97-113 and required every one hundred and eighty days thereafter, is currently due to the Congress on July 29, 1983. H.R. 1271 would amend P.L. 97-113 by requiring the President to determine that, in addition to certifying items (a) through (d) noted above for the fourth certification, the Government of El Salvador has made good faith efforts both to investigate the murders of the seven United States citizens in El Salvador in December 1980 and January 1981 and to bring to justice all those responsible for those murders, and has taken all reasonable steps to investigate the killing of Michael Kline in El Salvador in October 1982. Similar certifications regarding the murders of United States citizens have already been made twice as required under section 728.

Such certification and determination requirements are generally viewed by the Administration as counterproductive, particularly in this case where the Administration is already taking the initiative required by H.R. 1271. Although the enrolled bill further impinges on the President's ability to conduct foreign policy, the Administration has previously indicated no objection to its enactment, given the Administration's commitment to the complete investigation into the murders in question.

The enrolled bill passed the House and Senate by voice vote.

(Signed) James M. Froy

Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
June 27, 1983

Mr. Robert N. Pyle,
President
INDEPENDENT BAKERS ASSOCIATION
Post Office Box 3731
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mr. Pyle:

Both Johathan Vipond and Mary Jo Jacobi have passed your letter regarding Mr. George Rosenthal on to me. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of my recent letter to Mr. Rosenthal as well as copies of the materials which I sent to him.

I also want to extend the invitation to attend the Wednesday meeting of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America to you. If you are interested, please contact Joyce in my office, (456-2657).

Thank you for bringing Mr. Rosenthal's letter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell, by jet

MORTON C. BLACKWELL,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

MCB:jet

Enclosures a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1983

Mr. George Rosenthal,
President
FINK BAKING CORPORATION, INC.
535 54th Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11101

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

I have received a copy of your letter to the President expressing your strong interest in and support of the President's policies in Central America.

Mrs. Faith Ryan Whittlesey, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, has established an Outreach Working Group on Central America which meets regularly on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Old Executive Office Building for the purpose of discussing the developing situation in Central America. The Working Group is comprised of government officials at the Assistant Secretary and Ambassadorial levels.

On Wednesdays, we invite to meet with us representatives of organizations concerned about the worsening situation in Central America, its potential impact on the security of the United States, and the Administration's policies with regard to the entire Central American crisis.

For your information, I am enclosing some documents which have been developed by the Outreach Working Group as well as some documents which were presented at one of our meetings by Ambassador-at-Large, H. Eugene Douglas and Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, Richard McCormack.

At the meeting of June 22, the Special Ambassador to Central America, Richard Stone briefed the group on his recent trip to Central America. Ambassador Vernon W. Walters and Senor Miguel Bolanos Hunter will address the group on June 29; and Mr. Richard Wirthlin, the President's pollster will brief the Group on Wednesday, July 6th. At each meeting, an ample question and answer period is provided.

We would be pleased to have you attend our meetings when it is possible for you to do so. If you can attend,

please call my office in advance. Our number is: (202)
456-2657.

If you cannot attend, but would like to receive materials
generated/discussed by the Working Group, please let me hear
from you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morton C. Blackwell" followed by a small flourish.

MORTON C. BLACKWELL
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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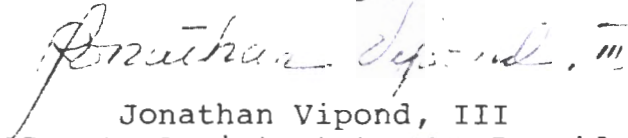
May 31, 1983

Dear Bob:

Leah Levy has been kind enough to share with me the letter of George Rosenthal to the President with respect to his recent speech in Central America. All of us here in the Office of Public Liaison, as well as others in the Administration, are delighted by that clear expression of understanding support and willingness to broaden the President's base of support. These are critical times for the Administration's policy with respect to national defense and we hope you, the Independent Bakers Association, and others of like mind will continue such efforts.

I am passing your letter and attachments along to Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President, who is handling strategy and information with respect to Central America initiatives. He will be in touch with you as deem it useful for further involvement by you and your fellows.

With best regards,



Jonathan Vipond, III
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Robert N. Pyle
President
Independent Bakers Association
P. O. Box 3731
Washington, D. C. 20007

cc: Morton Blackwell

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for response



Bob Pyle is a
strong supporter
of RR and a
good Republican
Leah

INDEPENDENT BAKERS ASSOCIATION

May 17, 1983

Leah Levy
Office of the Deputy Assistant to
the President for Public Liason
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Leah,

I am enclosing a copy of George Rosenthal's letter to President Reagan regarding the establishment of a privately funded organization for the support of democratic elected states.

This letter is being brought to the attention of the President by Bill Middendorf at the request of myself and Horst Denk, Chairman of the IBA and of the German-American Tri-centennial Committee. George, president of Fink Baking Co., a \$60 million a year variety baker in New York City, is one of our most effective members.

We would very much appreciate having your comments on this letter. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Pyle
President.

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May 13, 1983

PRESIDENT RONALD W. REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANNIA AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your recent televised speech to the American public was momentous. Democracy in this Hemisphere is in peril. More must be done to protect it, particularly from the private sector. Therefore, I propose the establishment of a privately funded organization that would be called the Foundation For Freedom Of The Americas. The objective of the foundation would be to support democratic elected governments. The funds raised would be used to improve the Health, Education, and the Military, to protect these governments.

The steady march of communism continues to threaten our Southern neighbors. Cuba, Grenada, Nicaragua, and Surinam are now under communist domination and influence. The American public must be educated about the real threats posed by communism in the Western Hemisphere and aroused to speak out against allowing it to spread. A public outcry by the American people for the preservation of democracy for our fellow citizens to the South will force Congress to take appropriate action. The security and freedom of millions of people are at stake and as champions of democracy, the United States cannot stand by and watch communism destroy human and political rights. These threats could eventually affect our own country and freedom.

It must not be assumed that the American people will fail to come to the aid of their neighbors due to the negative experience of the Vietnam War. Those lingering opinions about U.S. involvement in foreign politics can be countered and overcome through an intense information campaign. Once the public's true desire to prevent the spread of communism is tapped, the message can be channeled to Congress and decisive action will result.

Mr. President, with your good support and encouragement, I will take it upon myself to form the nucleus of an organization such as the Foundation For Freedom For The Americas and solicit support from a broad spectrum of the American public who agree that democracy must be preserved in the Western Hemisphere.

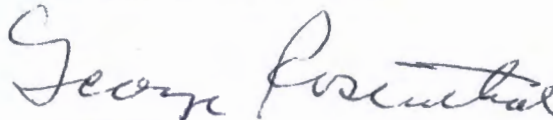
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Respectfully,

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GEORGE ROSENTHAL
PRESIDENT

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INDEPENDENT BAKERS ASSO

*Martin - You might find
this interesting re
Central America.
Any comments?
Mary Jo.
We can't appoint Mary Jo
anyone, but we MUST
praise ~~any~~ any worthwhile
effort. Tell Pyle that's how can
help. Martin*

Mary Jo Jacobi
Special Assistant to the President
for Business Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mary Jo:

Enclosed please find a copy of George Rosenthal's letter to President Reagan concerning the establishment of a foundation for the freedom of democratic elected countries.

We would be most grateful if you could bring this to the attention of the President. As you will recall, Horst Denk is Chairman of the IBA and Co-Chairman of the German American Tri-centennial Commission. George, President of Fink Baking Co., a \$60 million a year variety baker in New York City, is one of the most effective members of our association.

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Robert N. Pyle
President

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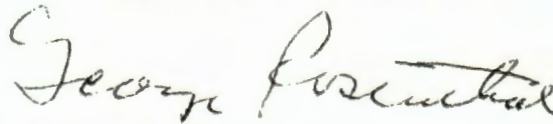
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GEORGE ROSENTHAL
PRESIDENT

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1983

I welcome the opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to all who participate in the Captive Nations Vigil near the site of two of our nation's most significant memorials.

You gather in memory of the millions of people who have died as victims of Communist oppression and in support of those who, even today, fight in their homelands to protect their lives and their precious freedoms.

Many look away and ignore the evidence of genocide in Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Cambodia, and certain other nations around the globe. But you see what's going on, and I commend your recognition of the United States' unique and sacred role as a guardian of freedom.

Many Americans take for granted our ability to choose our own leaders, meet where we want and with whom we wish, and write and say what we please. It's too easy to forget that millions of the world's citizens do not enjoy these rights and that many pay with their lives for even a hope of freedom.

Your gathering over these two days helps serve as a reminder to the American people that it is our sacred responsibility to assist those needing our help to protect their basic freedoms and even their very lives. Your presence here is an important reminder to freedom fighters the world over that this nation stands with them in their fight against tyranny. Your presence is also a reminder to totalitarian governments and those who seek to oppress their countrymen that the United States will not stand idly by while the freedom of the world's citizens is threatened.

I am proud to join with you in tribute to the memory of the victims of Communist oppression. The list of captive nations has grown considerably since the first Communist government took office in 1917. We must affirm our belief that the list of captive nations should not and cannot grow longer, and we must work and pray for the day when no people, no nation, and no individual are held captive any longer.

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July, 8, 1983

Dear Ambassador Walters:

I cannot begin to express my delight with your recent presentation to our Outreach Working Group on Central America. My only regret was my inability to take verbatim notes.

With your usual wit and gracious humor, you were able to convey the real message of Cuba -- the largest country in the world -- and I promise I shall quote you early and often. I thank you also for so succinctly painting the refugee picture in terms that everyone could understand -- but, more importantly, would remember.

Finally, I want to thank you for giving so generously of your time by briefing other groups on the Central American situation. Like you, I too believe that if we can get accurate, understandable information out to the American public they can and will make the correct decision and support the President's policies.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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