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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell (Joyce Thomann)
SUBJECT: Memorandum to Outreach Working Group

I trust the attached is self-explanatory.

If Mrs. Whittlesey would please sign the memorandum (using a black pen) we can get the mailing out by tomorrow at the latest.

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1 Attachment a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE WHITE HOUSE
OUTREACH WORKING GROUP ON CENTRAL AMERICA

FROM: Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

SUBJECT: Meetings for December

Following is a listing of our principal speakers and room locations for the White House Central American Outreach Meetings for the month of December. As usual, all meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m. (In order to facilitate the clearance process, please arrive at the meeting location no later than 2:15 p.m.)

December 7, - "Honduras - Today and Tomorrow"
The Honorable John D. Negroponte,
United States Ambassador to Honduras
"The Decisions and Deliberations of the O.A.S."
The Honorable J. William Middendorf, II,
U.S. Permanent Representative to the
Organization of American States

ROOM #474 - OEOB

December 14, - "Human Rights"
The Honorable Elliott Abrams,
Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau
of Human Rights & Humanitarian Affairs

ROOM #450 - OEOB

December 21, - "Central America: Its Economic and Strategic
Importance to the United States"
The Honorable Langhorne Motley,
Assistant Secretary of State for
Inter-American Affairs

ROOM #450 - OEOB

December 28, - CANCELLED (Due to Christmas/New Years' Holiday)

I am also enclosing copies of the six White House Digests which have been published to date so that you may be certain to have a complete set.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with blessings and joy.

Enclosures a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, -1983-

Mr. Stuart L. Hannon,
President
THE MARSHALL GROUP
3003 Van Ness Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Hannon:

Mrs. Whittlesey asked me to respond to your letter regarding the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

I noted from your letterhead a number of members of the Advisory and General Councils of the Marshall Group who attend our Outreach meetings on a regular basis. We would be pleased to have you participate as well in our meetings. Now that you have returned from your European trip, I hope that will be possible.

Speakers for the last two meetings in November will be:

November 16 - "Nicaragua" - Eden Pastore, Commandante Zero,
Room #450-OEOB, 2:30 p.m.

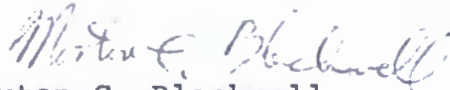
November 30 - "KGB Disinformation in the Media and Other Soviet Active Measures" - Arnaud De Borchgrave
Room #2008 - New Executive Office Building
2:30 p.m.

If your schedule would permit you to attend, please call Joyce Thomann of my office at 456-2657 and she will place your name on the White House clearance list for those meetings.

As the Project Office for the Office of Public Liaison's Central American Outreach program, I would like to explore with you further the opportunities for your Group which you mentioned in your letter to Mrs. Whittlesey.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of all the White House Digests on Central America that have been issued to date.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Enclosures a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Regional Briefings on Central America

We received this afternoon the attached material from Patrice Malone who works with Otto Reich.

They asked, if you approve, that you sign the attached and return it promptly to Patrice at the State Department

Their proposal is one which we have worked out jointly. I recommend you sign and return it to Patrice.

MCB:jet

1 Attachment a/s



United States Department of State
Office of the Secretary

November 14, 1983

NOTE TO: MORTON BLACKWELL
FROM : PATRICE MALONE
SUBJ : REGIONAL BRIEFINGS

Ambassador Reich has prepared an action plan to carry out the regional briefings which we have discussed.

Please review this and let us have your comments. If this plan is acceptable to your office, would you please have Ambassador Whittlesey sign the attached.

November 14, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: PA - Mr. John Hughes

FROM: S/LPD - Otto J. Reich
WH/OPL - Faith Whittlesey

SUBJECT: Major Media Market Briefings

We would like to ask your assistance in implementing the attached proposal for a series of regional briefings on Central America to begin in early December.

We have discussed this concept with Jim Baker and have received his approval.

Attachment: Regional Briefings
on Central America

REGIONAL BRIEFINGS ON CENTRAL AMERICA

Concept:

Organize a series of regional briefings on Central America in an effort to reach the greatest number of Americans to inform the public on United States policy in Central America.

Organization:

The top 24 media markets have been selected as one effective vehicle for communicating U.S. policy to the American public. They are as follows:

- New York
- Los Angeles
- Chicago
- Philadelphia
- Detroit
- San Francisco
- Washington
- Dallas/Fort Worth
- Houston
- Boston
- St. Louis
- Pittsburgh
- Baltimore
- Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Atlanta
- Cincinnati
- Milwaukee
- Denver
- Cleveland
- San Diego
- Miami
- Seattle-Everett
- Tampa-St. Petersburg
- Phoenix

By organizing these 24 media markets into regional briefings of 2 to 3 cities depending on the proximity, we can maximize the use of our resources.

The proposed tours are as follows:

Philadelphia/New York/Boston
Baltimore/Washington
Pittsburgh/Cleveland/Detroit
Dallas/Ft. Worth/Houston
San Diego/Phoenix/Los Angeles
Milwaukee/Chicago/Minneapolis-St. Paul
Atlanta/Miami/Tampa-St. Petersburg
Cincinnati/St. Louis
San Francisco/Denver/Seattle

Depending on the number of cities involved, each tour would consist of 2 or 3 major forums hosted by prominent organizations within the participating city, i.e., World Affairs Council, International Chamber of Commerce, and/or the League of Women Voters. Media add-ons would be scheduled around the platforms, for example, interviews with editorial boards, TV talks shows and/or other town meetings.

Briefing teams will be composed of senior as well as mid-level USG officials representing all components of our foreign policy in the region. A few examples are as follows:

<u>Team Leader</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Jeane Kirkpatrick or Vernon Walters	Philadelphia/New York/ Boston
Bill Middendorf	Baltimore/Washington
Peter McPherson	Pittsburgh/Cleveland/Detroit
Eugene Douglas	Dallas-Ft.Worth/Houston
Caspar Weinberger	San Diego/Phoenix/Los Angeles
John Vessey	Milwaukee/Chicago/Minneapolis- St. Paul
Otto Reich	Atlanta/Miami/Tampa- St. Petersburg
Verne Orr	Cincinnati/St. Louis
Tony Motley	San Francisco/Denver/Seattle

The above team leaders were selected because of their knowledge of the geographic area.

Our goal is to communicate our policy to the greatest number of persons. With this in mind, we believe that the White House would be able to generate more interest within the communities to attend a "National Security Briefing on Central America," therefore, the invitation should be issued from the White House.

We have explored this idea with organizations in a few of these key cities and their response has been extremely positive.

Our thought is to schedule these briefings throughout December and into the month of January.

Drafted: S/LPD - Patrice Malone
Rm. 5917 632-6751

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1983

Mr. Bernhard F. Eibner
293 Kenrick Street
Newton, Ma. 02158

Dear Mr. Eibner,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, asked me to write you with thanks for your letter of September 10 and your offer to help support the Administration's policy in Central America.


As the project officer for the White House Outreach Group on Central America, it is my duty to try and present to the public an accurate picture of events in Central America. Hence I share your concern over inaccurate, albeit well-intentioned, reporting on the area. Too often we see it in the news media.

I believe the only alternative we have is to present our arguments, and the facts we base our arguments on, forcefully before the American people. And I am confident that when presented with the facts, the American public will be supportive of the Administration's defense of democratic institutions in Central America.

I have included all the information generated by the White House Outreach Group on Central America with hopes the material contained will be of use in your battles with those who would have us turn our back on our responsibilities - - - and our friends - - - in Central America.

With thanks for your continuing support, I am,

Cordially,


Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

MCB/wc

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1983

Mr. Milton Peverini,
Director & Speaker
LA VOZ DE LA ESPERANZA
Post Office Box 2525
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Dear Mr. Peverini:

Because of your expressed interest, Mrs. Whittlesey asked that I send you copies of the White House Digests on Central America which have been issued to date. In addition, I am also enclosing a copy of a joint Department of Defense and Department of State background paper on Central America.

I am sorry that you were unable to attend the briefing on U.S. National Security and our Central American Policy for the members of the Hispanic Evangelical community on September 14, 1983 as it was very well received.

I am enclosing a copy of the listing of speakers for the month of November for the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. Should your schedule permit you to attend one of these briefings, please contact Mrs. Thomann of my office whose name and telephone number appears at the bottom of the page.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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Enclosures a/s



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25 Oct 83

Dear Mr Blackwell:

I received your letter of 17 August just before leaving for a trip to China and Pakistan. The enclosed news articles give the general thrust of my visits. I do hope to initiate trips by groups of veterans to meet Chinese army veterans - it will add substance to SecDols' visit to China and the upcoming state level exchange visits. On my trip to Afghanistan's refugee camps in Pakistan I was wearing my hat as a member of the Advisory Council of the Centre for a Free Afghanistan. I am departing today for a seminar at Oklahoma University and one at Wisc. Univ. the week after to participate in panels on Afghanistan. I hope to keep this issue "alive" in academia, the Afghans need help!

As a member of the Speakers Bureau of the American Security Council I am very interested in obtaining up to date material from the OUTREACH GROUP to include in my talks to businessmen's clubs. So please keep me on the mailing list. It was your material which gave me confidence to confront Adm. Turner on the MacNeil/Lehr report last July.

Since my daughter lives in D.C. I frequently visit and would appreciate attending meetings when in town.

Sincerely,

THEO. C. MATAXIS
Brig Gen USA ret

Old soldier trades foes for friends

Theo Mataxis is back in Peking to see his enemies of three decades ago.

Today, they are his friends.

As a brigadier-general in the United States Army, Theo Mataxis was commander of the 17th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War.

His unit fought in such clashes as the Battle of Pork Chop Hill against units of the Peoples' Liberation Army.

But that was a long time ago and, because of a chance meeting recently in New York, he is in China today to meet veterans of the PLA who were in the lines opposite him in the icy mountains of Korea.

The reason goes back to the victory celebrations in Manila Bay after the American fleet had defeated the Spaniards.

American and British naval officers who had observed the battle held a toast vowing to meet once a year for eternity in either New York or London to remember the event.

Thus was formed the "Ends of the Earth Club" and it was at its recent meeting in the Union League New York that Theo Mataxis met two guests, senior military officers of the Chinese delegation attached to the United Nations.

They got talking and it turned out all three men had served in Korea.

"Do the Chinese people still harbour grudges?" he asked.

No, was the reply. Did the Americans?

Certainly not, said General Mataxis, and went on to explain how in 1977 he and 90 men who had served with him in the American Army in World War II had gone to the battlefields of Europe along with men of the Wehrmacht units who had been opposing them.

In Europe, the former enemies had together walked the killing grounds and become friends. They now attend each others' reunions in America and Germany.

Gen Mataxis was later invited to Peking to meet PLA veterans of the Korean War.

It is an opportunity to which he looks forward with pleasure because the major concern of the retired military man today is not the enemies of yesterday but the threat of tomorrow.

And he is in no doubt that this comes from one sinister source, the brutal and relentless march towards world domination by the Soviet empire.

"There is no doubt at all that they are the greatest threat to world peace," he maintains.

"They are absolutely intransigent.

"Their attitude over the massacre in the air of the Korean Air Lines plane is typical.

"Afghanistan is only a sideshow for them."

Gen Mataxis makes no bones about where he stands; he sees the Soviets attempting to push down through Afghanistan, dismember Pakistan, thrust into the vital In-

dian Ocean and grab the vital oil resources of the Gulf states.

To spread his message, he has addressed thousands of meetings, written scores of articles, lectured widely and published a book.

He wants America and the world to wake up to what he perceives as a deadly threat, well-planned and well-orchestrated.

Such views of the Kremlin are going to find strong supporters in Peking and, no doubt, will be equally welcomed in the next stage of the general's itinerary during which he will visit Pakistan.

As a career soldier, he is familiar with both countries — from both sides of the fence.

He joined the US Army in 1940 and served for 32 years in many theatres including Europe, India, Korea and Vietnam.

When he retired in 1972 he was head of the American military mission in Cambodia. He later spent three years as an advisor to the Singapore Ministry of Defence and eight years teaching at a military academy in America.

In 1950, he was an exchange student at the Indian Staff College and served with the United Nations ceasefire force in Kashmir.

It was there he first became interested in Pakistani affairs, an interest that was fanned once again when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan.

After China, he hopes to visit the border areas of Pakistan where hundreds of thousands of Afghans are seeking shelter from the Red Army invaders.

But the main reason for Theo Mataxis' trip is to talk to the Chinese soldiers who faced him three decades ago in the bitter war which rent the Korean peninsula apart.

"We are all old soldiers," he said last week before leaving for China.

As such, he says, no matter on what side they fought, they will have plenty to talk about in Peking.

OPINION

Building Better Relations

Brigadier General Theodore C. Mataxis, who lives in Southern Pines, first came to this area in 1972, when he retired from the Army to form his own management consulting firm. He subsequently provided consulting services to the Singapore Ministry of Defense, and spent eight years at Valley Forge Military Academy. He has written several newspaper articles on military matters.

Little did I think, at the end of the Korean War, that three decades later I would be in China at a cordial meeting with soldiers of the People's Liberation Army.

My visit, concurrent with the widely publicized official trip by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, took place at the headquarters of the PLA's 196th Infantry Division near Beijing.

The genesis of this unique gathering was a meeting of the Ends of the Earth Club last year in New York City, at which I met two Chinese officers from the PRC's permanent military mission to the United Nations.

We discovered that we were all veterans of the Korean War, and the officers asked me if I felt any bitterness toward them for having fought on the other side. I assured them that, as a professional

soldier, I did not. I told them that in 1977 I had been one of several veterans of the 70th Infantry Division who met on a World War II battlefield with veterans of the Germans' 6th Mtn. Division, against whom we had fought. This meeting had been so successful, I said, that the two groups later exchanged visits, attending each other's division reunions.

This intrigued the Chinese officers, who asked if I would be interested in visiting China to meet some of their Korean War veterans. My enthusiastic answer was, "Yes. When can I go?"

It wasn't that easy, of course. The next few months brought an exchange of letters and visits, and their visit to a parade at Valley Forge Military Academy. Finally, the trip was arranged under the sponsorship of the Peking Institute for Strategic International Studies.

Today, as Sino-American relations grow warmer, with an exchange of visits by our president

and their premier scheduled for next spring, relations at the grass roots have begun to thaw, also.

The Chinese, I learned, welcome the thaw not only with enthusiasm, but with hope that close relations will continue well into the future. We all agreed that it was important, especially for combat veterans who had seen war and its horror, to take the initiative in bringing our cultures together at a personal level.

As the deputy White House press secretary said in announcing the upcoming visits by Premier Zhao Ziyang and President Reagan: "The building of a lasting relationship with the People's Republic of China is a major U.S. foreign policy goal...in the interests of world peace and stability."

It is at the grass roots that lasting friendships between nations are built. Exchanges at that level will lend substance to the national goal.

Guest Column



MADRE

Joining hands and hearts with the mothers and children of Central America



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"Support"*

Winter 1983

Dear Friends,

The aggression toward Central America and the Caribbean has increased enormously in recent months and weeks. The economic damage resulting from U.S. sponsored attacks on Nicaragua has been crippling. Countless deaths, kidnappings, rapes continue to ravage the people of this small country as commando raids are lead by the "contras".

On a recent visit to Nicaragua I met with mothers of children who had been killed or tortured by the counter-revolutionaries. The mothers described in vivid detail the tortures and deaths of their children. They also described how their lives had changed since the victory over Somoza. They told about learning to read and write, new family laws, daycare in the factories, better health-care and adult education, to mention only a few of the concrete changes in their lives.

The women asked the group I was with to go home and ask the mothers of North America to support them, to tell Reagan to stop killing their children.

They gave us a book of signatures of thousands of Nicaraguan women, addressed to the U.S. Senate, demanding an end to the U.S. aggression against Nicaragua. They asked us to take the book to the Senate.

Life in Nicaragua, in the whole region of Central America and the Caribbean, becomes increasingly dangerous as U.S. aggression and interference escalate. Because of this, and the request from the women of Nicaragua, we are forming a Friendship Committee between women and mothers in all of our countries. We form this committee in the hopes of informing thousands upon thousands of people about the situation in that region, and calling for an end to the violence—as mothers, as women, as human beings—for all the children.

MADRE'S regional activities will include vigils, town meetings, marches, petition drives, lobbying elected officials, twinning events between local groups and groups in Central America, letter writing to Central American women and material aid.

There is an immediate need in Nicaragua for **Fortified Powdered Milk** and **Baby Cereal**. We are initiating an **Emergency Mother to Mother Campaign** to collect these materials for mothers in Nicaragua.

Please become a MADRE or a MADRE sponsoring organization.

Sincerely,

Kathy Engel

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Madre is Spanish for mother.

MADRE means mothers, women joining together.

We are joining hands and hearts with the mothers and children of Nicaragua

where the "contras" torture children and force the mothers to watch;
we are joining hands and hearts with the mothers and children of all
of Central America because rapes, kidnappings, murders have become
daily occurrences in their lives;

because families are awakened in the night and sons and daughters
are taken by force; because this is war

and countless women, children, men are killed and maimed each day;
because money we pay in taxes pays for this;

because our money has been paying for covert operations, secret activities
to disrupt the government of Nicaragua, the lives of the people there;

because this money could be used instead in our hospitals,
schools, homes—to take care of people here;

because the U.S. invasion of Grenada is a violation of human life and dignity;
because human beings have the right to choose their own lives and leadership;

because we don't want our sons to kill or be killed in Central America;
because our government is more involved in that region each day;

because U.S. supported brutality against Central Americans

reminds us of widespread brutality against people of color here at home;
because Hispanic, Black and poor white youths will be the first sent to fight;

because those young people can't get jobs here;

because violence against women and children grows more fierce
here in our own country each day, in our communities, in our cities;

because we know what it means to lose a child;

because that child is all of us;

because as mothers, as women, as human beings

we are sickened and appalled by acts of war and abuse—

We demand that our government and the President of the United States
end this war immediately and respond to the urgent needs of our daily lives.

We form MADRE to bring together concerned people—mothers
and non-mothers alike, young and old, rich and poor, to call for an end to U.S.
intervention in Nicaragua, all of Central America and the Caribbean,
in friendship with the people there.

As mothers, as women, as human beings—for all the children.

Please Clip and Return to:

MADRE, 853 Broadway, Room 905, New York, New York 10003 212 777 6470

I am a MADRE, in friendship with the women of Nicaragua, all of Central America
and the Caribbean.

- I would like more information on MADRE's work
- I would like to correspond with a Nicaraguan Madre
- I would like to be in touch with other MADRES in my community
- Please send me an I.D. Card with a photograph of a Nicaraguan Madre
- Please send me more information on the situation in Central America
- Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to MADRE

Please make check payable to MADRE/W.I.R.E. (Women's International
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Nicaragua Faces Critical Shortage of Powdered Milk and Baby Cereal

Aggression toward Nicaragua has increased enormously in recent months and weeks. The economic damage resulting from U.S. sponsored attacks has been crippling. Managua's airport, several major ports, and key commerce roads have been bombed.

Mother-to-Mother Campaign

MADRE is calling on women throughout the United States to participate in a Winter Drive to help Nicaraguan Madres sustain the lives of their children. Thanksgiving is traditionally a time of friendship and sharing. Help us extend that tradition to include the mothers and children of Nicaragua. Start now by collecting donations of fortified powdered milk and baby cereal, or purchase-funds, for a Christmas-time shipment. MADRE can help with information and resources for more extensive Milk and Cereal Drive projects throughout the winter.

Background

When the Sandinista government took power in 1979, former dictator Anastasio Somoza fled Nicaragua, plundering the treasury and leaving a national debt of \$1.6 billion as well as a trail of devastation including an additional \$1.3 billion in war damages.

1981

- \$74 million development aid package, \$17.6 million credit for purchase of wheat and oil and \$5.1 million for Nicaragua's food industry suspended by President Reagan
- United States aids formation of clandestine "contra" (anti-Sandinista) bases in Honduras
- Honduras receives first of close to \$100 million in U.S. military aid appropriated between 1981 and 1983.
- President Reagan formally approves \$19.5 million grant to CIA for covert actions to destabilize Sandinista government
- Reagan Administration cuts \$300 million from U.S. Federal budget for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) dropping 700,000 of those classified as "nutritional risks" from food and counseling program

1982

- U.S. supervises reorganization of Honduran armed forces
- U.S. pressures International Lending Agencies to block loans to Nicaragua
- U.S. funded contras continue to destroy crops and livestock and raid villages, ransacking homes, torturing and raping civilians, killing townspeople, and kidnapping others
- \$1,200 million cut from U.S. Federal Food Stamp Program leaving 1,000,000 low income recipients (900,000 women) without benefits

1983

- Reagan administration accused of breaking law by supporting former Somoza officers, who invade Nicaragua from Honduras
- Reagan creates Bipartisan Commission headed by Henry Kissinger to formulate U.S. policy toward Central America
- U.S. naval maneuvers off Pacific and Caribbean coasts of Nicaragua announced, to include 19 ships and 16,500 officers and men
- In televised address, Reagan declines to rule out possibility that U.S. troops will be put into combat
- Quantifiable harm to Nicaragua caused by CIA in 8 months of 1983 exceeds 12% of total exports—proportionally equivalent in terms of the U.S. economy to a loss of \$25 billion
- Nicaraguan losses in human life in 1983, are proportionally equivalent to all the dead suffered by the U.S. in the Vietnam War
- U.S. Federal Budget cut by \$700 million in Aid to Families with Dependent Children, terminating 365,000 families below poverty level and reducing benefits for 260,000 remaining recipients

Please clip and return to:

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**I am a MADRE, in friendship with the women of Nicaragua,
all of Central America and the Caribbean.**

- I am joining the MOTHER-TO-MOTHER CAMPAIGN.
- Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to purchase milk and baby cereal.
- Please contact me, I would like to send a donation of milk or cereal.
- I would like to correspond with a Nicaraguan Madre.
- I would like to be in touch with other MADRES in my community.
- Please send me an I.D. Card with a photograph of a Nicaraguan Madre.
- Please send me more information on the situation in Central America.
- Please send me more information about Twinning and other MADRE activities.
- Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to MADRE.
Please make check payable to MADRE/W.I.R.E.
(Women's International Resource Exchange)

Name _____

Phone _____

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City, State, Zip _____

How Madre Works

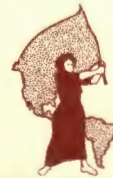
MADRE is a network of small groups of women who know each other through their jobs, their children's schools or day care centers, through community or political work, churches and synagogues, or meeting in parks and playgrounds. Letter writing and TWIN organizing enables Madres in the United States and Central America to connect the realities of each others lives and hopes. Small groups work together on fundraisers, vigils, regional events, petition campaigns, sponsoring Friendship Tours, lobbying and media work.

Twinning

In the United States, Central America, and throughout the world—despite distance, despite language and custom, despite social conditions and ideology—the concern for a child's safety, the need for a consistent means of support and for the resources of health and learning, are shared by all women, all human beings. TWINNING is the pairing of local institutions, such as day care centers, schools, clinics, hospitals, libraries, community centers, etc., with similar institutions in Nicaragua for joint educational work and fundraising. TWINNING creates a tangible insight into daily life in Nicaraguan communities, while highlighting the needs of local areas at home. MADRE can supply each TWINNING group with a list of appropriate institutions in Nicaragua as well as resources and materials for organizing local projects.

White Scarves and Photographs

Wearing I.D. cards with photographs of Nicaraguan mothers, is a constant reminder that for every MADRE in the United States, there is a woman in Nicaragua with the same hopes and concerns for her loved ones. In Argentina, mothers of the 6000 people who vanished during the anti-leftist repression in the 1970's, wear white scarves embroidered with the names of their missing children. MADRES wear white scarves in compassion for all women who have lost children to senseless violence.



Write to your Senator and other elected officials urging no covert or overt aid to anti-government forces of Nicaragua. Urge a response from the State Department to Nicaragua's peace initiative; demand no intervention.

Madre is Spanish for mother.

MADRE means mothers, women joining together.

We are joining hands and hearts with the mothers and children of Nicaragua

where the "contras" torture children and force the mothers to watch;
we are joining hands and hearts with the mothers and children of all
of Central America because rapes, kidnappings, murders have become
daily occurrences in their lives;
because families are awakened in the night and sons and daughters
are taken by force; because this is war
and countless women, children, men are killed and maimed each day;
because money we pay in taxes pays for this;
because our money has been paying for covert operations, secret activities
to disrupt the government of Nicaragua, the lives of the people there;
because this money could be used instead in our hospitals,
schools, homes—to take care of people here;
because the U.S. invasion of Grenada is a violation of human life and dignity;
because human beings have the right to choose their own lives and leadership;
because we don't want our sons to kill or be killed in Central America;
because our government is more involved in that region each day;
because U.S. supported brutality against Central Americans
reminds us of widespread brutality against people of color here at home;
because Hispanic, Black and poor white youths will be the first sent to fight;
because those young people can't get jobs here;
because violence against women and children grows more fierce
here in our own country each day, in our communities, in our cities;
because we know what it means to lose a child;
because that child is all of us;
because as mothers, as women, as human beings
we are sickened and appalled by these acts of war and abuse—

We demand that our government and the President of the United States
end this war immediately and respond to the urgent needs of our daily lives.

We form MADRE to bring together concerned people—mothers
and non-mothers alike, young and old, rich and poor, to call for an end to U.S.
intervention in Nicaragua, all of Central America and the Caribbean,
in friendship with the people there.

As mothers, as women, as human beings—for all the children.

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Mrs. Joyce Thomann
Office of Public Liaison
Suite 191-OEOB
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500


Dear Mrs. Thomann:

My wife and I are in receipt of Mr. Morton C. Blackwell's letter to us concerning placing us on the "regular clearance list" to be able to attend meetings of the "White House Outreach Working Group on Central America".

Enclosed herein are Registration Forms with identification for each of us as it will certainly be our pleasure to attend future Presidential and/or Vice Presidential Briefings at the White House on the Central American situation.

I might add that we are in regular telephone contact with Mr. Dolf Droge who is on loan to your Office of Public Liaison from the State Department to organize speakers and speaking engagements throughout the United States in support of the President's Central American Policy. We have been extremely impressed with Mr. Droge's "global perspective" concerning the entire Central American issue and appreciate his frequent forwarding to us of various briefing documents. The White House can be proud to have a person of his calibre and integrity so committed to the Central American issue.

Sincerely,



Sidney M. Rosen
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SMR/mcr
Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9-6-83

NOTE:

TO: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: DOLF DROGE 

SUBJECT: STROKING TEXAS

The attached letters are FYI on a communciation gap which took place this summer.

The phone call contact I made when made aware of the situation re August 19 Xerox, has resulted in Tom Knight, Executive Director of the GOP in Nueces County arranging five days of bookings for Ambassador Eugene Douglas October 24-through October 29 covering Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Dallas, and El Paso. Tom is so busy he has no time to remain angry, as the September 2 Xerox letter confirms.

Ambassador Douglas previously asked to be used heavily during his five day Texas "vacation" including TV, radio and editorial boards. Since Mrs. Reagan received a copy of the August 19 gripe letter (along with me) I thought you ought to have the follow-up information on hand.



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September 2, 1983

Mr. Dolph Droge
White House Speakers Bureau
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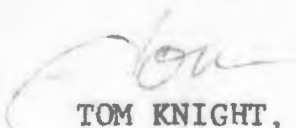
Dear Dolph,

Just a note here to thank you for your call yesterday. We really appreciate the reassurance that the Administration is interested in us, and is willing to work with us in a partnership that will be mutually productive.

Having served, as did I, in the Nixon Administration you are obviously aware of the importance of White House/Party coordination. The tragic outcome of Watergate and its related episodes dramatically illustrated the dangers of White House activity independent of the Party. It's a pleasure to be working with someone who is equally determined not to repeat those same "failures of communication."

Thanks, again. Let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,


TOM KNIGHT,
Executive Director

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August 19, 1983

Mr. Ed Rollin, Assistant to the
President for Political affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Rollin,

On May 20, 1983, our Nueces County Republican Headquarters submitted, for your consideration, a program entitled "EL SALVADOR-American and the fight for Freedom", which we believe will dramatically demonstrate the support of Americans living in border areas for the President's peace-through-strength policies in Latin America. On June 6, June 13 and June 27, I attempted to contact Ms. Michelle Davis of your office, to discuss our proposal. Each time I was assured Ms. Davis 'will get right back' with me. To date we have heard nothing; not even acknowledgment of receipt of our proposal. Are the 110,000 voters of Nueces County, not to mention the millions more living along the U. S.-Mexico border, not important enough to warrant a response from the Administration? Are you taking for granted our Texas Republican votes and campaign efforts on behalf of the President?

Mr. Rollin, our proposal has generated statewide interest among Hispanic Republicans because they recognize the potential value to the Administration. This program, if realized will give the President a receptive forum in which to present his Latin American policies. The positive impact for him with Hispanics, as well as all other voters in the border regions, cannot be overstressed. If the President and our Administration are truly sensitive to the needs of this region, as he stated in El Paso last week, then we deserve a response--be it favorable or not.

Sincerely,

TOM KNIGHT
Executive Director

cc: Nancy Reagan
Dolph Droge



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December 6, 1983

Mr. Dolf Droge
Office of Public Liaison
Room 438
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Droge:

Per our recent conversation regarding suggestions of speakers for the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America we are submitting two names for consideration:

- o Mr. Christian Tatenbach
Vice President, Partido Unidad (Political Party in Costa Rica).
Member of that country's Parliament.
Staunch democrat and anti-Communist.
- o Dr. Henk Chin A Sen
Former President of Suriname
President, The Council for the Liberation of Suriname (The Netherlands).
He has wide support from the AFL-CIO.

I am also taking the liberty of suggesting a name for the series of White House sessions on Cuba in January. The name is that of Mr. Huber Matos, Sr.

Since his release from prison in 1979, Mr. Matos has remained very active in Cuban politics and as a speaker on this issue. As such, he has reached a wide non-partisan audience in the United States (democrats, republicans and the labor movement) and has obtained diverse political and ideological support for his ideas abroad. He is not only conversant on issues concerning Cuba's revolutionary process up to 1959 when Castro personally sentenced him to 20 years in jail and on issues related to Cuban political prisons; but as Secretary General of CID and as a result of our involvement in broadcasting to Cuba, Mr. Matos has also kept himself abreast with current socio-political as well as economic developments in Cuba.

Mr. Matos cannot only assess Cuba's domestic situation and its involvement and influence abroad from the perspective of a former member of Castro's inner revolutionary circle, but also from the perspective of a resolute and dedicated fighter for the restoration of independence, human rights and democratic values in Cuba.

I would like, once more, to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help in making our Convention in Los Angeles a success. Your office can always count on CID as a forum to rally support for the President's policy in Central America and the furtherance of democracy in that region.

Sincerely,


Hilda Perez

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Faith RYAN WHITTLESEY
FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*
SUBJECT: Attached memorandum to Bud McFarlane

You may want to sign and send the attached memorandum.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

SUBJECT: Regional Outreach Briefings on
Central America

Here is an update on our plans to brief community leaders in major cities on U.S. policy in Central America. This series of briefings was developed by consensus among the agency representatives on our working group.

1. The State Department Public Affairs Office is arranging for co-sponsorship in each city. Co-sponsors will be groups such as the World Affairs Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. The idea is to find sponsors that would not be identified with either end of the political spectrum but towards the center.
2. The invitations will be mailed from the State Department and, depending upon the speakers, will read something like: "The U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Defense and the Agency for International Development, in cooperation with the Pittsburgh World Affairs Council and the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce cordially invite you to attend a briefing on United States policy on Central America."
3. The list of invitees will be initially provided by the local sponsoring organizations. The list will be submitted to the White House. We will make sure that the major opinion leaders in each locality are included. This will include the prominent educators, clergy, union leaders, business leaders, and local editors, publishers, and broadcasters. The idea here is for the invitation list to reach out beyond those normally invited to foreign policy briefings.

4. Target cities. We have a potential target list of twenty-four major cities, but we will start with one pair of cities. Our first pair was to be Philadelphia and Hartford, but last week two of our speakers scheduled for January 23 and 24 were called to give Congressional testimony on those days.
5. Speakers. For the first pair of cities, we will not shoot for "superstars" such as Secretary of State Shultz, or Secretary of Defense Weinberger, but will go for a reasonably balanced team of three speakers, one each from the defense area, the diplomacy area and the development area.
6. Funding. The hall will be provided by the local sponsoring organization. Each agency will fund the travel expenses of its personnel. The invitations will be issued by the State Department.
7. Scheduling. Otto Reich's office will coordinate this with the State Department Bureau of Public Affairs, in consultation with our White House Office of Public Liaison and other appropriate offices. It was agreed that we would not schedule any cities in the month immediately prior to each respective state's Presidential primary. After the first pair of cities are covered in February, we will evaluate this pilot and make appropriate adjustments for subsequent briefings.
8. Additional outreach. Each speaker will be asked to spend a full working day in each city. Before and after each joint briefing, the speakers will separately speak to a wide variety of audiences: local radio and TV talk shows, newspaper editorial boards, civic club meetings, student groups, etc. This will greatly increase the impact of this effort in each city.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
June 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MA*

SUBJECT: Talking Points on Threat to Economic Vitality
of the Caribbean Sea Lanes

The attached talking points are taken from a two page paper submitted to our Outreach Working Group by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Inter American Affairs, Nestor Sanchez.

MCB:jet

1 Attachment a/s

TALKING POINTS

THREAT TO ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA LANES

- Many critical raw materials, essential to the economic and military security of the United States, are transported from the Persian Gulf, Africa and South America to our ports in the Gulf of Mexico. The Caribbean Basin contains many of these vital sea and air lines of communication.
- During peacetime, 44% of all foreign trade tonnage and 45% of all import tanker tonnage moves through the Caribbean Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs) to U.S. Gulf Coast ports.
- the Caribbean states also provide 75% of our nation's aluminum requirements.
- Numerous Caribbean ports serve as trans-shipment points for supertankers bringing petroleum from the Persian Gulf destined for U.S. refineries. Within the Caribbean itself, many refineries (the major ones located in Aruba, Curacao, and St. Croix) process approximately five million barrels of crude oil a day. Thus, in peacetime, the oil passing through the area from the South Atlantic and Venezuela, and the volume of general cargo entering U.S. Gulf ports renders the Caribbean SLOCs extremely important from an economic perspective.

- Alaskan oil and Pacific trade which transit the Panama Canal and pipeline are also critical to the U.S. economy.
- In FY-82 alone, 180.5 Million long tons moved through the canal bound for U.S. ports. During wartime, rapid transit through the Panama Canal would be vital to the U.S. Navy. The spread of Soviet/Cuban satellites into Central America provide a military capability to interdict traffic through the Canal, restrict the rapid deployment of U.S. forces and cut off vital raw materials from reaching Gulf and East Coast ports.
- During World War II, over 50 percent of the supplies and reinforcements bound for the European and African theaters passed through ports in the Gulf of Mexico.
- From February to July 1942, German U-boats sank 114 allied ships -- more than 560,000 gross tons -- without having the submarine bases in the Caribbean area the Soviets now have use of. Today, significant numbers of NATO reinforcements and fifty percent of the resupply material would originate at these same gulf ports. This vital shipping must then pass through the Straits of Florida or the Yucatan Channel - the major choke points between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic.
- Cuba is an unsinkable aircraft carrier that comes with a 225,000 man army and an Air Force which includes more than 200 MIG aircraft. This Soviet weapon sits astride the sea lanes into and out of the Gulf of Mexico.

- During the last five years, the Soviets have accelerated their program of modernizing Cuba's military forces to provide them with an offensive interdiction capability. Today, Cuba, with its diesel attack submarines, missile-equipped patrol boats, hydrofoil torpedo boats, and air-to-ground capable aircraft, has the potential to seriously threaten these vital shipping routes. The Cuban government has also been provided a Soviet-built Koni-class frigate further enhancing their military arsenal. With the recent addition of two Soviet Polnocny Class amphibious ships, Cuba is developing the capability to project force throughout the Caribbean. They have rehearsed amphibious landings with 400 marines and light tanks on beaches near Mariel.
- In the past 20 years, we have moved from a position of relative security in this hemisphere to a situation where we could very well find Soviet bases on our southern flank. This creates a vulnerability which our country has not had to address -- and one which could totally alter our strategic position and limit our military options throughout the world. Unfortunately, Congress and the American public have not begun to understand the gravity of the situation.
- Castro will continue to exploit every opportunity to export terrorism and revolution to increase his communist influence and destabilize established govern-

ments in the area. Nicaragua is already a puppet of Cuba and is being used as a funnel through which weapons and supplies reach rebel movements throughout the Central American region. The Sandinistas are espousing a "revolution without frontiers."

- With current forces, we are only capable of executing a sequential strategy. The forces needed to secure the Caribbean are the same ones needed to ensure the security of the North Atlantic. The same forces are also needed in Europe. At the beginning of hostilities, some of these forces may be deployed to the Indian Ocean and some in the Mediterranean or Caribbean. The choice of the sequence may well belong to the Soviets.
- It is imperative that we strengthen our commitment in the Caribbean, re-establish close working relationships with our friends and neighbors in the area, and reaffirm our support and assistance to each of the friendly governments there.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1984



MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell //

SUBJECT: Request from Senator Denton

As you may recall, we were contacted by Senator Denton late in the afternoon of December 12, asking to speak to our Outreach Working Group Meeting of December 14. The Senator wanted to talk to the group about his recent trip to El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. At the last minute, Senator Denton changed his mind and opted not to be a secondary speaker, but attended as an observer. (Elliott Abrams was our scheduled speaker for that date.)

We have scheduled Senator Denton to speak to the Outreach Group on Wednesday, January 25.

Attached is a memorandum prepared for your signature to M. B. Oglesby requesting his approval for Senator Denton to speak to our Outreach Working Group on Wednesday, January 25.

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1 Attachment a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR M. B. OGLESBY

FROM: FAITH WHITTLESEY

SUBJECT: Central American Outreach Working Group Meeting

Senator Jeremiah Denton has asked to speak to our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. He desires to apprise the group of the observations and insights which he gleaned from his recent trip to El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama during the period November 30 to December 7, 1983.

We have scheduled the Senator to speak at our meeting of Wednesday, January 25, at 2:30 p.m. in Room #450.

I hope this will meet with your concurrence.