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November 25, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Dick*

SUBJECT: Memorandum on Cuba and Central America

Bill Casey has prepared three papers dealing with Cuba and Central America. All three papers are for information and are recommended for your weekend reading.

At Tab A is the memorandum from Bill Casey to you.

At Tab B is a rather long paper which details the present mood of Fidel Castro. It is an excellent paper and could help us shape our policy toward Castro.

At Tab C is a memorandum of conversation between Bill and General Leopoldo Galtieri, Commander in Chief, Argentine Army, that gives a detailed account of what the Argentines are doing in Central America and what they want from us.

At Tab D is a brief outline of what needs to be done now in regard to Central America. The actions Bill outlines are being generally accommodated as a result of your decisions in the recent NSC meetings.

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Attachments

- Tab A Memo fr Casey
- Tab B Mood of Castro
- Tab C Memcon of Galtieri & Casey
- Tab D Outline for Central America

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Review on November 25, 1983

- cc: The Vice President
- Ed Meese
- Jim Baker
- Mike Deaver

The Director of Central Intelligence

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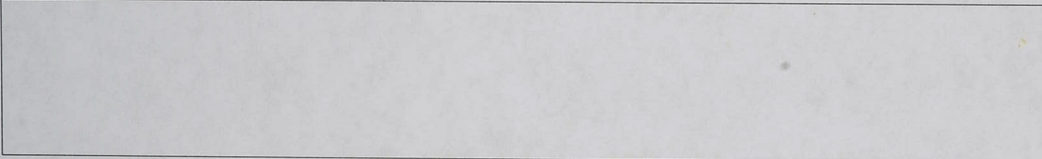
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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I think you would find useful for weekend reading the attached paper, "Castro Agonistes." I found it a remarkable analysis, drawn from his recent speeches, of Castro's state of mind. It leads up to the conclusion: "Pressures on him now are probably greater than at any time since the early 1960s, and he has made more serious mistakes over the last two years--the visits by Cuban exiles, the repeated promises of a grim future--than in any comparable period. Most ominous in this context are the numerous indications that his brooding pessimism of late reflects an increasingly belligerent and fatalistic mood. Thus, Castro will, in all likelihood, be an even more dangerous adversary than he has been in the past."



Finally, there is attached a brief memorandum on escaping the paralysis which impedes steps to limit the Soviet-backed Cuban and Nicaraguan takeover of Central America which also would threaten both the Panama Canal and Mexico.

Yours,

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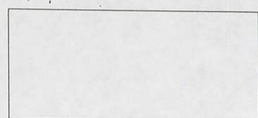
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