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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Central American Situation.

1. The following message is to be delivered by KARL to RUFUS:

Because of the indiscretions of Somoza, the approach made by his son to a member of the State Department in Panama, and the visit of his Ambassador and the Dominican Ambassador to the State Department, the United States Government was alerted to the shipment of hardware that was being arranged and has consequently taken steps to prevent the export of this material. We know that many Government officials in positions of importance are sympathetic with your movement, but Government policy is based on international agreements which force the Government to take this action. Our group is now considering the next step.

JCK:PW

J. C. King  
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