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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Latin America
Director, Office of African and Latin American Analysis, DI

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of CEOs, State Department, 20 March 1984

1. I have to brief a group of large corporation presidents at the State Department on Tuesday on Central America.
2. This would be a good opportunity to get Helgerson into developing a comprehensive picture on Central America.
3. I will want some maps and charts to display in the State Department Operations Center where the briefing will be held. I want a statement covering the following:
 - Initial US reaction to the Sandinista Government
 - Their response in Salvador
 - Castro and Burnham statements on the first anniversary of Somoza's fall
 - Castro's unification of left-wingers in Central American countries in return for his Cuban arms and support
 - Propaganda campaigns projected in meetings in Havana and Mexico City

(Much of the foregoing can be developed from the comprehensive briefing prepared at NSC direction and reluctantly released by the State Department sometime during early 1983.)

 - Soviet buildup in Cuba and Cuba's threat to US security
 - The Nicaraguan resistance (where it began, where it is, and where it is going can be taken from the statement prepared for delivery to the SSCI last Thursday)



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- Salvador
- Honduras
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Mexico

- The future - 100,000 Latinos in Cuba, Central America and Mexico
- the refugee flow - Communist governments took over in eastern Europe - Cuba
- Vietnam - Afghanistan - immigration from Central America and Mexico today -
legal and illegal

4. I would like to meet with you and Helgerson and either Dewey or somebody you would assign today to decide on getting maps and exhibits prepared. I would like a draft to work on over the weekend, perhaps by noon on Saturday.



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