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1 October 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for SSCI Staffer on El Salvador
and Honduras

1. On 1 October 1990 at 1500 hours in 4F29 OHB, SSCI staffer Jim Currie received a briefing from DI/ALA analysts on El Salvador and Honduras. Present for the Agency were: [REDACTED] Central America Branch Chief; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] political analysts on Honduras; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] political analysts on El Salvador; and [REDACTED] from OCA. The briefing was part of a series being offered to Currie as part of his SSCI responsibility for Latin American political affairs. Currie took detailed notes and asked few questions. The meeting was held at the Top Secret Codeword level, although a vast majority of the material was Secret

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3. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] painted an equally troubling picture for El Salvador. While the FMLN was not a large radical force, they were well armed with sufficient caches to survive long term cut backs in support by the Cubans and the Sandanistas. The government was preoccupied with its internal economic problems as well as attempting to unravel the legal troubles surrounding the murder of the Jesuit priests last year. Currie noted for the analysts the current status of the Dodd Amendment which would cut aid to El Salvador by half and suggested it would likely pass a US Congress tired of the mess in El Salvador.

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4. The meeting ended at 1730. No immediate follow up briefing was requested though Currie queried about doing more of the same type on different countries in Latin America once Congress adjourned. [REDACTED] promised he would follow up as requested and per Currie's schedule.

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