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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: Issues for Discussion with [] a European country leader
Regarding Terrorism and Central America []

Issue

How should we approach the issues of terrorism and Central
America with [] the European
country leader []?

Facts

[]

[]
the European
country leader

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The private meetings with [] also offer an opportunity to
sound out [] on steps they could take to assist the Nicaraguan
resistance. Through intermediaries, we have been apprised that
the Chilean government is prepared to provide up to 48 BLOWPIPE
surface-to-air missiles to the freedom fighters.

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The Chileans indicate that they need to have permission from HMG to transfer these missiles which apparently were staged in Chile during the Falklands War. These weapons, or something similar (e.g., SA-7s), are essential if the resistance is to stay in the fight now that the Sandinistas are employing their Soviet-provided MI-24 HIND-D helicopters.

Discussion



We should be supportive of any joint efforts to enhance the Bonn Declaration and improve the ability of the Western democracies to impose sanctions on those who fail to prosecute or extradite hijackers.

Lastly, you can commit to urge more expeditious treatment of extradition cases held in this country. the European country government

On the matter of supporting the Nicaraguan resistance, we should very privately express approbation for anything that is willing to do in support of their cause. At this point, the Chilean government has not yet approached on the matter of transferring the BLOWPIPE missiles. Further, the European country leader may not be fully aware of the constraints which have been levied on the CIA and DoD as a consequence of the FY85 Continuing Resolution. A quiet expression of thanks for anything they might be able to do in this regard would be most appropriate. We are also prepared to offer a very discrete briefing for the European country leader on the Soviet Bloc buildup in Nicaragua and its consequences for NATO if the resistance is forced to go it alone without outside support.

Recommendation

OK No

That you discuss the matters indicated above very privately with the European country leader

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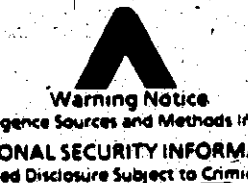
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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

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FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Follow-up with [a European country] re: Terrorism and Central America

At Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President regarding several very sensitive issues he may wish to raise [during the European country leader's] forthcoming visit. It is recognized that a meeting package is being staffed, however, the circle of awareness [] is very small. Additionally, [the European country] may be prepared to help in Central America. This, too, should be kept to a very small audience.

At Tab II is a [] cable from you [] thanking him for his assistance during the recent [] incident. An incoming cable from Ambassador Price is at Tab III, the last paragraph of which alludes to the terrorism issue.

Terrorism.

[] has called indicating additional comments on terrorism [] He noted that Thatcher would express her appreciation for the close working relationship which has been established with the NSC on terrorism. [] will apparently note [] new steps on improvements to the Bonn Declaration on aircraft hijacking.

Central America.

Several weeks ago, David Walker, a former SAS officer, now a reputable British Security Specialist, indicated a willingness to

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assist in special mission planning and training for the Nicaraguan resistance. This approach was reported in a separate memorandum. Walker also informed that BLOWPIPE surface-to-air missiles may be available in Chile for use by the FDN in dealing with the HIND helicopters. This information was passed through an appropriate secure and source protected means to Adolfo Calero who proceeded immediately to Santiago. Yesterday, Calero, having returned from Chile, advised that the Chileans have possession of large quantities of BLOWPIPE missiles and that they are willing to make 48 missiles and five to eight launchers available to the FDN. There would be no charge for the missiles, but the Chileans did ask \$15K each for the launchers. The Chileans noted, however, that they obtain British permission for the transfer. Training on the weapons system was also offered for up to ten three-man teams from the FDN on a no-cost basis. Calero will dispatch the trainees to Chile on December 23. According to Calero, no one in the Pinochet government is aware that the USG has knowledge of this offer. ^{The European} _{country leader's} visit provides an opportunity to address this issue directly without intermediaries becoming aware.

Your memo to the President at Tab I brings these issues to his attention and asks that he discuss the matter of the Nicaraguan resistance very privately with ^{the European} _{country leader}. You will recall that before the June Summit we discussed the matter of ^{the European} _{country's} aid to the resistance and noted that

The European country leader has funds that might be available for such activities.

This may be the best opportunity we have to obtain such support for the resistance. Given recent actions in Nicaragua, we may not have another chance if we wait.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you initial and forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. That you release the cable at Tab II.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I - McFarlane memo to the President

Tab II - []

Tab III - []

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