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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Daily Report

Information

Violence Anticipated in Jamaican Elections:

25X1 [redacted] Cuban-trained Jamaicans dressed in army and police uniforms plan to carry out acts of indiscriminate political violence, hoping to terrorize the general population enough to prevent them from voting on Thursday. 25X1 [redacted] black Cuban military personnel will participate in the violence, and have supplied weapons. 25X1 [redacted] the People's National Party (PNP) is acting out of desperation in fear it will lose the election, and hopes to prevent a Jamaica Labor Party (JLP) victory by creating an appearance of anarchy. (S)

25X1 [redacted] a last minute poll shows the JLP winning by a landslide, lending credence to the possibility that the PNP will act out of desperation. The Jamaican defense forces have also confirmed the recent loss of numbers of military uniforms. The embassy also agrees that the PNP can be expected to unleash as much violence as necessary to influence the election result, though they question the Cuban involvement. The defense attache adds that all his recent reporting supports this scenario. (S)

NSC Activities

Message from Giscard

Giscard has commented favorably on the Clausen nomination in response to your letter of last Friday. (S)

Possible Coup in Nicaragua

David Aaron chaired a meeting with a few officials from CIA and State to discuss recent intelligence reports that prominent non-Marxist Nicaraguans are planning to overthrow the FSLN Directorate in Nicaragua and reduce the growing Cuban presence. Based on

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DIA, DOS and NSC review(s) completed.

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available facts, we believe the chances of success are small, although several leading Nicaraguan military officers may be involved. It is quite possible that this is a provocation designed to smoke out moderates and eventually tighten the control of the pro-Cuban Sandinistas. Even though it would be in our interest for a more moderate and nationalist Nicaraguan government to take power, we have adopted a strictly neutral position because this conspiracy could be either a provocation or it could fail, thereby reducing the chances of pluralism in Nicaragua in the future. (S)

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VOA Programming Increases

Primarily at NSC initiative, eleven hours per day of new programming has been added to VOA over the past two years. As of January the totals will be 13 hours of new programming daily. During this period the new languages that have been added include Farsi for Iran, Dari for Afghanistan, and Hausa for Nigeria. Programming has been expanded in Turkish, Urdu, and Bengali. (C)

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