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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reprogramming of Military Assistance Funds  
for El Salvador

EL SALVADOR

The reprogramming of military assistance funds for El Salvador is being held up by an impasse with the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations of the House Affairs Committee. The Subcommittee chairman, Doc Long, appears ready to seek a committee vote on the proposition that some military assistance for El Salvador be approved, subject to:

- (1) Salvadoran release of some political prisoners;
- (2) Opening of Salvadoran prisons to ICRC inspection;
- (3) Appointment by the President of a senior envoy to assist the Salvadorans in bringing about a negotiation for a political solution including their making possible free, fair and safe elections;
- (4) Independent, high-level review of all materials relating to the murders of the American churchwomen and suggestions for bringing those responsible to justice.

However, Long wants our commitment to those 4 conditions in writing before he seeks a vote in the subcommittee.

We believe the 4 conditions can be accommodated. However, we should not make a commitment in writing before the committee votes. Otherwise, there is a risk that the committee might not approve a high enough figure or might add new conditions. We favor a written response only after the committee has acted to approve a substantial portion (at least \$30 million) of the \$60 million reprogramming we have proposed.

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If you concur, Secretary Shultz would call Doc Long, giving him an authoritative oral assurance that we can accept the 4 conditions if the committee takes favorable action on the reprogramming proposal, and urging him to accept his assurance as a basis for a prompt committee vote.

This memorandum requests your concurrence in such an approach, in order to attempt to resolve the current impasse and obtain the needed funds without further delay.

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*Charles Hill*

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Executive Secretary

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