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Minutes of the Public Diplomacy Meeting

December 10, 1985

Attendees:

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Don Mathes
Constantine Menges
Walt Raymond
Otto Reich
Jake Jacobowitz

1. Otto Reich announced the President had called him to offer his future posting. The group discussed the effects of his imminent departure and possible timing.
2. Otto Reich reviewed the status of the arms display. Admiral Poindexter has viewed the display and suggests it be held until Congress is back in session. Suggestions for Presidential viewing were entertained. An option paper from State to NSC will be prepared to offer a group of options for exploitation of the display.
3. Otto Reich pointed out that outside support appears to be necessary if S/LPD is to obtain the four additional military detailees. Constantine Menges will call Fred Ikle at Defense on the issue.
4. The group discussed strategy for the upcoming period. The next 5 months are crucial in Public Diplomacy. It is necessary to continue to maintain pressure in a period of advantage.
5. The group discussed distribution of La Prensa Censurado, and anticipated problems for the newspaper. Increased distribution of the product to media individuals will be undertaken, in the current translated and retyped format. USIA was encouraged to send US journalists to consult with La Prensa.
6. NSC will formally task State to develop and implement a Public Diplomacy plan based on recent changes in the internal situation in Nicaragua.

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