

Moakley notes for 8:45 meetings

- 1) We want to make this meeting fairly quick.
- 2) I trust everybody's staff has read this...and I think everyone is in basic agreement on the substance. The only suggestion thusfar have been basically stylistic.
- 3) I know Dave McCurdy has suggested that we add a couple of lines (read attached).... I have no problem with that...does anyone disagree with this?
- 4) I would like to release this on Monday at 10:00 am at a press conference to be held in this room. Obviously, I want as many of you here as possible. I want to do it as soon as possible so that our information doesn't get outdated and so that we don't get caught up in any aid debates.
- 5) I think the report is extremely fair and balanced and I hope it will serve to prompt some more action on the Jesuit case. I like Cristiani...I think he is a good man...and I hope this report might give him some cover so that he can push harder.
- 6) You will notice that there is virtually no critical mention of the US Embassy or the State Department in the report. I intentionally asked that we not bash the Embassy. In part, because I like Bill Walker and I think he has a very difficult job. And I also think he has been truthful in telling us that he has been pushing for justice in this case. Also, I think beating up on the Embassy just makes this report look partisan.
- 7) I would like, if possible, to have these reports remain in the Rules Committee. I don't want them leaking out -- especially since they need to be edited and some additons need to be made.

Basic Summary of Report

- * The investigation has stalled. It is not looking into questions of higher - ups or whether others were involved.
- * Virtually nothing has been done by investigators since the Task Force visited El Salvador in February.
- * Prosecutors are doing nothing -- which makes it highly likely that Col. Benavides will walk free.