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From: Wavrunek, Glenn
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2001 1:40 PM
To: Dykman, Peter
Subject: Assembly Joint Resolution

Peter,

Here is a draft of a Joint Resolution Rep. Pocan would like drafted (it's very similar to AJR 51 from last session). Any questions, please call me at 266-8570.

Also, could this be done by Tuesday of next week (1/16/01)? Thanks.

Glenn Wavrunek
Office of Rep. Mark Pocan



2001 School of Americas
Draft....

2001 Assembly Joint Resolution Draft

Relating to: memorializing Congress to close the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas.

Whereas, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas, was established in Panama in 1946 and is presently located in Fort Benning, Georgia; and

Whereas, the School of the Americas has trained over 60,000 troops from Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception in 1946 and currently trains 900 to 2,000 such soldiers per year at Fort Benning, Georgia, at an annual cost to the American taxpayers of nearly \$20,000,000; and

Whereas, it has been admitted that training manuals used for years by the School of the Americas have advocated execution, false imprisonment, physical abuse and other forms of torture; and

Whereas, many School of the Americas graduates have been involved in a wide range of human rights abuses; and

Whereas, 2 of the 3 Salvadoran officers cited as being responsible for the 1980 assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero were School of the Americas graduates, including death squad founder and leader Robert D'Aubuisson; and

Whereas, 10 of the 12 officers cited as being involved in the massacre of 900 civilians at El Mozote in El Salvador graduated from the School of the Americas; and

Whereas, 19 of the 26 officers cited in the November 1989 murder of 6 Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter in San Salvador, El Salvador, were School of the Americas graduates; and

Whereas, over half of the human rights violations and torture that occurred in Colombia by military officials in the past decade were performed by officials trained by the School of the Americas; and

Whereas, Guatemalan Colonel Julio Roberto Alpirez, a CIA agent who was implicated in the killings of U.S. citizen Michael Devine and Efraim Bamaca, husband of U.S. lawyer Jennifer Harbury, is a School of the Americas graduate; and

Whereas, the editorial boards of the Atlanta Constitution, Bangor Daily News, Boston Globe, The Capital Times, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Des Moines Register, New York Times, San Antonio Express–News and Syracuse Post–Standard, among others, have called for the closure of the School of the Americas; and

Whereas, the Washington Post, in its November 26, 1997, edition, stated, “over these years [the School of the Americas] is a school of horrors, a school of assassins, operating in our back yard with U.S. taxpayer money”; and

Whereas, the California Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has passed a resolution urging the closure of the School of the Americas, and the national organization is deliberating the same resolution; and

Whereas, there is growing opposition to the School of the Americas in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

Whereas, in May 2000 the U.S. House of Representatives came within 10 votes (204–214) of passing an amendment to the 2001 Defense Authorization Bill that would have closed the School of Americas and halt the opening of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation; and

Whereas, among Wisconsin’s 2000 delegation to Congress there was near unanimous support of an amendment to the 2001 Defense Authorization Bill that would have closed the School of Americas, with 3 Republicans and 5 Democrats voting in favor of the amendment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to support the closure of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the United States Army School of the Americas; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly Chief Clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to President Bush and to each member of this state’s congressional delegation.



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2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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January 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Pocan

From: Attorney Peter J. Dykman, General Counsel

Re: LRB-1992 School of the Americas

The attached draft was prepared at your request. Please review it carefully to ensure that it is accurate and satisfies your intent. If it does and you would like it jacketed for introduction, please indicate below for which house you would like the draft jacketed and return this memorandum to our office. If you have any questions about jacketing, please call our program assistants at 266-3561. Please allow one day for jacketing.

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If you have any questions concerning the attached draft please contact me at (608) 266-7098 or at the address indicated.

Peter

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2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

Today
John

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20 delegation.

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(END)

Smith, Irma

From: Dykman, Peter
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