

# *Secret meeting on U.S. military option in Venezuela held in Washington*

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Washington, April 16 (RHC)-- A right-wing U.S. think tank has hosted a secret meeting on Venezuela, bringing together U.S. and South American officials to discuss the "use of military force" against Caracas.

According to RT and other media sources, investigative journalist Max Blumenthal has obtained a check-in list of a private roundtable dubbed "Assessing the Use of Military Force in Venezuela," which was hosted by the DC-based think tank the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

The roundtable brought together former and incumbent military and civil officials from the U.S. and South America, representatives of USAID and Organization of American States (OAS) as well as analysts from various think tanks. Several figureheads "appointed" by the self-proclaimed interim president Juan Guaidó were also in attendance.

Among the participants was Roger Noriega, a veteran U.S. meddler, with his activities dating back to the notorious Iran-Contras affair. He did not get the notoriety of Abrams and quietly held senior positions within the U.S. administration throughout the years, focusing on Venezuela and coordinating the OAS.

Last October, he urged U.S. President Donald Trump to appoint former Ambassador to Venezuela William Brownfield to lead the plans for a military invasion. The latter, also known for his involvement in murky meddling schemes against the country, participated in the roundtable as well.

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