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SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985

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But another crucial challenge must be squarely faced. It's a challenge that I and members of my Administration will be

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I am talking about the Soviet-Cuban-Nicaraguan plan to destroy the fragile flower of democracy and force communism upon our small Central American neighbors; a plan that could, for the first time, bring tyranny to our own borders, carrying the same spectre of economic chaos, the same threat of political terrorism, the same floodtides of refugees we've seen follow every communist takeover ² from Eastern Europe, to Afghanistan, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Ethiopia, and now Central America.

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I know many well-intentioned people would rather not accept these facts. But we who have the responsibility for governing cannot afford to be ostriches with our heads in the sand. ~~We know that~~ Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko described the region on our doorstep as "boiling like a cauldron," and urged revolution; we know that the Soviets turned Grenada into a warehouse of violence; ~~we know that~~, in the last 5 years, they provided more military assistance to Cuba and Nicaragua than we did to all of Latin America; and we know ³ that the support Nicaragua gets from Cuba, Bulgaria, East Germany, North Korea, Libya, the PLO and

Iran is a threat to our security, because the ~~communist~~ dictators of Cuba and Nicaragua have not only pledged to ~~transform all~~ ^{SPREAD COMMUNISM,} ~~Central America into one communist state,~~ they have been caught, forgive me, red-handed, trying to do just that.

Right now, Havana and Managua are waging a campaign of disinformation to cover up their deeds and reassure the American people with soft, ~~reassuring~~ words of peace. A secret Nicaraguan memo, leaked to the Wall Street Journal and reported yesterday, revealed how the communists have used propaganda to smear their opponents, tighten censorship, and confuse the outside world.

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Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/29/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

SUBJECT: RADIO TALK: NICARAGUA
(3/29 - 2:30 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

David L. Chew
 Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

(Elliott)
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REMARKS:

Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott by 1:30 p.m. today, with an information copy to my office.

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 Ext. 2702

(Elliott)
March 29, 1985
12:30 p.m.

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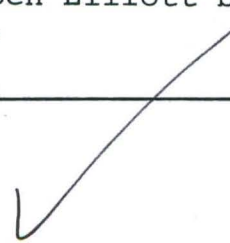
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RESPONSE:



David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Elliott)
March 29, 1985
12:30 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: NICARAGUA
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985

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But now another crucial challenge must be squarely faced.
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I am talking about the Soviet-Cuban-Nicaraguan plan to destroy the fragile flower of democracy and force communism upon our small Central American neighbors, a plan that would, for the first time, spread tyranny to our own borders, carrying the same spectre of economic chaos, the same threat of political terrorism, the same floodtides of refugees we've seen follow every communist takeover from Eastern Europe, to Afghanistan, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Ethiopia, and now Central America.

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I know many well-intentioned people would rather not accept these facts. But we who have the responsibility for governing cannot afford to be ostriches with our heads in the sand. We know that Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko described the region on our doorstep as "boiling like a cauldron," and urged revolution; we know that the Soviets turned Grenada into a warehouse of violence; we know that, in the last 5 years, they provided more military assistance to Cuba and Nicaragua than we did to all of Latin America; and we know the support Nicaragua gets from Cuba, Bulgaria, East Germany, North Korea, Libya, the PLO and Iran is a

threat to our security, because the communist dictators of Cuba and Nicaragua have not only pledged to transform all Central America into one communist state, they have been caught, forgive me, red-handed, trying to do just that.

Right now, Havana and Managua are waging a campaign of disinformation to cover up their deeds and reassure the American people with soft, reassuring words of peace. A secret Nicaraguan memo leaked to the Wall Street Journal revealed how the communists have used propaganda to smear their opponents, tighten censorship, and confuse the outside world.

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RESPONSE:

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March 28, 1985
12:00 Noon

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But now another challenge to that shared, bipartisan responsibility, and one every bit as historic and urgent as the

M.X.-Peacekeeper vote, must be squarely faced. It's a challenge that I and members of my Administration will be presenting to you with the utmost seriousness in the days ahead, for it goes to the heart of American security -- the security of our land and waters, and of our economy and people.

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I know many well-intentioned people would rather not accept these facts. But we who have the responsibility for governing cannot afford to be ostriches with our heads in the sand. We cannot deny that Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko described the region on our doorstep as "boiling like a cauldron," and urged revolution; or deny that the Soviets turned Grenada into a warehouse of violence; or deny that, in the last 5 years, they

provided more military assistance to Cuba and Nicaragua than we did to all of Latin America; or deny the support and manpower Cuba and Nicaragua get from such peace lovers as East Germany, North Korea, Libya, the PLO and Iran; or deny that the communist dictators of Cuba and Nicaragua have not only been quoted repeatedly pledging a revolution without frontiers to transform Central America into one communist state, but have been caught, forgive me, red-handed, trying to do just that.

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Nearly 24 years ago, President Kennedy warned against communist penetration in our hemisphere and said, "I want it clearly understood that this government will not hesitate in

meeting its primary obligations which are to the security of this Nation." And Congress passed legislation to this effect.

For my part, I want it clearly understood today that those who refuse to meet this obligation will be held fully accountable for the consequences, for we will have sent an unmistakable signal that the greatest power in the world is unwilling and incapable of stopping communist aggression in our own backyard.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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March 28, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: BEN ELLIOTT
FROM: AL KEEL ~~AK~~
SUBJECT: President's Radio Talk Re: Nicaragua

We have reviewed the radio talk on Nicaragua and have no comments.

cc: ✓ David Chew
David Gerson

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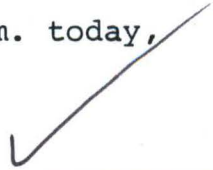
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RESPONSE:

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Elliott)
March 28, 1985
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PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: NICARAGUA
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985

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They and you continue to be in my thoughts, as is the man by my side who was injured that day, my Press Secretary, Jim Brady. Nancy and I ask for your continued prayers and support for Jim and his family, and also for the family of Al Antennuci, the man who helped wrestle my assailant to the ground. Mr. Antunnici died last May. He was a proud American who never asked a thing of others, but who willingly risked his own life to save another.

Now, another subject. This week, the House joined the Senate in approving production of the M.X.-Peacekeeper missile, thereby sending the Soviets an important signal: America will modernize our strategic forces and stand united behind our negotiating team at the arms talks in Geneva.

By keeping our strategic deterrent strong, we can ensure those weapons are never used and meet a crucial challenge to our shared bipartisan responsibility of preserving the peace.

But now another challenge to that shared, bipartisan responsibility, and one every bit as historic and urgent as the

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I am talking about the Soviet-Cuban-Nicaraguan plan to destroy the fragile flower of democracy and force communism upon our small Central American neighbors, a plan that would spread for the first time to our own borders, but on a much larger scale, the same spectre of economic and financial collapse, the same threat of political terrorism, the same floodtides of refugees we've seen follow every communist takeover from the Ukraine, to Eastern Europe, to Afghanistan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Ethiopia and now Central America.

A key Soviet objective has long been to turn Central America into a beachhead of aggression. By tying us down in this hemisphere, by disrupting our vital sea lanes and crippling our ability to meet our commitments worldwide, the Soviets will find it much easier to project their power, intimidate other nations, and expand their empire.

I know many well-intentioned people would rather not accept these facts. But we who have the responsibility for governing cannot afford to be ostriches with our heads in the sand. We cannot deny that Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko described the region on our doorstep as "boiling like a cauldron," and urged revolution; or deny that the Soviets turned Grenada into a warehouse of violence; or deny that, in the last 5 years, they

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Right now, Havana and Managua are waging a campaign of disinformation to cover up their deeds and reassure the American people with soft, reassuring words of peace. There is one simple way to prove their true intent. Recently, the leaders of the pro-democracy movement exiled from Nicaragua met in San Jose, Costa Rica and made this offer: the freedom fighters in Nicaragua will lay down their arms if the communist regime will negotiate, permit free elections and a genuine democracy. The answer came back quick, loud, and clear -- forget it.

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Nearly 24 years ago, President Kennedy warned against communist penetration in our hemisphere and said, "I want it clearly understood that this government will not hesitate in

meeting its primary obligations which are to the security of this Nation." And Congress passed legislation to this effect.

For my part, I want it clearly understood today that those who refuse to meet this obligation will be held fully accountable for the consequences, for we will have sent an unmistakable signal that the greatest power in the world is unwilling and incapable of stopping communist aggression in our own backyard.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk: Nicaragua

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We have reviewed the above-referenced draft Presidential radio address, and have no legal objections to it.

We note, however, that the language of the last paragraph of those remarks, which states, "I want it clearly understood today that those who refuse to meet this obligation [to defend the national security] will be held fully accountable for the consequences," may, in light of the recent MX debates, be viewed by some as "congress-bashing." Accordingly, we suggest that this language be specifically reviewed and approved by White House Legislative Affairs.

cc: David L. Chew ←