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Please review, and return w/  
comments if any, to  
Paul Thompson, Rm 372.

MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 16, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PAUL B. THOMPSON

SUBJECT: Steiglitz Claim for Photo Expenses

After months of discussion, Justice has been unable to reach an agreement with Olson, attorney for Steiglitz. The original claim of ten thousand dollars (Tab II) was revised down to five hundred; however, neither the CIA nor the NSC was able or willing to provide even that amount. It appears that the maximum we could justify expending for the fifteen pictures we received would have been less than one hundred dollars.

Justice now recommends we return the photos with the accompanying letter (Tab I).

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve my signing the letter to Mr. Olson at (Tab I).

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

Tab I - Letter to Mr. Olson  
Tab II - Thompson Memo on Steiglitz Claim, dated  
March 6, 1984

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Olson:

Enclosed please find 15 photographic prints apparently taken in Central America by your client, Mr. James E. Steiglitz, and in the possession of the NSC Administrative Office. After conducting a search for any and all photographs taken by Mr. Steiglitz in Central America which might be in our possession, only the enclosed 15 photographs were located. Further, we are not aware of any other photographs taken by Mr. Steiglitz in Central America currently in the possession of any other federal agency.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Thompson  
Deputy Executive Secretary

Mr. William J. Olson  
Smiley, Olson, Gilman & Pangia  
1815 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 6, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PAUL B. THOMPSON<sup>1</sup>

SUBJECT: Steiglitz Claim for Photo Expenses

Subsequent to our dealings with Steiglitz's representative, Ned Greene, last December (Tab A), Steiglitz was not satisfied and proceeded to retain counsel.

In a letter to Ken Cribb, a Mr. Bill Olson is now asking for considerable monetary relief (Tab B). The letter was passed to Fred Fielding, who had John Roberts look into it and then forward it to us for resolution.



FOIA(b) ( / )

I have again reviewed the Steiglitz matter and find no basis for liability on the part of the NSC staff. North's promise to give professional credit is attached (Tab E). He has used the photos rarely and always given credit.

Sapia-Bosch's promise to get private financial backing was a non-binding gesture. Al has further explained his role in a memo dated February 11 (Tab F).

Olson has indicated the next step for them will be a lawsuit. Unless we offer some amount for the photos received (\$500-\$1,000 was discussed with me by John Roberts) I don't see how litigation can be avoided. However, I don't recommend that payment be made.

I believe we should notify Olson that we have honored the promise to give professional credit and have no further obligation to Steiglitz.

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Recommendation

1. That I notify Olson as noted above by telephone.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

2. That you notify Olson by letter.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

If by letter, a proposed reply is attached at Tab I.

Attachments

- Tab I Proposed Reply to Olson
- Tab A Background Correspondence Regarding Ned Greene
- Tab B Letter from Olson dated Dec. 16, 1983
- Tab C [REDACTED]
- Tab D Letter to Olson dated Feb. 1, 1984
- Tab E Note by Oliver North dated July 7, 1983
- Tab F Memo from Sapia-Bosch dated Feb. 11, 1984

FOIA(b) (1)



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Olson:

In response to your letter of December 16, 1983 please be advised that the NSC does not consider it to have any obligation to your client, Mr. James Steiglitz, for expenses associated with approximately 30 photographs which he provided to NSC staff members.

The offer made by Mr. Oliver North to give professional credit has been honored on those few occasions when the photographs were used in conjunction with talks delivered by Mr. North to various civic groups.

The alleged offer by Mr. Sapia-Bosch is unsubstantiated.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Kimmitt  
Executive Secretary

Mr. William J. Olson  
Smiley, Olson, Gilman & Pangia  
Attorneys At Law  
1815 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

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Should be seen by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date/Time)

Bob :

I agree. So inform Mr. Greene (Tab A).

cc Thompson / North / Merges

**National Security Council  
The White House**

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Bobs : What are your thoughts on this one?

Bobs: I recommend we consider this a press query, and advise Greene that we have checked and found that Stiglitz met with NSC Staff members and provided some of his photography for review and use in public with appropriate credit, but to the best of our knowledge, had no contract with or arrangement for compensation. — Bobs

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 8, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PAUL B. THOMPSON *PT*

SUBJECT: Claim for Expenses

The attached memo (Tab A) pertains to an alleged obligation to a free lance photographer incurred by Sapia-Bosch or North during conversations last August.

North's comments are at Tab B.

Sapia-Bosch's comments are at Tab C.

There appears to be little basis for compensation in this instance.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: PAUL B. THOMPSON

On December 1, 1983 I was contacted by Edwin Greene of New York City, an independent writer for the Wall Street Journal, who related the following incident:

A Mr. Jim Stigletz, former Green Beret and now independent photographer, travelled through Nicaragua from Managua to Rama last summer in the company of Miskito Indians during which time he personally took several hundred photos of the landscape, military installations, buildings, oil refineries, etc. Upon returning Stigletz was debriefed by CIA plus Al Sapia-Bosch and Ollie North of NSC. Two assurances were allegedly made by NSC:

1. Sapia-Bosch offered compensation to Stigletz if he would reproduce and have enlarged approximately 1,500 of the photos for NSC use. Stigletz supposedly did this, turned over the photos and incurred costs of \$7,600 for which he has receipts.

2. North signed an informal handwritten memo, (copy not provided to me) now in Stigletz' possession, containing assurances that NSC would not allow public use of the photos without giving Stigletz credit by mentioning his name in writing. It appears that Stigletz is not at all opposed to having the photos used; he just wants credit. Since being turned over, the photos have been used publicly on occasion by USIA and by Faith Whittlesey's office.

Greene's purpose in calling me was to get a response to issue 1 above: will Stigletz be compensated by the U.S. government for his expenses? There was a veiled hint that this alleged transaction with the NSC would be appearing in the Journal at some future date. Greene will be doing a 3-part series on Nicaragua and thought this would be an interesting side story.

Greene telephone - [REDACTED]

Stigletz telephone - [REDACTED]

B6

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 6, 1983

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

In early July, I met with Mr. James Stigletz at his request to listen to information collected on his recent trip to Nicaragua. Stigletz indicated that he had spent several weeks "trekking" in Nicaragua. During our meeting he showed me photographs that he had taken, some of which he claimed had military intelligence value.

I subsequently had DIA photo interpreters examine the work and they confirmed that there was no immediate intelligence value to any of the photographs. Stigletz also sought and received, without NSC endorsement, appointments with other Defense officials. During a second meeting with Stigletz, I noted that a picture he had of a malnourished Miskito Indian child would be useful in briefings that the NSC did in explaining our concerns in the region. Stigletz offered me the use of this picture and several others on the promise that I not publish them or allow public use of the picture without giving Stigletz credit. At his request, I signed a note prepared by Stigletz to that effect.

Since that time, I have used the picture of the Miskito Indian child in various briefings and Outreach Group meetings on Central America. I have never provided a copy of it to anyone nor have I allowed it to be photographed or reproduced. In every event in which the picture was used I have given Stigletz credit for having taken it.

It is my understanding that Stigletz met with Alfonso Sapia-Bosch while he was on the staff. I am unaware of any agreement made between Stigletz and Sapia-Bosch and was not a party to any such agreement. It no time did I encourage Stigletz to produce additional copies other than those he provided to me, nor have I provided any pictures produced by Stigletz to USIA, or Faith Whittlesey, or any other person or persons.



Oliver L. North  
Deputy Director,  
Political-Military Affairs

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 7, 1983

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH AL SAPIA-BOSCH

I spoke with Al Sapia-Bosch on Wednesday, December 7. He indicated that he asked for and received copies of 30-35 photos in return for which he told Stigletz he would attempt to find a way to get "outside" financing. Sapia-Bosch subsequently tried to get private individuals to call Stigletz. Thus, although he was unsuccessful, he did make a good faith effort to get financing.

At no time did he make any promise or sign any documents.

*PT*  
Paul B. Thompson

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TAB B



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OF COUNSEL  
GUY O. FARLEY, JR.

DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

December 16, 1983

HAND DELIVER

T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr., Esquire  
Assistant Counsellor to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ken:

FOIA(b) (3)  
FOIA(b) (6)

Following up on our discussion of earlier in the week, Oliver North of the National Security Council, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] CIA agents ordered professional quality enlargements from my client, Mr. James E. Steiglitz, costing \$10,970.17. The photographs were delivered and they have been used extensively by the Administration but payment has not been forthcoming.

The details of these contacts are set out on the enclosed two sheets. I do not believe the facts are in dispute.

Also enclosed are copies of the statements which have now been paid by Mr. Steiglitz.

He can wait no longer for payment. [REDACTED]

It is my hope to solve this problem immediately, within the family. Neither Jim nor I look forward to litigating against NSC and CIA operatives.

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Sincerely yours,

*Bill*

William J. Olson

Enclosures

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By LOJ, NARA, Date 10/18/06

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OF COUNSEL  
GUY O. FARLEY, JR.

DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

January 19, 1984

PERSONAL

Hon. William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am marking this letter "personal" in an effort to have it reach your desk directly to seek your assistance in insuring that a grave injustice is not done as a result of the broken commitments of certain Administration personnel.

Initially, let me say that although we have only met once, in 1980 I served as County Republican Chairman and under your leadership in the Reagan Campaign, as Chairman of the Reagan Campaign in the largest political jurisdiction in Virginia — Fairfax County. I also was appointed in 1981 by President Reagan as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the national Legal Services Corporation.

The person who may suffer greatly without your assistance is also a long-term supporter of both the President and our common aims.

I am writing on behalf of James E. Steiglitz (you will likely be familiar with his highly acclaimed uncle, photographer Alfred Steiglitz). Jim Steiglitz is also a photographer, and a former Green Beret. Jim travelled on his own to Nicaragua in June, 1983 as a medic, but seeking to obtain theretofore unavailable photographs. On that trip he took numerous photographs, many of which I believe you may have seen personally, depicting the conditions among the Miskito Indians along the Eastern coast of Nicaragua.

Jim returned with his photographs, and desired that they be used by our government in some useful way. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Oliver North, of the NSC staff, and three undercover CIA agents who visited him at his New York home.

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At the request of [REDACTED] and the three undercover agents, and with assurances provided by North that he would be reimbursed, Mr. Steiglitz purchased approximately 300 high quality professional prints of the approximately 200 photographs he took in Nicaragua.

Included in these were extreme magnification and therefore costly blow-ups of a man in a tiger cage which [REDACTED] stated were needed for "The President." The total out-of-pocket cost for the photographs requested by government employees, on numerous occasions, was \$10,970.17.

Our attempts to locate Mr. Sapia-Bosch at Langley have proven unsuccessful. These photographs have been used extensively by the White House in seeking support for our policies in Central America.

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Mr. Steiglitz has never received any reimbursement, and as a result [REDACTED]

I have copies of the photographic statements and can provide them to you on request, but I am simply enclosing a brief typed chronology which sets out in Mr. Steiglitz's own words the circumstances surrounding the ordering of these photographs.

I would seek your assistance in obtaining reimbursement for these photographs for Mr. Steiglitz. He is on our side and there is no reason why he and his family should [REDACTED] the actions of government employees. Since they report to you, we sincerely hope that you can insure that this tragedy be averted.

I would be most appreciative to hear from someone on your staff.

Sincerely yours,

*William J. Olson*

William J. Olson

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: James E. Steiglitz

1. I do not recall how Steiglitz got my name. He had been dealing with Oliver North (NSC) and it is possible that North was not available so the call was referred to me.

2. North had mentioned Steiglitz and some photos he had taken of Miskito Indians in Nicaragua.

3. In any event, Steiglitz came to see me (I have an entry in my diary for August 19, 1983 at 1600 hours). Since I had not met Steiglitz before he described his background: he is an ex-Special Forces medic who in 1983 made a trip to Nicaragua and gained access to one or more Miskito detention centers to offer medical assistance to the Indians. While in the camp (or camps) he took a number of pictures depicting the Indians, e.g., a small Indian girl sitting on a dock; a small Indian boy with a distended stomach; a building that Steiglitz reported to be an Indian church, which had been closed by the Sandinista government; a family group at a school; two Indian women carrying supplies; a cage-like structure where an Indian reportedly was being held (I could not distinguish the man); a man carrying a box toward a dock (Steiglitz described him as a Cuban carrying beer); etc.

4. Steiglitz' pitch was that he wanted to assist the Administration to make its case against the Sandinistas in Nicaragua and would help in any way possible. He gave me copies of some photos, in particular the one of the girl sitting on the dock, and the boy with the distended stomach. I recall asking if he had any photos larger than the 8 by 10's he showed me and he said it was no problem to get larger ones and that he would do so. He also mentioned he had hopes of putting together a "coffee table" book on the Miskitos and he needed help in raising \$20,000. I explained to Steiglitz that as a Federal official I could not raise funds; he said he understood fully. However, I said I would speak to some wealthy people to see if they would be willing to provide some assistance. In fact, I did make some calls, but no one was interested, a fact I made known to Steiglitz.

5. Over the telephone, Steiglitz told me he was hosting some Miskitos who needed medical assistance and wanted to use some Miskitos at an opening of a photographic or other artistic showing in New York City, for which he needed money. I told him I had none to contribute that he might call some of the Cuban groups in New York City.

6. Steiglitz either told me on the phone or during a visit to my office that his wife, Lee Carmichael, had appeared on TV to defend the Administration against some charges that I no longer recall.

SUBJECT: James E. Steiglitz

7. On August 30, 1983, Lee Carmichael, Mary Mullins and Patrick Sheenen visited me in my office. They brought some enlargements; I believe Lee Carmichael delivered a video tape of her TV appearance.

8. I had told Steiglitz that if the photos were of sufficiently good quality, I would show them to the President. I did not do so.

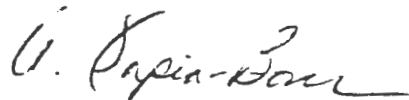
9. Sometime later either Steiglitz or his wife called and asked that the video tape be sent to Maureen Reagan at the Republican National Committee. The tape was delivered to Miss Reagan by NSC courier.

10. At sometime during this period I received a call from General Yarborough (ex-head of Special Forces). He wanted to tell me that Steiglitz was a "good man and had his heart in the right place", but that he needed guidance. I don't recall what I said.

11. Apart from the two dates, August 19 and 30, that are noted in my diary, I believe Steiglitz dropped in on one or two other occasions.

12. Apart from telling Steiglitz I would try to get him help for his "coffee table" book, I made no commitment to pay for any photos. Indeed, I was never asked by Steiglitz to pay for enlargements.

13. I did tell Steiglitz that I would turn this matter over to Walter Raymond, Special Assistant to the President for International Communications and Information at the NSC. I mentioned the subject to Raymond and then dropped it.



Al Sapia-Bosch

MANHATTAN TOPS/ NICARAGUAN BOTTOMS, INC.  
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President  
Patrick J. Sheenan  
Vice President  
Lee A. Carmichael  
Board of Directors  
James E. Stieglitz, Chairman  
A. Edward Major, Jr.

I hereby promise to give  
the captioned corporation notice before  
use any of its photographs and will  
NOT publish or release any of said  
photographs without captioned giving  
credit to Mr. James E. Stieglitz. Include  
in such release is any news conference. The  
under signed accepts full responsibility for  
such photographs and will not publish or  
release them without the express consent  
of Manhattan Tops/ Nicaraguan Bottoms, Inc..

Consented to:



Oliver North

CMON

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 8, 1983

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: PAUL B. THOMPSON

On December 1, 1983 I was contacted by Edwin Greene of New York City, an independent writer for the Wall Street Journal, who related the following incident:

A Mr. Jim Stigletz, former Green Beret and now independent photographer, travelled through Nicaragua from Managua to Rama last summer in the company of Miskito Indians during which time he personally took several hundred photos of the landscape, military installations, buildings, oil refineries, etc. Upon returning Stigletz was debriefed by CIA plus Al Sapia-Bosch and Ollie North of NSC. Two assurances were allegedly made by NSC:

1. Sapia-Bosch offered compensation to Stigletz if he would reproduce and have enlarged approximately 1,500 of the photos for NSC use. Stigletz supposedly did this, turned over the photos and incurred costs of \$7,600 for which he has receipts.

2. North signed an informal handwritten memo, (copy not provided to me) now in Stigletz' possession, containing assurances that NSC would not allow public use of the photos without giving Stigletz credit by mentioning his name in writing. It appears that Stigletz is not at all opposed to having the photos used; he just wants credit. Since being turned over, the photos have been used publicly on occasion by USIA and by Faith Whittlesey's office.

Greene's purpose in calling me was to get a response to issue 1 above: will Stigletz be compensated by the U.S. government for his expenses? There was a veiled hint that this alleged transaction with the NSC would be appearing in the Journal at some future date. Greene will be doing a 3-part series on Nicaragua and thought this would be an interesting side story.

Greene telephone - [REDACTED]

Stigletz telephone - [REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 6, 1983

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

In early July, I met with Mr. James Stigletz at his request to listen to information collected on his recent trip to Nicaragua. Stigletz indicated that he had spent several weeks "trekking" in Nicaragua. During our meeting he showed me photographs that he had taken, some of which he claimed had military intelligence value.

I subsequently had DIA photo interpreters examine the work and they confirmed that there was no immediate intelligence value to any of the photographs. Stigletz also sought and received, without NSC endorsement, appointments with other Defense officials. During a second meeting with Stigletz, I noted that a picture he had of a malnourished Miskito Indian child would be useful in briefings that the NSC did in explaining our concerns in the region. Stigletz offered me the use of this picture and several others on the promise that I not publish them or allow public use of the picture without giving Stigletz credit. At his request, I signed a note prepared by Stigletz to that effect.

Since that time, I have used the picture of the Miskito Indian child in various briefings and Outreach Group meetings on Central America. I have never provided a copy of it to anyone nor have I allowed it to be photographed or reproduced. In every event in which the picture was used I have given Stigletz credit for having taken it.

It is my understanding that Stigletz met with Alfonso Sapia-Bosch while he was on the staff. I am unaware of any agreement made between Stigletz and Sapia-Bosch and was not a party to any such agreement. It no time did I encourage Stigletz to produce additional copies other than those he provided to me, nor have I provided any pictures produced by Stigletz to USIA, or Faith Whittlesey, or any other person or persons.



Oliver L. North  
Deputy Director,  
Political-Military Affairs

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 7, 1983

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH AL SAPIA-BOSCH

I spoke with Al Sapia-Bosch on Wednesday, December 7. He indicated that he asked for and received copies of 30-35 photos in return for which he told Stigletz he would attempt to find a way to get "outside" financing. Sapia-Bosch subsequently tried to get private individuals to call Stigletz. Thus, although he was unsuccessful, he did make a good faith effort to get financing.

At no time did he make any promise or sign any documents.

*PT*  
Paul B. Thompson

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By LDT, NARA, Date 10/18/06

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7/7/83 Per previous calls to us from Oliver North and the NSC, the photos are taken to Washington for inspection. At that time North orders enlargements and says "It will be taken care of, and if you have any problem to let him know." North says he spoke to Meese  
7/11/83

7/27/83 Oliver North calls and asks that more photographic enlargements be brought to the NSC. He says they are going to the CIA immediately. These are delivered on 8/3/83.  
8/3/83 Camera swiped during White House briefing. Photos used for briefing  
8/19/83 Al Sapia-Bosch orders a set of line prints of all photos for "President". Says two guys will be calling with the \$\$\$

and that they will throw a little something extra into the pot.  
8/30/83 Lee Carmichael asks North for photos back. Is refused.  
9/23/83 Dr. Schuttinger goes to NSC briefing and says he will discuss both photos, those he has and those they have. Takes JS to lunch at Metropolitan Club. More Promises...

10/13/83

10/22/83 Sapia-Bosch confirms in call he makes to Lee Carmichael that he confirmed to Gen. Yarborough that he asked JS to do medical training. That he "is" showing photos to President, that Lee Carmichael should hire an interpreter @\$45/hr to translate the Yarborough Documents and that not to be surprised if two guys call any minute about the money. Nothing happens.

Lee Carmichael

is called by him and told that Walter Raymond will take over. L.C. calls Raymond who knows nothing about any money, asks what it costs to put the ten Indians up at the YMCA and says he doesn't have the photos.

11/14/83 Ambassador R. Bruce McColm, accompanying Eden Pastora to a White House briefing is shown the photos. No credit is given to Stieglitz. McCom's remark: "You're showing us our own photos..." Apparently they have been used on 67 other briefing occasions.  
12/1/83 Ned Green goes to EOB to see Thompson and Tilletson of NSC legal staff. He is told that this is an outrage, and that it is not the first time this has happened in the case of Sapia-Bosch. Thompson says he has seen the prints and they are good. Green is told Stieglitz will get a call. No call.

Week of 12/5/83 Ned Green has a series of conversations with C.T. Alexander who talks to Schuettinger, and with several people on Ed Meese Staff. Also a call is made to Wicks and Shakespear, all so far to no avail.

12/13/83 Matter referred to Bill Olson/

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Name of Correspondent: William J OLSON

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Subject: Writes Kenneth Cribb suggesting reimbursement for enlargements ordered from James E. Steigltz

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Comments: John Richardson note to Deanna Holland attached

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December 16, 1983

HAND DELIVER

T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr., Esquire  
Assistant Counsellor to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ken:

FOIA(b)(3)  
FOIA(b)(6)

Following up on our discussion of earlier in the week, Oliver North of the National Security Council, [redacted] and [redacted] CIA agents ordered professional quality enlargements from my client, Mr. James E. Steiglitz, costing \$10,970.17. The photographs were delivered and they have been used extensively by the Administration but payment has not been forthcoming.

The details of these contacts are set out on the enclosed two sheets. I do not believe the facts are in dispute.

Also enclosed are copies of the statements which have now been paid by Mr. Steiglitz.

He can wait no longer for payment. [redacted]

It is my hope to solve this problem immediately, within the family. Neither Jim nor I look forward to litigating against NSC and CIA operatives.

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By LOJ, NARA, Date 10/18/06

Sincerely yours,

*Bill*

William J. Olson

Enclosures

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George Long:

Know nothing of mint. Yarbrough interested  
in JS efforts in Central America [our side]  
Son of S who was photos in N.Y.  
Former Spec Forces medic

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JS writing a book

Senator McClure asked for prints of JS photos,  
looked down when found out price tag.  
According to JS, S-B asked for large prints,  
JS had blue ones.

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But patriotic, well-intentioned, trying  
to do some good things.

1/6 Paul Thompson

News for record, + from S-B + North, sent  
to Kinnitt

S-B, N: "implicit" assurance to JS. Real  
questions on answers.

Will send news

1/7 Bob Kinnitt (at news)

but to avoid litigation +/- unless stories  
if possible.

S-B

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N. handled S.; S. called S-B because  
 N. was away. Photos of detention camp.  
 S. got into camp (Mexico). Quality of  
 photos bad. If can get better, might be able  
 to use. Name said would pay. \$ never  
 came up. [redacted] S. would call, B6  
 S-B promised to try to help get 5 set  
 of. S. said he would do it, S-B  
 never asked. S-B never used photos.  
 Passed to [redacted] B6  
 Had 30 photos, given by S.  
 Can make better copies, would you like them?  
 Yes, sure.  
 Not useful.

ON

1/11

JS came to car, showed photos, ON asked  
 for copy + got it. Has used photos,  
 in accord w/ memo. Committed to  
 credit JS w/ taking picture, + name  
 to [redacted] B6  
 Did one colored copy. ON did my brown  
 copy useful.

FW approached

~~FW approached~~

memo: not for sub when in JS credit.



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