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Jose Antonio JARQUIN Toledo (Phonetic: Hahr-KEEN) - Appointed Ambassador of Nicaragua

Head of State: - Commander Daniel Ortega

Ambassador Jarquin, 39, is married, and has two sons and one daughter. A medical doctor by profession, he is a member of the Sandinista Front. He has served in the Sandinista Directorate of International Relations from 1980 to 1983, most recently in charge of relations with Western Europe and the Socialist International.

Pertinent Background: Since President Carter met with Nicaraguan Junta members in October 1979, there have been no meetings between U.S. and Nicaraguan heads of state.

Significant Issues: Trends in Nicaragua have become even more worrisome in 1983. Sandinista support for the Salvadoran guerrillas goes on, while the Cuban presence in Nicaragua continues with 2,000 military advisers and 6,000 civilian advisers.

Internally, the Sandinistas continue to restrict the activities of the independent press, the Church, the private sector, opposition parties and the independent labor unions.

Nicaragua has not responded to our attempts in 1981 and in 1982 to establish a dialogue. It has not supported regional negotiations among Central American nations under the auspices of the Contadora group. Last week, Nicaragua expelled three U.S. diplomats; in retaliation, we expelled twenty Nicaraguan consular officials and closed the six Nicaraguan consulates in the U.S.

Issues for Discussion:

-- We continue to be concerned about Nicaragua's export of revolution;

-- We are concerned also about the fate of political pluralism in your country;

-- We are willing to enter into a meaningful dialogue with Nicaragua, but Nicaragua must move to alleviate our concerns;

-- It is essential that Nicaragua support regional negotiations through the Contadora group.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1983

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS

Thursday, June 16, 1983
Beginning at 5:00 p.m.
The Oval Office

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

I. PURPOSE

To receive for accreditation the diplomatic credentials of five Ambassadors.

II. BACKGROUND AND PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

A. Background: The Ambassadors from Spain, the Republic of Lebanon, People's Republic of Benin, Republic of Finland, and the Republic of Nicaragua will present their credentials. After an exchange of documents, you will hold a brief conversation with each Ambassador.

Three-by-five cards are attached noting pertinent information and suggested talking points.

B. Press Arrangements: White House photographer only.

cc Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

Prepared by
Charles P. Tyson

AMB. GABRIEL MANUECO de Lecea (man WAY coe)
SPAIN

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - MARIA TERESA (wife)
WH - WILLIAM P. CLARK
NSC - PETER SOMMER
STATE - RICHARD BURT
ESCORT - LARRY DUNHAM

- CAREER DIPLOMAT MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS "NUMBER TWO" AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IN BASE TALKS WITH US.
- WE WELCOME SPAIN'S RATIFICATION OF BILATERAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO

AMB. GABRIEL MANUECO

2

CONTINUED COOPERATION.

- WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SPAIN'S DEMOCRACY AND ENCOURAGE SPAIN'S EFFORTS TO ASSUME ITS FULL ROLE IN EUROPE.
- LOOK FORWARD TO PRIME MINISTER GONZALEZ' VISIT NEXT TUESDAY.

2. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMBASSADOR ABDALLAH BOUHABIB (boo-ha-BEEB)

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - JULIE (WIFE)
- AMIN (SON TWIN 6yrs.)
- AMAL (DAUGHTER TWIN 6yrs.)
- NADA (" 2yrs.)
WH - WILLIAM P. CLARK
NSC - GEOFFREY KEMP
STATE - NICHOLAS VELIOTES
ESCORT - PATRICK DALY

- ° DELIGHTED THAT LEBANESE PARLIAMENT RECENTLY PASSED WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT BY 65-2.

AMBASSADOR ABDALLAH BOUHABIB

2.

- ° US IS COMMITTED TO WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM LEBANON.
- ° REGARDING US SUPPORT FOR LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY THERE IS NO REVERSE GEAR.
- ° LAST WEEK I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SALEM.

3. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
AMB. JOSE ANTONIO JARQUIN TOLEDO (Hahr-KEEN)
REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - LUISA MARIA (wife)
SERGIO (son, 16)
MELISSA (daughter, 6)
WH - WILLIAM P. CLARK
CHARLES P. TYSON
NSC - ROGER FONTAINE
STATE - CHARLES A. (TONY) GILLESPIE
ESCORT - CATHERINE MURDOCK

- MEMBER OF SANDINISTA FRONT.
- MEDICAL DOCTOR; NO PRIOR DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE.
- SERVED 1980-83 IN SANDINISTA DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

2.

- AS AMB. STONE MADE CLEAR IN HIS JUNE 10 MEETING WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT, WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT NICARAGUA'S EXPORT OF REVOLUTION
- WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARMS BUILDUP AND FOREIGN MILITARY PRESENCE IN YOUR COUNTRY.
- WE ARE CONCERNED ALSO ABOUT THE FATE OF POLITICAL PLURALISM IN YOUR COUNTRY.
- IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NICARAGUA SUPPORT REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH THE CONTADORA GROUP ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS.
- WE WILL SUPPORT THAT EFFORT, AS AMB. STONE INDICATED TO DANIEL ORTEGA IN THE JUNE 10 MEETING.

4. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1.

AMB. GUY-LANDRY HAZOUME (AZ-OOM-MAY)

BENIN

PARTICIPANTS: FAMILY - WIFE, GERTRUDE, AND SON,
GHISLAIN (5)

WH - WILLIAM P. CLARK

NSC - FRED WETTERING

STATE - LINDA MYSLIWY (ESCORT)
LEONARD ROBINSON (AREA
REP), SOPHIA PORSON (INT)

-- CAREER SENIOR DIPLOMAT

-- RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE LAST YEAR
FOLLOWING LENGTHY CHILLY PERIOD

2.

AMB. GUY-LANDRY HAZOUME (BENIN)

- WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE WARMING IN THE
BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.
- NOTE WE EXPECT TO SEND A US AMBASSADOR TO
BENIN LATER THIS YEAR.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FUND-RAISING DINNER FOR SENATOR JESSE HELMS

DATE: June 16, 1983
LOCATION: Sheraton Washington
TIME: 8:15 p.m.
FROM: Ed Rollins *ER/mond*

I. PURPOSE

Fund-raiser for Senator Jesse Helms' re-election campaign.

II. BACKGROUND

North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, first elected in 1972 and re-elected in 1978, faces a clearly uphill campaign in 1984 against Democratic Governor Jim Hunt.

Most surveys -- public as well as private -- show Helms to be as much as twenty points behind. This easily makes his race the toughest in the country for a Republican Senator at this point in time. However, Helms' ability to raise money and his finely tuned North Carolina political operation, the National Congressional Club, give him the capacity to cut the gap and establish a competitive race before November of 1984.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$500 for North Carolina citizens and \$1,000 for others.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The guests should total approximately 700 persons, including the following:

- o Secretaries Watt, Block, Dole and Pierce
- o Senators Thurmond, Tower, Baker, Hatfield, Dole, Goldwater, Domenici, Roth, McClure, Garn, Chaffee, Hatch, Lugar, Wallop, Wilson, Hecht, Symms, Nickles, Kasten, Grassley, East, Denton, Warner, Jepsen, Humphrey, Armstrong, and Cochran
- o Jerry Falwell
- o Congressman Jack Kemp
- o Bunker Hunt
- o Additional Republican Congressmen will also be in attendance

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Jesse Helms Dinner
June 16, 1983
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IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The President arrives, is introduced, and makes remarks
- The President departs after being thanked by Senator Helms

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1983

EVENT: Drop-by Fundraising Dinner for Senator Jesse Helms
DRESS: Men's Black Tie, Ladies' Evening Dress
WEATHER: Partly Cloudy, Upper 70's, Chance of Showers, Humid

- 7:55 p.m. With Mrs. Reagan, proceed to Diplomatic Entrance for motorcade boarding.
- 8:00 p.m. Depart en route Sheraton Washington. Drive Time: 10 mins.
- 8:10 p.m. Arrive Sheraton Washington and proceed via elevator to holding room. - CLOSED PRESS
- 8:15 p.m. Arrive holding room. - CLOSED PRESS
- 8:20 p.m. Proceed to off-stage announcement area. - OPEN PRESS
- Ruffles and Flourishes
Announcement (off-stage)
"Hail to the Chief"
- 8:25 p.m. Proceed to podium on dais and make remarks.
- NOTE: Mrs. Reagan is seated at head table.
- 8:35 p.m. Conclude remarks and be joined at the podium by Senator Jesse Helms.
- Senator Helms makes brief thank you remarks.
- Joined by Mrs. Reagan and Sen. Helms, proceed to holding room. - OFCL. PHOTOGRAPHER
- 8:40 p.m. With Mrs. Reagan, depart holding room en route motorcade for boarding. - CLOSED PRESS
- 8:45 p.m. Depart Sheraton Washington en route The White House. Drive Time: 10 mins.
- 8:55 p.m. Arrive White House.

06/15/83 1:00 p.m.

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1983

EVENT: DROP-BY FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR SENATOR JESSE HELMS

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION

Brief Remarks

WEATHER

Partly Cloudy

Upper 70's

Chance of Showers

Humid

DRESS

NOTE: The attire is not
BLACK TIE as the previous
schedule stated. The
attire is:

Men's Dark Business Suit

Ladies' Cocktail Dress

ADVANCE

TERRY, GREY
ROSENKER, MARK
[REDACTED]
HEWITT, LEE
DRENNAN, BILL

STAFF
PRESS
USSS
WHCA
MIL.AIDE

CONTACT

Presidential Advance Office: 202/456-7565
WILLIAM HENKEL
KAREN JONES ROBERTS

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06/16/83 10:00 a.m.

See Tab A for arrival diagram.

CLOSED PRESS COVERAGE

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

Staff will be escorted to staff area in Ballroom.

NOTE: Press vehicles will also enter Garage Level but will continue into Garage to Service Elevator.

8:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive holding room.

CLOSED PRESS COVERAGE

8:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed to off-stage announcement area.

See Tab B for diagram.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

8:22 p.m. Ruffles and Flourishes
Announcement (off-stage)
"Hail to the Chief"

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed to dais.

See Tab C for head table seating.

8:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes remarks.

NOTE: Mrs. Reagan is seated at head table.

8:35 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and is joined at the podium by Senator Jesse Helms.

Senator Helms briefly thanks THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT, joined by Mrs. Reagan and Senator Helms, proceeds to holding room.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER ONLY

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

8:35 p.m. Proceed to motorcade immediately and board.

8:40 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart holding room en route motorcade for boarding.

See Tab D for diagram.

CLOSED PRESS COVERAGE

8:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart Sheraton Washington en route The White House.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

Same as on arrival.

8:55 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive The White House.

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TAB C

SEN. JESSE HELMS DINNER
Thursday, June 16, 1983

Head Table

Mr. Tom Ellis
Mrs. John East (Cis)
A Mr. Lou Holtz
U Mrs. Reagan
D Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC)
I
E PODIUM
N Mrs. Jesse Helms (Dot)
C Mrs. Lou Holtz (Beth)
E Senator John East (R-NC)
Mrs. Tom Ellis (Jinette)

06/16/83 10:00 a.m.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1983

MEETING WITH ARIELA GROSS

DATE: June 16, 1983
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 10:00 AM (10 Minutes)
FROM: Craig L. Fuller

10:08-10:38

CF

I. PURPOSE

To allow Miss Gross an opportunity to present to you a nuclear freeze petition.

II. BACKGROUND

Ariela Gross, a 17-year-old from Princeton, N.J. is one of 141 high school seniors chosen this year as Presidential Scholars. She will be at the White House for the awards ceremony tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Miss Gross has publicly stated that she plans to present a petition to you urging that you support the proposed Congressional resolution calling for a nuclear freeze. An official at the Department of Education caused some negative publicity by contacting Miss Gross and her mother suggesting that the Commission could rescind her scholarship and that the White House could react strongly by cancelling the ceremony.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Ariela Gross and Craig Fuller. Tom Anderson (Ed. Dept)

IV. PRESS PLAN

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None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You will greet Miss Gross and accept her petition.

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MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

Lead

Spare

D. Fischer

Limo

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Reagan

Follow-up

Control

M. Deaver
Dr. Ruge
Military Aide

Support

M. Weinberg
Ofcl. Photographer
Medic

Staff I

J. Baker
L. Atwater

WHCA

Press Van I

Press Van II

M. Rosenker

Ambulance

Tail

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FUNDRAISER FOR SENATOR JESSE HELMS
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1983

Thank you very much. And Jesse, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for those wonderful thoughts and words. Now I think I understand why people are always saying "Let Helms be Helms."

Now Jesse was in Washington before I arrived. In fact, let me say this straight off. Thanks to Jesse Helms, his friendship and commitment, we can say tonight: Our grassroots movement is alive, well, and getting stronger every month as America strides forward on the road to greatness again.

You've heard that a faithful friend is the medicine of life. Emerson said "the only gift is a portion of thyself." I happen to know this is true. I know it because Jesse proved it to me. There was a time in 1976 when many people were writing off my candidacy. Jesse Helms didn't. He came to me and said, "Governor if you would just speak on the issues to the people of North Carolina, I will get that message broadcast and personally send it to every corner of the State."

I did what the doctor ordered. And Jesse really came through. I'll never forget that Saturday before the Tuesday primary. The press was asking only one question: When would Ronald Reagan quit the race? Well, we didn't quit. Thanks to Jesse, we won big -- big enough to come close in '76, and then come back to win it all in 1980 -- and I'll never forget that, Jesse.

You don't forget how a man like Jesse cares about you and the people of North Carolina. You don't forget his kind of courage and compassion -- like when he helped rescue a fellow citizen's wife from Poland, after imposition of martial law; like when he cut through red tape to bring home from China another citizen stricken with a blood clot on the brain; like when he helped another North Carolina family find a loved one hurt and lost in Lebanon.

We'll never forget how he battled -- especially during those first, lonely years -- to protect our liberties, preserve our family values and keep America strong. There he was, standing up day after day, to a government Goliath, crying out like a voice in the wilderness. He was a trailblazer who trusted Andrew Jackson's words that "One man with courage makes a majority."

Gradually, his amendments that had won only 5, 10, and 15 votes, were winning 30, 40, and 50. Bit by bit, Jesse Helms became more than a lonely crusader; he grew into a lionhearted leader of a great and growing army.

So Jesse, we just want you to know: The reinforcements are here, the cavalry is ready, and we intend to march with you until victory is yours on election day, 1984.

You know Sam Ervin, a great Democrat and patriot, said of Jesse: "I admire Senator Helms very much. He's one of the few men in public life who's got the courage to stand up for what he honestly believes. Courage is the greatest trait among public men I know of. Many of them are intelligent. But there are very few of them courageous."

We've seen the kind of courage Sam Ervin speaks about. Here in Washington, there is great sympathy for practically any scheme to spend more money. But for years, Jesse Helms has been telling the truth: Government can only spend what it borrows or taxes away -- and working Americans who pay this Nation's bills need higher taxes like they need a plague of locusts.

If the liberals in the Congress had their way, the American people would never have received any tax cut -- no first year, no second year, no nothing. If we had followed their definition of compassion, the average family would be paying nearly \$700 in higher taxes in 1983. But they won't have to. With unwavering support from Jesse, we passed the first decent tax rate reduction for every working American since 1964. And I promise you: the final 10 percent reduction will go into effect July 1st, and it will be followed by indexing in 1985.

Indexing is an historic reform. It is our promise to every working man and woman that their future will be better than the past. There will be no more sneaky, midnight tax increases by a Government which resorts to bracket creep to indulge its thirst for deficit spending. To pretend that eliminating indexing is somehow fair to wage-earners reminds me of Sam Johnson's comment about the fellow who couldn't see any difference between virtue and vice. Sam's advice was, "When he leaves our houses, let us count our spoons."

If ever there was a litmus test on fairness for the average American taxpayer, indexing is it. Indexing will not help those who are already in the top brackets. It will protect working people from being pushed by inflation into those same high

brackets. That's why I think it's important for the people of North Carolina to know: Jesse Helms has given a rock-solid pledge to defend indexing. But his likely opponent has already said it's ". . . probably not a good idea." You tell me who's determined to protect those people's real interests.

And Jesse, I hope the good people of North Carolina won't mind if I tell them how effective you've been as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee -- the first chairman from North Carolina in 100 years. Without you, there probably would be no tobacco program.

I also want to thank you, Jesse, for your great help in strengthening our foreign policy and standing up for a strong, national defense -- making America second to none. You and I both know that this debate on defense is about more than deficits and rooting out waste -- as important as they are. It is first and last about protecting human lives and preserving our freedom, because that's the source of all our other blessings. What occurred during the last decade, when the Soviets raced ahead militarily, but we stood still, was dreadfully wrong. We believe it is immoral to ask the sons and daughters of America to protect this land with second-rate equipment and weapons that won't work. We can only keep our families safe and our country at peace when the enemies of democracy know America has the courage to stay strong -- and Jesse Helms and I intend to make sure they do.

Jesse is Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs. He understands that we have vital interests in helping our neighboring countries in Central America. Either we pay a small price now -- with mostly economic but some

military assistance -- so we can prevent a crisis; or we listen to the do-nothings and risk an explosion of violence and millions of refugees on our doorstep later on.

Make no mistake: The United States must and will support our friends who are building and defending democracy in Central America. We will not permit dictators to ram communism down the throats of innocent people in one country after another.

You know, the other day the Soviet paper Pravda actually said something I support. It said that peace in Central America is possible "only on the basis of respect for the right of each people to choose itself . . . [it's] . . . way of life."

I would only add this: The two perfect places to begin are Cuba and Nicaragua, where free and democratic elections are not permitted. To those dictators we say: Prove to the world your system is legitimate. Prove you're not afraid of your own people. Put down your guns; permit a free press; let your people vote; and we'll see if they truly desire your endless repression and regimentation, or the chance for a new life with dignity and opportunity in freedom.

We Americans are blessed in so many ways. We are a Nation under God -- a living and loving God. But Thomas Jefferson warned us, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just."

We cannot expect Him to protect us in a crisis if we turn away from Him in our day-to-day living. Let us reach out to Him through his promise in Second Chronicles, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my

face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

I know Jesse understands this. That's why he's worked so hard, and will deserve so much credit, when two blessed days finally arrive: the day when we welcome our Lord back into America's classrooms; and the day when we protect the life of the unborn child.

Jesse, I know that you feel within you a sense of calm. You have placed your life in His hands. And with your faith, honor, and good works, it is we who can be thankful to say, "Jesse Helms is my friend."

Thank you very much and God bless you all.