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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: THE HONORABLE NESTOR SANCHEZ,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
for Inter-American Affairs

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell 9/11

SUBJECT: A Bibliography on Central America

Thank you very much for agreeing to put together a bibliography of relevant information on Central America.

A great many supportive groups have talented people interested now in this topic for the first time. I have had repeated requests for a listing of good source material.

There may well be some better way of organizing the bibliography, but I would suggest sections on each country and general works about the region. Books, scholarly journal articles, magazine articles, and important newspaper stories are each important as is a listing of the major government documents on the subject.

I would anticipate promptly disseminating this bibliography to all of the organizations which have participated in our Outreach Working Group briefings.

MCB:jet

cc: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III *JV*  
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*  
SUBJECT: Briefing by Constantine Menges

Monday afternoon I had an exceptionally rewarding conversation with Dr. Constantine Menges of the CIA. He demonstrated to me that we are at a very crucial point with respect to Central America. If certain steps are not taken now, we will be faced with the unpleasant alternatives of sending in U.S. combat units or acquiescing to a Marxist-Leninist takeover of most of the countries of the region.

I strongly suggest that you schedule a 20 minute briefing by Constantine as soon as possible. His number is: 351-5972.

MCB:jet

*Please schedule  
when you can  
JRW/c*

*7/25/83:*

*Spoke w/ Constantine (for second time). Arranged  
to have Constantine call S. Grot directly to set  
up mtg.*

## PERSECUTION OF MISKITO INDIANS

Shortly after the Sandinistas came to power, they started resettling the Miskito Indians from their traditional area along the border. They resettled them because they wanted to re-establish control over the border AND the Miskito Indians who had historically been an independent peoples. Even Somoza allowed them to maintain their own culture and traditions.

Historically the Miskito Indians HAD NOT been politically involved. They had kept to themselves. However, since many of them spoke English and were a group apart (independent) the Sandinistas decided that they had to establish their (Sandinista) control.

The entire economy and culture of the Miskito Indians was based on the river where they had lived for centuries, the decision by the Sandinistas to move them to the interior of the country, to "resettle them" totally disrupted their social and economic way of life. Therefore, 10,000 of them fled to Honduras immediately. Of the few who remained, most have now fled to Costa Rica.

(Information received from:  
Mr. Roger Snyder,  
Department of State  
HA/HR  
Main State Building  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Phone: 632-4833)

NOTE: Mr. Snyder called at the behest of Ambassador Otto J. Reich.

## PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS

The government of Nicaragua has been harassing and to some extent attacking the Nicaraguan Catholic Church focusing their attacks on Archbishop Obando y Bravo. (Archbishop Bravo is very popular with the people of Nicaragua.) It is interesting to note that the Archbishop had openly opposed Somoza in the latter days of the Somoza government.

Archbishop Bravo has consistently stood up for religious freedom, pluralism and democracy in Nicaragua and therefore, has been the target of Sandinista wrath. Because of his refusal to accept the party line, the Sandinistas have prohibited him from appearing on TV to celebrate mass on Sundays. (Prior to this time, each Sunday either the Archbishop or a priest delegated by him had appeared on TV celebrating the mass. The Archbishop has refused to allow the government to tell him who may and who may not celebrate the mass. Because of this, the government has reacted by cancelling the televising of the mass totally.)

Last August (1982) there were some particularly serious incidents involving the Archbishop and others. Some turbas (mobs) attacked the Archbishop's representative when he was going to a church to remove some religious objects to signify that the sacrament could no longer be celebrated at that church. The Archbishop had ordered the removal of the objects because the priest of the church had refused to accept the discipline of the church and actively opposed the church and supported the Sandinistas.

Another incident involved a Catholic church school. Some teachers in the school who supported the Archbishop were forced to leave the country.

In another incident, Monsignor Caraballo, the Archbishop's spokesman was visiting an ill parishioner in downtown Managua. Some people forced their way into the home, forced the Monsignor to disrobe and then forced the Monsignor into the street where a government television crew was awaiting to film the entire event. The government claimed that the TV crew "happened to be going by" when the Monsignor who was

alleged to be having an affair with the wife of the parishioner and who was alleged to have been found in bed by the husband, was driven, naked, into the streets.

Finally, during the recent visit of the Pope the turbas (mob) began shouting "Power to the Government." These demonstrations were noted throughout the world as very rude and as having serious political overtones.

## PERSECUTION OF THE PROTESTANTS

In August, 1982, the turbas seized a number of temples of Jehovahs Witnesses; Seventh Day Adventists, and the Mormons.

Although most of the temples have been returned because of the public outcry, two belonging to the Mormons and all of the Jehovahs' Witness temples are still being held.

There is speculation that because the Jehovahs' Witnesses are against military service this may be a motivating factor in the government of Nicaragua not returning the temples to the Witnesses.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1983

Ms. Cheryl Zeoli  
180 Prospect Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Ms. Zeoli:

Mrs. Faith Ryan Whittlesey asked that I respond to your recent letter regarding United States policy in Central America.

Clearly we have a difference of opinion. You say you "reject the assumption that it is the right and duty of the U.S. to act forcibly because our security is threatened by movements of national liberation in Central America." I take it that your point is that you do not believe our security is threatened by the potential establishment of additional Marxist-Leninist totalitarian governments in that area, not that you dispute the right and duty of the United States to act when our security is threatened.

To aid you in understanding the President's policies for the region, I am enclosing copies of some White House Digests which contain information which may not have been available to you, as well as a copy of the President's speech to the Joint Session of Congress on April 27th.

Perhaps the most useful discussion we might have would be concerning your statement, "The empowering of totalitarian regimes by the U.S. threatens human interests in global peace, stability." As Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick has so often said, it is vital that we distinguish between authoritarian and totalitarian regimes. Neither is pleasant, but, in the hierarchy of evils, totalitarian regimes are significantly worse than authoritarian regimes. Right now, the Sandinista government of Nicaragua is systematically establishing a Marxist-Leninist totalitarian regime. Freedom of the press has been extinguished. The government is actively working to destabilize and overthrow the governments of several neighboring countries. Free labor unions have been suppressed and union members herded into the Sandinista labor confederations subservient to the government. Protestant churches have been harassed and preachers forced to flee the country. The Roman Catholic Archbishop has been forced to stop his customary broadcasts of religious services,



virtually all the Nicaraguan Jewish people have fled the country and the only synagogue in Managua has been taken over for a government-run youth center. There are many times the number of political prisoners than ever before in the country's history. Indigenous Indians have been forcibly removed from their homelands and are crowded into what amounts to concentration camps. The Sandinistas are currently setting up an official "block system" in which neighbors are spying on neighbors to report any lack of enthusiasm for the new regime.

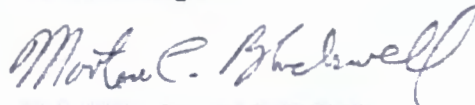
The previous regime was, no doubt, unsavory, but its transgressions of human rights pale by comparison to today's awful reality in Nicaragua. Revelations from the thousands of Nicaraguans who are fleeing their homeland bring new facts to light each day.

If communist regimes are set up in all the Central American countries, there will be an enormous flood of refugees to the United States. The best estimates are that roughly 10% of the population of the region, or two million refugees would quickly find their way to the United States.

The President's policies are designed to prevent the establishment by force of additional Marxist-Leninist regimes in Central America. We are working hard to foster free and democratic governments in the area. The vast majority of our assistance to the region is economic, not military, aid.

I hope these comments and the enclosed information will be of use to you.

Sincerely,



MORTON C. BLACKWELL  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

MCB:jet

Enclosures a/s

18 June 1983

To: Faith Ryan Whittlesey, Director White House  
Office of Public Liaison, Central American  
Policy Outreach Group

I am deeply troubled by President Reagan's moral argument for U.S. direct action in the civil wars of El Salvador and Nicaragua. In the view of the President, failure to support through military means the government of El Salvador would allow the expansion of evil forces in the world - a moral failure for the United States. I reject the assumption that it is the right and duty of the U.S. to act forcibly because our security is threatened by movements of national liberation in Central America. (Movements which the Administration believes are controlled by Soviet forces.)

The empowering of ~~totalitarian~~ regimes by the U.S. threatens human interests in global peace, stability. The President acts without moral authority as he seeks to preserve the forces of oppression in Central America.

Cheryl Zeoli

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: ED ROLLINS  
KATHY VILLALPANDO

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Statement of Cuban-American Community

On July 28th, I was called by Jay Duccasi of the Miami Herald, who wanted my comment on complaints from the Cuban-American Community about the appointment of Carlos Diaz Alejandro to the President's Commission on Central America headed by Henry Kissinger.

The reporter's information was that some complaint was raised at our Central American Outreach Working Group meeting on Wednesday afternoon, July 28th. No one made any mention of this matter, but one of those present did hand me the attached statement critical of the gentleman in question. I know nothing about this man or the complaint against him other than what I have read on the attached statement. I thought you should see it.

After receiving clearance, I spoke with Mr. Duccasi today and informed him of the above.

MCB:jet

1 Attachment a/s

cc: Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
Mary Ann Meloy

STATEMENT OF THE CUBAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Regarding Carlos Diaz Alejandro

of the Kissinger Commission on Central America

Presented by Lisa Gonzales, Miami College Republicans  
and Bob Godoy, chairman, Dade County Republicans

"The Cuban-American community condemns the naming of Carlos Diaz Alejandro to the commission on Central America over which Henry Kissinger presides. We have been expressing our protest through telegrams, telephone calls, and letters, and we hope that President Reagan will reconsider the appointment of Carlos Diaz Alejandro because he brings a negative image to the Commission in the eyes of the people of the Cuban-American community. His past dialogues with Fidel Castro have demonstrated his unwillingness to further the freedom of Cuba and of the other people of Central America."

This is the sentiment of the general Cuban community in Miami.

July 27, 1983

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM BAKER

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

SUBJECT: Outside support on Central America

We are starting to get major support from outside groups for the President's policy on Central America. Much of this is due to our Central America Outreach Working Group.

Enclosed is a listing of activity from many of these groups. Also enclosed are some samples of their products.

LISTING OF ACTIVITY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY ON THE PART OF OUTSIDE GROUPS

ACCURACY IN MEDIA -- Reed Irvine, President

Accuracy in Media publishes the weekly newspaper The Washington Inquirer, which regularly contains supportive articles. They publish the "AIM Report", a newsletter which has contained articles supporting the President's policy. AIM also puts out a daily radio program called "Media Monitor" and a syndicated column, both of which regularly contain supportive opinions.

AMERICAN LEGION

The May issue of The American Legion Magazine contained an editorial written by National Commander Al Keller that urged support of the President. The March-April 1983 edition of their National Security-Foreign Relations Bulletin contained a supportive article on El Salvador. They are mailing a letter urging legislative support to over 700 leaders in the American Legion. They have invited Ambassador Stone to speak to them at their August 20, 1983 National Convention.

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

This organization works with state legislatures and is coordinating a program to send a high administration official to some of the border states to speak with legislators in those states. They are working with Dolf Droge of the Office of Public Liaison to schedule a speaker on Central America for their national convention in September. They are also involved in the July Captive Nations Vigil.

AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL

The American Security Council has produced a film called "Attack on the Americas". They have sponsored the showing of this film on television. They work on a daily basis with Congressmen. The organization runs the Coalition for Peace through Strength, which is a bipartisan alliance of organizations and pro-defense leaders.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

The Anti-Defamation League has issued statements critical of the Sandinista government for their anti-Semitism and their relationship with the PLO. These statements were released to the general press, and received much circulation.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN LATIN AMERICA

This organization associates with chambers of commerce in almost every Central American country. They keep the chambers appraised of policy concerning Central America. In addition to this, members of this organization have testified before congressional subcommittees.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS -- Lee Edwards, President

The Center for International Relations is in the process of putting together a conference on Latin America that will include representatives from public policy institutions all over Latin America and Europe. They plan to use some of the information gathered through the Outreach Group in this conference.

CENTRAL AMERICAN FREEDOM ALLIANCE -- Bob Baldwin, President

The Central American Freedom Alliance has set up a multi-faceted media committee that has to date produced many op-ed pieces for Congressmen to sign. They have been arranging for Congressmen who have been to El Salvador to be scheduled on talk shows. They are currently preparing a conference that will take place on July 19, 1983, the anniversary of the Sandinista takeover of Nicaragua. The conference will deal with the betrayal of the Nicaraguan people by the Sandinistas, and will be designed for maximum appeal to the mass media. The Alliance has also produced a two-minute television spot that is now being aired. They are coordinating activities within a coalition of groups that are concerned with the Central America policy. They are also lobbying on the Boland-Zablocki amendment and Radio Marti.

COALITIONS FOR AMERICA -- Paul Weyrich, President

Coalitions for America has been responsible for the publication of many op-ed pieces written by CFA and signed by members of Congress. They have been organizing on the grassroots level.

COLLEGE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The College Republican National Committee has produced and distributed a bumper sticker that reads:

"Support Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters". They are responsible for two posters that are being distributed on many campuses in the nation. They have put together 300 El Salvador information packets for campus activists. They are currently in the process of putting together a brochure on CISPES (The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador), a pro-left group. They have held demonstrations in front of the El Salvadoran embassy in support of the government.

#### CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

The Conservative Caucus has been phone-banking the members of the organization and urging them to action in support of the President's policy. It has also been distributing information through its legislative alert network.

#### COUNCIL FOR INTER-AMERICAN SECURITY -- Lynn Bouchey, President

Bouchey and his organization have been especially energetic in the effort on Central America. They have made good use of information obtained in the Outreach Group. They recently began broadcasting television and radio spots on Central America in three cities (San Diego, California; Charlotte, N.C.; Grand Rapids, Michigan). They are preparing a multi-media campaign on Central America. Two direct-mail packages have been mailed. They are producing a new television documentary on Central America that will air in September. They are buying air time to show "Attack on the Americas". Bouchey has taken the lead in organizing the day-long conference "Nicaragua: The Revolution Betrayed" on July 19. They are in the process of raising money to finance a new study on El Salvador.

#### CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Cuban American National Foundation is an independent, non-profit institution that supports the concept of an independent and democratic Cuba. They have published a number of pamphlets critical of Castro and supportive of American policy. Their major work in support of the President, however, is on the Radio Marti effort.



They have published an informational pamphlet called "U.S. Radio Broadcasting to Cuba--Policy Implications" They have been and are working on letters to Congressmen and on sending out information on Marti. They are printing a Radio Marti mailout. They are also producing letters supportive of the President's policy on Central America, and other related matters.

EAGLE FORUM -- Phyllis Schlafly, President

Mrs. Schlafly is in the process of writing an article on Central America that will appear as either a press release or as a newsletter.

FLORIDA CONSERVATIVE UNION

The Florida Conservative Union has begun a "Campaign to Protect the Americas", which will be their vehicle of support in the future. One of the more impressive single supportive pieces came from the FCU. The piece is a full-page newspaper ad that will be run in newspapers in the border states. This ad is headlined "18 Million Refugees Flee Into U.S. As Mexican Government Collapses; Reagan Declares Total Martial Law", and reads like a newspaper that would appear on the day that this would happen. The ad closes by encouraging readers to contact their Congressmen and send the message: "Don't let El Salvador fall to Communism! Please support full economic, diplomatic, and military-training assistance to the Salvadoran people." The FCU will be running this ad mainly in the districts of Congressmen who are not supportive of the President's policy.

THE FORUM

The Forum is a group of women that all work in occupations that deal in some way with foreign policy. They are a non-profit, non-partisan discussion group. They have hosted Geraldine Macias, a former nun who talked about why she and her husband, a former official in the Sandinista regime, left Nicaragua. They have also had at their meetings guests including administration officials, House and Senate staff members, and other knowledgeable persons. They will be focusing in the next

few meetings on Central American issues, and they hope to feature such speakers as Mr. Adolfo Calero, the leader of the FDN in Nicaragua.

#### FREE THE EAGLE

Free The Eagle is a citizen's lobby group. They have published articles in their monthly "State of the Nation" newsletter that have been supportive of the President's policy.

#### HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Heritage Foundation has published a number of "backgrounders" concerning the President's policy. They have written op-ed pieces in support of the policy and have had pieces published in the Washington Times and the Baltimore Sun, among other periodicals and newspapers. Richard Araujo, the Latin American Policy Analyst for the Foundation, has testified in support of the President's policy on five different occasions before Congressional committees. He has participated in debates on such television shows as The Today Show and the McNeil-Lehrer Report, as well as in a debate with Congressman Dodd on the Cable News Network.

#### INSTITUTE OF RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY

The Institute of Religion and Democracy has encouraged continued United States assistance to El Salvador. They recently published a booklet entitled "The Catholic Church in El Salvador".

#### JEWISH INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs published a large piece entitled "The PLO in Central America", as well as supportive editorials, in the JINSA Newsletter (Vol. III, No. 21). This newsletter reaches 8300 leaders in the Jewish and defense communities. They plan to publish other supportive material in future newsletters. JINSA plans a major panel discussion in September on Central America. They also are sending speakers to organizations in the Washington D.C. area, and they are organizing public meetings for leaders in the Jewish community.

MARANATHA CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Maranatha Ministries is writing op-ed pieces and will devote the August issue of their publication The Fore-runner to Central America. (The publication reaches 50,000-100,000 people).

MORAL MAJORITY -- Jerry Falwell, President

The Moral Majority has published supportive articles in their newsletter The Moral Majority Report. They are working on an effort to get relief to orphans in El Salvador.

NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

After the President's televised address, NCPAC sent letters to every Congressman urging their support for the President's policy. They are planning a mailing that will be focusing on Congressmen who oppose the President's policy.

NATIONAL FORUM FOUNDATION

The National Forum Foundation is preparing issue papers to distribute to members. They will also participate in the July 2 Captive Nations Vigil. They were instrumental in setting up early planning sessions shortly after the President's address.

NEW WORLD DYNAMICS

New World Dynamics is a non-profit organization to encourage greater public participation in foreign policy issues. Col. Samuel T. Dickens, Director of New World Dynamics, has debated guerilla leaders on the Cable News Network, on various local channels, and on the radio talk show "Evans and Novak". He has also held press conferences in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, speaking in Spanish at these press conferences. They have issued a bulletin called Foresight that contains supportive material.

U.S. DEFENSE COMMITTEE

They are producing a mailing that should reach 47,000 people. The lead story in the May/June 1983 edition of

their bi-monthly newsletter Defense Watch is headlined "Congress Warned to Act on El Salvador, Before It's Too Late". They are sponsoring trips to El Salvador for three supportive Congressmen. They also plan a mailing targeted toward unsupportive Congressmen.

VIGUERIE COMPANY

The Richard A. Viguerie Company is hosting a weekly breakfast that is attended by leaders on the Central America support effort. The monthly Conservative Digest will devote its full issue in July to Central America. They are producing a thirty-minute television show and some ad spots. They have mailed to 5-10 million people urging post cards in support of Central America and the President's policy.

WOMEN'S ALERT

Women's Alert has set up seminars all over the country. They plan a regular letter to edify women on El Salvador and to bring them to stand with the President.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH

This organization has been devoting its full energy to the July 1-2 "Captive Nations Vigil", which will take place at the Vietnam Memorial.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN ACTION COALITION

The actions of the National Christian Action Coalition have been concentrated in the areas of informing and indirect lobbying. They have included in their bulletins supportive stories on Central America. These bulletins reach over 16,000 churches nationwide. They also include information on Central America in their Leadership Training seminars. They have encouraged members to lobby their Congressmen. Also, they have sent facts obtained through the Office of Public Liaison to their most active members and encouraged them to write letters to the editors of their local newspapers that include these facts.

NAVY LEAGUE

The Navy League recently adopted a resolution of support at their national convention.

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The Reserve Officers Association passed a national resolution of endorsement on the Caribbean Basin initiative. They published a supportive editorial in the June issue of their magazine, The Officer. At their recent national convention in Salt Lake City, they urged state and local chapters to contact their congressmen to urge support.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

FROM: Joyce Thomann 


SUBJECT: Your Memo - Attached

Both Messrs Moore and Corrigan are regular attendees at the Central American Outreach meetings.

We have, on two separate occasions, contacted Max Fishers Office in Chicago. I was hopeful that he would attend the meeting when the President spoke. Although he was in New York City, he was not able to come down for the meeting. Both contacts have been by telephone. If you would like, I will prepare a letter for Faith's signature inviting him to one of the meetings. Since Corrigan is always there and an avid member of the group, Fisher may believe that is sufficient -- on the other hand, it is possible that Corrigan's interest is personal and he does not transmit the information up the corporate structure.

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1 Attachment a/s

No. What is done is sufficient.  
Thanks  


Max Fisher

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you so much for being willing to speak to members of the Religious Broadcast community as a part of our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America program.

I am doubly indebted to you. First, for coming to us almost directly from your hospital bed, and secondly for giving the group what I have heard from my Assistant, Morton Blackwell, was such an outstanding presentation. I only regret that I was unable to hear your talk, but it certainly gave me great pleasure to be able to introduce you to the group.

Thank you too for agreeing to appear before our regular Outreach Working Group on Wednesday, August 3rd. I look forward to seeing you then and hope that your recovery continues speedily and steadily.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

The Honorable John F. Lehman  
Secretary of the Navy  
Department of the Navy  
Washington, D.C. 20350



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

Dear Senor Maldonado:

Thank you for participating in our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. I only wish that your stay in this country would have enabled you, and your colleagues, to be here for a longer period of time so that we could have scheduled your appearance for a day when our Agenda was not so full.

I regret that I was unable to stay to hear your remarks. However, my Assistant, Morton Blackwell, has told me of your outstanding presentation. I know everyone appreciated your saying that in your opinion and in the opinion of your fellow businessmen who were trying to keep El Salvador for Salvadorans that it was the training and assistance provided by the United States that was helping in that effort.

Your apparent commitment to the freedom of your country was so eloquent, I am told, and I want to thank you for sharing it with us.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Senor Juan Vincente Maldonado  
Executive Director  
National Association for Private Enterprise

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

Dear Tony:

Thank you so much for taking the time from your very hectic schedule to brief our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. After having been up into the wee small hours of the morning to appear on Night Line, I am doubly grateful to you for the time which you so generously gave to us. I understand that you were terrific on Night Line, but knowing you, I wouldn't have expected less.

I appreciate your articulate summation and laying-out of the President's policies in Central America and I share with you your commitment when you said, "I am here to see the President's policy win."

Thank you again for your support of our outreach efforts on Central America.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY,  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

P.S. It's great to have Doug here with us. I feel very comfortable with him on my staff.

Ambassador Langhorne Motley  
Assistant Secretary of State  
for Inter-American Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

Dear Congressman Weber:

Thank you so much for speaking to our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. Your opening remarks about Minnesota having "less guerrillas, but probably as many Marxists" were priceless.

You certainly focused the attention of the audience on the main issue before us when you stated that "If we are going to win in Central America, we have to win in the Capitol -- and right now, we are losing the battle for Central America." Hopefully, with spokesmen as forthright and articulate as you coupled with our outreach efforts, we will be able to turn that situation around.

Thank you too for agreeing to take questions from the floor. I am sure you could sense the interest in what you had to say by the questions which were asked. Your willingness to speak out on the seriousness of the situation in Central America and your support of our outreach efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

The Honorable Vin Weber  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Suite #318 - Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

Dear Congressman Siljander:

First, let me congratulate you on your recent engagement. Being able to share that news made it doubly delightful to have you participate in our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America, and I want to thank you for agreeing to participate in our outreach effort.

Your message to the assembled group was outstanding. Your clarion call to action and clear directions are precisely what we need to convey to the entire American population. It is my hope that through the efforts of our Outreach Working Group that we will be able to convey your message far and wide.

I am convinced, and the polls show, that when the American public is made aware of the true situation in Central America they, too, are supportive of the President's policies for that area.

Thank you too for your able handling of questions from the floor. As you could tell, there is a great interest and awareness among this group regarding Central America and they are very supportive of the President's policies.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

The Honorable Mark D. Siljander  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

Dear Congressman Hartnett:

Thank you so much for agreeing to address our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

I know everyone agreed with your statement that, "We intend to do something to keep Communism from spreading and if we don't have the will to do it here, we should retire from diplomacy."

From what you said, it is apparent to me that you will be one of the standard bearers in the fight to keep the whole of Central America free, self-governing and as economically viable partners in the free world.

Thank you too for taking questions from the floor. As you could tell, there is a great interest and awareness among this group regarding the very serious situation which we face in Central America and they are very supportive of the President's policies.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

The Honorable Thomas F. Hartnett  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1983

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Dear Keith:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of July 12th. As you know, we asked Senor Maldonado to participate in one of our Outreach Working Group programs.

I am so sorry that I was unable to stay for his presentation but my Assistant, Morton Blackwell, has told me how very interesting and informative it was. Additionally, as you may have heard, because of a very heavy schedule that day, I was not able to get to the briefing room in time to meet all the members of the Productive Alliance Delegation. Hopefully, I will have another opportunity to do so.

I sincerely appreciate the support which you have given to our Outreach effort and thank you for bringing Senor Maldonado to our attention.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
Assistant to the President  
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The Honorable Faith R. Whittlesey  
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The White House  
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Dear Faith:

As a member of the "Outreach" group, I want to commend you for your leadership in bringing about greater public awareness of events in the troubled Central American region. This important public diplomacy effort is absolutely necessary if we are to achieve the necessary domestic and Congressional support for the President's policies.

As you may know, my own organization has 21 American Chambers of Commerce throughout Latin America, including six in Central America. Consequently, we have an interest and stake in U.S. policy which protects and promotes U.S. national interests--economic, political and security.

With this in mind I want to bring your attention to the fact that a small delegation of Salvadoran business leaders who represent the Productive Alliance--a broadly based private sector organization--will be in Washington the week of July 25.

In view of the gravity of the situation in El Salvador and the key role that the private sector must play to bring about economic and political stability, it seems both timely and appropriate to have them address the Outreach group on current events in their troubled country. If you are agreeable, I will be happy to work out the details with your staff.

Sincerely,



Keith L. Miceli

Enclosure



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I want to thank you so much for again speaking to members of our Outreach Working Group on Central America.

Your presentations have been one of the consistent highlights of our meetings and I know that the members of the Religious Broadcast community found what you had to say of particular interest.

Spokesmen such as yourself truly enhance our Outreach efforts. Your willingness to help us by appearing as a regular participant in our Outreach efforts is evidence of commitment translated into action and I am most appreciative that your talents are available to us so that we can more effectively communicate the President's policies to our outside constituency.

Thank you again and best personal regards.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY,  
Assistant to the President  
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Ambassador H. Eugene Douglas  
U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

It is simply not possible to thank you enough for all you have done to assist in our efforts to communicate the President's policies with regard to the situation in Central America through the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

Not only have you spoken before regular and special meetings of the group, you have participated most ably and generously in the Monday meetings of the Administration group.

I regret that I was unable to hear your presentation to the members of the religious broadcast community on Thursday, but my Assistant, Morton Blackwell, tells me that your message was so powerful and so well tailored to this group that they didn't want you to leave the podium. The message which you gave on religious persecution could not have come from a more powerful and committed spokesman for religious freedom.

Thank you again for your participation in all the efforts of our Outreach Working Group on Central America.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II  
Ambassador to the Organization of American States

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Religious Broadcasters  
and the Introduction of Major Oliver North

Ollie's name is not on the printed program, although he will speak last on our briefing program for the National Religious Broadcasters.

If you are able to stay throughout to introduce Ollie, I would suggest that he be introduced as follows:

"That concludes our 'on the record' briefing. We do have here an official of the National Security Council who will now give us some additional information. Major Oliver North of the National Security Council will be speaking 'on background.' That means that the TV cameras and tape recorders should now be turned off. You are free to take notes and use his remarks as long as you follow the ground rules for 'on background' briefing. That means that you should not use his name in discussing this briefing. If you wish, you may attribute his remarks to 'an administration official' as long as you do not identify his Agency, the NSC, or his name. Is that understood?"

MCB:jet

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MCB*  
SUBJECT: PLO and Libyan Central American Involvement

Attached are two items:

1. First, the Anti-Defamation League news release of yesterday.

2. Second, the notes which Jackie Tillman spoke from at this morning's Coalition breakfast. There was not time to give you her notes in a better form. They will be the basis of one of our "White House Digest" papers.

MCB:jet

2 Enclosures a/s

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\* Jorge Mandi: Sandinista spokesman, told a reporter for the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan, 6/7/79 <sup>in the triumph</sup>  
 "There is a long standing blood unity between us and the Palestinian revolution. Many of the units belonging to the Sandinista movement were at Palestinian revolutionary bases in Jordan. In the early 1970s, Nicaraguan & Palestinian blood was spilled together in Amman and in other places during the Black September battles.  
 A number of Sandinistas took part in the operation to divert 4 aircraft which the PFLP seized and landed at a desert airfield in Jordan. One of our comrades was also wounded in another hijack operation in which Leila Khaled was involved. She was in command of the operation and our comrades helped her carry it out. It is natural, he explains to us, therefore, that in our war against Somoza, we received Palestinian aid for our revolution in various forms.

- \* This aid/solidarity was formalized in two publicly proclaimed joint communiqués issued in 1978.
- 1st Signed in Mexico City on 2/5/78 which affirmed the "ties of solidarity existing between the two revolutionary organizations" and attached "the racist state of Israel"
- The second communiqué was signed in Havana on 3/6/78 this time between the Sandinistas and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), declaring war against "Yankee imperialism, the racist regime of Israel and the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza."

\* PLO was <sup>an important</sup> a major supplier of arms to the Sandinistas during the war. You may recall the interception of a planeload of weapons sent by the PLO to the Sandinistas discovered in Tunis. <sup>in early 1978</sup> It, like the Libyan plane recently intercepted in Brazil, was disguised as medical supplies.  
 • Mission to Bern by S. Ramirez's brother established official contacts.

\* After the triumph, the PLO maintained a discreet presence in Nicaragua. <sup>They came out of the closet</sup> They came out of the closet a bit during the 1st anniversary celebration of the revolution, when in 7/80 the Sands formally recognized the PLO and they opened an embassy in Managua.  
 Arafat: "The simple fact of the Nicaraguan's people's victory is the victory of the Palestinians. Anyone

- \* Watershed date marking the PLO presence in LA 1966 Havana meeting of OSPAL - Organization of the People's of Asia, Africa & LA
- \* Claire Sterling's book <sup>on that meeting</sup>
- \* By 68, Cuban intelligence & military personnel assisting PLO on training missions in N Af & Iraq
- \* 69 - Cuban national liberation officers were in joint training with PLO officers in USSR
- \* June 69 - Cuban members of training camps went to Egypt where they conducted a joint raid into IS occupied Siani desert.
- \* 1972 - important meeting in Algeria. Castro met with PLO to discuss stepped up coordination of activities.  
 PLO undertook to augment Cuban training of LA terrorists with specialized instruction in Lebanon, South Yemen & Libya.
- \* In 1973 Castro broke relations w/Israel at the Algiers Summit Conference of Non-Aligned States that Sept.  
 Cuba was training S. Yemeni pilots to fly MIGs at that time as well.
- \* <sup>in Havana</sup> 1974 - PLO opened its first LA office. Arafat received the Cuban Bay of Pigs award. Since then, the PLO has been actively involved in LA revolutionary struggles.  
 eg: 1978 photo in Gente mag in BA of Arafat w/12 leading Montaneros (Mario Ferminish)  
 '82 - Andres Pascal Allende (Chile)  
 Co-operation: in the UN, joint communiqués  
 Fidel facilitates PLO/CA terrorist relations

#### NICARAGUA

Contrast Arafat visit; Pope's treatment  
 Nicaragua is center for PLO activities in CA  
 longstanding ties between the PLO & Sandinistas  
 Between 68-78, at least 70 Sandinistas trained in ME  
 We know because they told us about it

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parents immigrated to El Sal from Palensine in 20s.

- \* Two months after the coup which ousted Romero in Sal, in 12/79, a bomb was exploded in the Israeli Emb in San Salvador, the terrorists annouced the act was to show "solidarity with the Palestinian people."
- \* 7/22/80, Sandinista hoopla, United Rev Directorate DRU leaders met w/Arafat in Managua and received promises of arms and aircraft. The next month, in August, Sal guerrilla leaders met w/Fatah leaders in Beruit, and again in Nov.
- \* Feb 81, training & \$ received from PLO & Iraq
- \* March 81, Handal travelled to Beruit and met w/Arafat & Hawatmak of DFLP to receive arms.
- \* Arafat publicly acknowledged the role of the PLO in El Salvador struggles "It was disgraceful of Reagan to call us terrorists. We are a great revolution that can never be intimidated. We have connections with all revolutionary moevments throughout the world, in El Salvador, in Nicaragua --- and I reiterate Salvador --- and elsewhere in the world." April 14, 81 (told us about it again) and again in January 82 during an address to the General Federation of Palestinian Writers & Jouranlists PLO sources confirmed that relations between the PLO and rhe revolutionary movements in LA are more than a decade old, and included various forms of military support. Arafat said that PLO pilots were seriving in Nicaragua, and that other PLO guerrillas were in El Salvador.
- \* The relationship continues. In March 82 Cayetano Carpio held talk with PLO leaders in S. Jordan.
- \* Captured documents from Beruit last summer indicate the presence of Sal guerrillas, Sandinistas

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who threatend Nicaragua will have to face Palestina combatants." Ortega concurred stating: Relations between the PLO and the Sandinista Front are not new. <sup>A military cooperation agreement was reportedly signed the next month.</sup>

- \* The PLO has helped the Sandinistas receive help from other radical states. EG: Borge went to Tripoli in May 81, praised Quadaffi, received promise of 100 million, <sup>6 mg. approx</sup> which has since been renewed. Algeria has shipped arms during 1979 & 80.
  - \* Mutual solidarity exemplified by the 12-15 April Managua Latin American preparatory meeting on Palestine & International Law. Alejandro Bendana, deputy foreign policy dir for multilat afrs said that "the purpose of this meeting in Managua is to obtain support from international public opinion for the Plaestinian peopl'e struggle for liberty and self-determination. Marwan Tahbub, PLO amb in Managua said: "This meeting is aimed at obtaining governmental and nongovernmental support for the Palwstinian cause. It will reflect worldwide UN rejection of Israel's aggressive policy, with US support, against our people." During the meeting, junta member Sergio Ramirez obsered that US, by "trying to promote a conflict of greater proportions in Central America by introducing thousands of Somozist guardsments into Nicaragua" is involved "in an effort to recreate the Middle East massacres of Sabra and Shatila in this area."
  - \* We think there are currently about 50 PLO personnel in Nicaragua. Some are involved in training Sandinista military in the use of Eastern bloc weapons, some training pilots, <sup>maintaining aircraft.</sup> some flying helicopters and, of course, training the communist guerrillas of El Salvador.
- EL SALVADOR
- \* PLO relations with the Salvadorean guerrillas are equally long-standing and current. The strongest link exists between the PLO and the head of El Sal Communist party, Shafik Handal, whose

Ed Luttwak has written that to see things in the broad rather than as isolated fragments is the first and simplest rule of strategy. In this case, then, the exercise yeilds a fuller picture of the PLO problem, but 50 PLO pilots in Nicaragua in and of themselves do not threaten the security of US. However, the second rule of strategy is to respect the connection among diverse things, and as soon as we apoly that rule to the PLO presence in LA, and especially CA, it becmoes clear that what is happening is of true and very great strategic importance internationally. You can't hate the PLO in the Middle East and put your head in the sand when you see them in Central America.

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NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, DC, June 7...The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith yesterday called on Sandinist authorities to return the nation's only synagogue to the Nicaraguan Jewish community. The synagogue was confiscated after the Sandinists came to power in 1979.

In a meeting with the Nicaraguan Ambassador to the United States, Antonio Jarquin, the League's Associate National Director, Abraham H. Foxman, also urged the Nicaraguan government to publicly denounce anti-Semitism in order to make Jews feel "welcome once more in their homeland."

Speaking at a news conference here, Mr. Foxman said the meeting was held at the initiative of Ambassador Jarquin. ADL had issued a report May 23 that the country's Jewish community had been forced into exile and that Jewish-owned property had been confiscated, in addition to the synagogue in Managua.

The Ambassador promised at the meeting yesterday, according to Mr. Foxman, to investigate the situation in Nicaragua, particularly the confiscation of the synagogue as well as three other cases involving the seizure of private Jewish-owned property. These cases had been submitted to Nicaraguan authorities for consideration more than a year ago, he added.

Ambassador Jarquin, the ADL official went on, acknowledged that the Nicaraguan government had not responded to these ADL inquiries nor to a request that the authorities set forth the conditions under which Nicaraguan Jews could return to their country.

Mr. Foxman was accompanied to the meeting by I. Barry Mehler, Chairman of the League's Latin American Affairs Committee, Jess Hordes, Associate Director of ADL's Washington Office, and Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, Director of the League's Latin American Affairs Department.





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Mr. Foxman emphasized that ADL's representations to the Nicaraguan government were being made on behalf of the entire Jewish community of Nicaragua. He said that the League sought the opportunity for each member of the community to obtain the principle of due process of law.

The Ambassador was assured, Mr. Foxman said, that ADL's actions in behalf of Nicaraguan Jewry at this time "have absolutely no connection with the present political situation involving the United States and Nicaragua."

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