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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 22, 1983

The Most Reverend Derek Lang
Bishop of Middleburg
2103 South Portland Street
Los Angeles, California 90007

Your Excellency:

First, I must apologize for the inordinate delay in responding to your most interesting letter to Mrs. Whittlesey.

My assistant, Mrs. Joyce Thomann, has told me of your contact with my office and I know she has discussed with you the possibility of your attending one of our regular Wednesday Outreach Working Group meetings. If you are going to be in the Washington, D.C. area, please contact Joyce at (202) 456-2657 and she will insure that your name is placed on our White House clearance list.

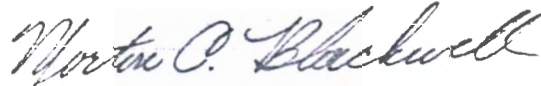
It is my hope that you will be in the Washington area in the near future so that we can talk about your experiences in Nicaragua. The insights and perspective which you have on Nicaragua and Central America would be of great interest to our Outreach Working Group and I would like to schedule you to speak to the group at a mutually convenient time. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our listing of speakers for November. I might add that Senor Eden Pastora was our speaker for November 16th instead of General Vessey.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading your October 30, 1980 message to the "Peoples of the Central American Republics Endangered by Communist Subversion and Conquest." I have forwarded a copy of your letter and its enclosures to Dr. Alberto Piedra who has done extensive research and writing on the subject of "liberation theology." Dr. Piedra is the Senior Policy Advisor to Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II, the United States Representative to the Organization of American States.

I am enclosing copies of six White House Digests which have been issued to date, a copy of a Washington Post article on the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America, and a copy of the President's address to the joint session of the Congress on April 27th.

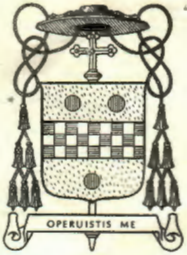
Thank you for your expression of support and for your willingness to speak out on the situation which presently faces Central America.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

cc: Dr. Alberto M. Piedra
Senior Policy Advisor
US/OAS
Department of State
Room #6424
Washington, D.C. 20520



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July 24, 1983

Miss Faith Whittlesey
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Whittlesey:

It is with great satisfaction that I note the President has begun to come down to the realities of the Central American situation and is, apparently, persuaded that the entire region will remain volatile as long as the Sandinistas remain in power in Nicaragua.

I served as regional bishop for Nicaragua (of the Old Catholic Church) from 1974 to 1979 and have remained very much abreast of the situation there ever since. In all, I have a decade of service to the Nicaraguan people both here in the United States and there.

How one with such commitment can get some "input" to the administration has thus far eluded me, thus this note to you.

There are basically two points that I would like to make, both of which are not necessarily "popular" but, never-the-less, worthwhile.

The first has to do with the administration's continuance of the Carter policy of denegrating and defaming the previous administrations of Nicaragua. While there were many faults with the Somoza government, let me say that I lived under it for five years and can say with certainty that neither the President, General Somoza, nor his government as a whole, deserve the treatment accorded by Mr. Carter and (lamentably) still by Mr. Reagan. I can cite many proofs of my position but instead suggest that, perhaps, the future of the country is more important than its past. *Assuming a change in government there: how can you possibly talk about a democratic political process when you exclude the traditional institutions of the nation, i.e., the Conservative Party, the Liberal Party (including the "Somocistas"), and the nation's National Guard?* You will find, I believe, that the vast majority of those you are supporting in northern Nicaragua, including especially the FDN, are willing to follow an expedient (not necessarily principled) course of action. That is, to continue the Sandinista rhetoric of the "genocida Guardia Nacional" etc. To encourage this is, to my view, a grave error. Through it, you are laying a mine field that may, in the long run, be fatal to the United States. I strongly recommend that Mr. Reagan come to grips with this problem and alter his course.

The second point I would like to make concerns the rest of Central America. Any reasonable study of the rôle of the Church — including the Protestant communions — in the area as to their part in mobilizing the peasantry necessitates the conclusion that they were, in fact, seditious. The Sandinistas could never have come to power without the help of the Church. As with most revolutions, most people wanted nothing to do with it until they were either morally seduced or physically and emotionally intimidated. That was the case in Nicaragua and I refute absolutely that the Sandinista rise to power came from popular dissatisfaction with the government or feelings of unfulfilled "nationalism." The same is ongoing in El Salvador and other countries. So-called religious workers are fomenting revolution by acts of sedition. *Many church workers who are engaged in sedition are North American missionaries, "guests" in those countries whose governments they are attempting to overthrow.* Probably one of the most effective means of controlling the stability of the region is for each country to exclude those foreign missionaries whose commitments cause them to be "political activists." N.B.: I do not say all foreign missionaries! Their effect is vastly more damaging in Central America than it is here because down there

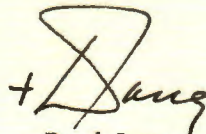
they are inciting the people to violence, to take up arms, and to give (improper) "moral legitimacy" to insurrection.

Because of my continuing interest in Nicaragua's future and my responsibility for Nicaragua in terms of my Church's mission, I have prepared a "Moral Guide on the Use of Counter-Force" for the "contras" in Central America. I suggest that - while not necessarily of "political" utility - it may contain some interesting or useful moral points that might well be, at least, thought about by those of you who are in policy making positions.

Aside from the first point in particular and the second point in general, I find myself entirely supportive of the President's policy for Central America. I pray that *after* the insurgent crises are brought under control the administration will follow through on a "Marshal" plan type of development assistance - hopefully more imaginative and effective than spending money on so-called family planning programs, which have more to do with leftist political notions of "liberation" than social, economic and political development.

In closing, let me say that I have never thought of myself as an exponent of the radical right or the "lunatic fringe." While conservative, it is my view that we should be doing the morally correct thing, even if not "expedient" - perhaps that is why I am a conservative. Least of all do I find myself comfortable with the radical extremes. In this regard, I find Mr. Reagan a breath of fresh air on the American political scene. I hope he will make the sacrifice for America and run for a second term. He is needed!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Lang". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

+ Derek Lang
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1983

Professor John Hutchinson,
Professor of Industrial Relations
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Graduate School of Management
Los Angeles, California 90024

Dear Professor Hutchinson:

I regret that I was not able to respond to your letter in a more timely fashion.

Due to the increased public interest in Central America which has been generated by the Grenadian rescue mission, I am sure you are receiving other speaking requests. With that in mind, I am enclosing some materials which I hope will be helpful to you.

So that you may keep abreast of the materials and information which is distributed at our Wednesday White House Outreach Working Group meetings on Central America, I am having your name placed on our regular mailing list. If you should be in Washington, D.C. on a Wednesday and would care to attend one of our Outreach meetings, please call Mrs. Joyce Thomann (202) 456-2657, in my office who will add your name to our White House clearance list.

With regard to individuals within the Administration with whom you might speak, I would suggest the following:

Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II,
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Executive Assistant to Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick
IO/UNA,
Room #6333
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520 Telephone: (202) 632-8344

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Cesasar F. Guerra, President
NICARAGUAN PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION
Post Office Box 770952
Houston, Texas 77215

Dear Mr. Guerra:

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE NICARAGUAN PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION ASOPANAIC AND ALL
THE NICARAGUANS IN EXILE HERE IN HOUSTON, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENUINE INTEREST AND SUPPORT TO THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY IN CENTRAL

AMERICA, ESPECIALLY IN NICARAGUA.

~~CONCERNING THE CLOSING OF ALL THE NICARAGUAN CONSULATES, IT IS OUR
BELIEF THAT NOTHING BETTER COULD HAVE BEEN DONE, SINCE THEY WERE
PROMOTING TRADES BETWEEN THE U S AND THE LEFTISTS INSTEAD OF
ASSISTING THE NEEDY ONES AND THE REAL CAUSES.~~

THANKS AGAIN AND OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION. RESPECTFULLY,
CESASAR F GUERRA, PRESIDENT

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JULIO CISNE, TREASURER

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Morton C. Blackwell,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1983

Dear Senor Pastora:

Thank you so much for giving so generously of your time to speak to the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

Your remark that you came to the United States to seek aid in achieving peace not only in your country but in all of Central America was underscored by your willingness to meet with so many and such diverse groups.

I am especially appreciative of your willingness to respond to questions from our audience. As you could tell, they were quite anxious to explore with you the parameters of the problems as you perceived them and were most interested in your recommendations for their resolution.

Please accept my best wishes as you continue along your journey to achieve democracy and peace for your country.

Sincerely,

Faith Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Senor Eden Pastora
c/o Mr. R. Bruce McColm,
Director
CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN STUDIES
Freedom House
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1983

Mr. Kent Philpott
Americans In Support of Democracy
In Latin America
P.O. Box 6358
San Rafael, Ca. 94903

Dear Mr. Philpott,

I am writing to invite you, or any representative you would like to send in your place, to the weekly meetings of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

The meetings are designed to brief private citizens, particularly those associated with organizations that have a direct interest in the events in Central America, and to facilitate the flow of accurate information about the region.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 30 at the Old Executive Office Building, 2:30 p.m. Meetings will be held every following Wednesday at the same time and place.

If you are interested in attending, please call my office at (202) 456-2657. I look forward to hearing from you.

I have also taken the opportunity to forward to you some information produced in connection with the activities of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. I hope you find it useful.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 11, 1983

Mr. Stuart L. Hannon,
President
THE MARSHALL GROUP
3003 Van Ness Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Hannon:

Mrs. Whittlesey asked me to respond to your letter regarding the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

I noted from your letterhead a number of members of the Advisory and General Councils of the Marshall Group who attend our Outreach meetings on a regular basis. We would be pleased to have you participate as well in our meetings. Now that you have returned from your European trip, I hope that will be possible.

Speakers for the last two meetings in November will be:

November 16 - "Nicaragua" - Eden Pastore, Commandante Zero,
Room #450-OEOB, 2:30 p.m.

November 30 - "KGB Disinformation in the Media and Other Soviet Active Measures" - Arnaud De Borchgrave
Room #2008 - New Executive Office Building
2:30 p.m.

If your schedule would permit you to attend, please call Joyce Thomann of my office at 456-2657 and she will place your name on the White House clearance list for those meetings.

As the Project Office for the Office of Public Liaison's Central American Outreach program, I would like to explore with you further the opportunities for your Group which you mentioned in your letter to Mrs. Whittlesey.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of all the White House Digests on Central America that have been issued to date.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1983

Reverend G. D. Wiebe, SSC
730 Blossom Way
Hayward, California 94541

Dear Reverend Wiebe:

Mrs. Whittlesey asked me to thank you for your recent card.

As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of all the White House Digests which have been issued to date as well as some other information on Central America which you may find of interest.

Because of your expressed interest in anti-Semitism in Nicaragua, I am also sending you copies of statements by Mr. Isaac Stavisky and Rabbi Morton Rosenthal.

We will add your name to the listing of those who receive our White House Digests, and thank you for your support of the President's policies in Central America.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1983

Dear Miss Morales:

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

I know how difficult it can be to be in the second speaking spot and want you to know that you did an outstanding job. Your discussion of the land reform measures in your country was very informative as were your examples of the one-sided reporting media bias you have observed.

It is unfortunate that some members of Congress were not available to answer your question as to how they can say "yes" to economic aid and "no" to the military aid which would allow your country to protect the economic gains as they are made. As you may know, President Reagan believes that it is necessary to provide not only economic assistance but appropriate military assistance which will enable developing democracies to protect the economic infra-structure so necessary for them to become self-sustaining.

In closing, I want to commend you for the adept way in which you handled some very difficult questions.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Miss Ana Victoria Morales
c/o The United States Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1983

Dear John:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and the American Security Council Foundation for sponsoring the recent U.S. speaking tour of the six El Salvadoran students.

As you know, they, Ann Kruger, and Julian Barber were present with us at our November 9th meeting of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America and Ana Victoria Morales and Eduardo Torres represented the group as speakers for that meeting.

John, you and the members of the American Security Council Foundation who prepared them for their speaking tour did an outstanding job. I know they must have felt a great deal of pressure speaking at the White House, and then to look out and see Ambassador Rivas-Gallont and Deputy Minister Jiminez-Ortiz in the front row must have made them feel as if they were taking their final exams. I can assure you that they did an outstanding job and passed with flying colors.

You and the members of the American Security Council Foundation can be very proud of your role in sponsoring their United States speaking tour. I know they will take many memories back with them, but the most important of them will be the encouragement and opportunity which you provided them.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. John Fisher, President
AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1983

Dear Mr. Torres:

We were so pleased to have you as one of our speakers at our recent meeting of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

I am delighted that you and the other members in your group had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and speak to various student groups. Your commitment to democracy is so strong, I am certain you may have set many in your audiences to evaluating their own freedoms and deepening their appreciation for the liberties Americans enjoy.

Although we have heard about the devastating impact the guerilla attacks have had on the El Salvadoran economy and living conditions, the way in which you conveyed the dimension of the problem and your statement that the guerillas exist in El Salvador because they are supported by the Communist bloc gave a new perspective to our understanding of the problem.

Thank you for speaking to our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America and for so adeptly handing the questions from our audience.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Eduardo Torres
c/o The United States Embassy - El Salvador
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1983

Dear Mr. Luketina:

Thank you so much for sharing Sean's strength and valor with the members and guests of our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

Both you and Sean have set a shining example of unselfish patriotism. Your words, "Freedom isn't free," "Long live America, long live the Americas!" will remain with me always. You capsulized so eloquently the substance and motivating force of this Administration -- Freedom isn't Free, LONG LIVE AMERICA!

Your graciousness in reaching out to others at this difficult time for you meant so much to all of us.

Please convey our thanks and best wishes to Sean and let him know that we will be working to insure that his sacrifice and the sacrifices of his fallen comrades will never be forgotten.

We will keep Sean and you in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Robin Luketina
Suite #137 - Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1983

Mr. John W. Bloomer,
Chairman
ALABAMA-GUATEMALA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS
Office Park Circle
Building #4, Suite #306-A
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

Dear Mr. Bloomer:

Mrs. Whittlesey asked me to thank you for your letter of August 12. I am sorry for the late response.

We are truly faced with a crisis in Central America; one that is made more difficult to resolve because of the amount of misinformation coming out about the area.

Having been involved in the press, you understand how essential to a democracy and to informed decision-making is an objective media.

Thanks for your backing of the President's policies. Rest assured that this Administration is committed to supporting and developing free institutions throughout the nations of Central America.

Cordially,

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August 13

Reagan gives repeat of talk on Latin peril

Facts fail to back up claims on extent of Cuban poverty

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — President Reagan, opening a new drive for Hispanic political support, charged yesterday Cubans have been betrayed by a government that "sells its young men as Soviet cannon fodder" in return for massive financial help from the Kremlin.

The President also pronounced Cuba "the economic basket case of the hemisphere." He cited no figures, but independent estimates put per capita income in the Soviet-subsidized Cuban economy well ahead of such pro-U.S. nations as El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

On the first leg of a 25-day, mostly vacation trip, Reagan renewed his claim the stakes in Central America for the United States are "of supreme importance" and said "we will pay dearly" if leftist revolution sweeps the region.

Reagan flew to Tampa to address the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. After two hours in Florida, he was headed for El Paso on the Texas-Mexico border, where he will address a Hispanic veterans group today.

Tomorrow, Reagan will travel to La Paz, Mexico, for a summit with President Miguel de la Madrid, whose government is critical of U.S. policies in Central America.

In his speech, Reagan said, "Today, our nation is confronted with a challenge of supreme importance. A faraway, totalitarian power has set its sights on our friends and neighbors in Central America and the Caribbean.

"If we don't meet our responsibilities there," Reagan said, "we will pay dearly for it."

Reagan, whose strongest Latin support is among Florida's conservative Cubans, said under President Fidel Castro, "Cuba has become the economic basketcase of the hemisphere.

"The Cuban government sells its young men as Soviet cannon fodder in exchange for a massive subsidy without which it could not survive," Reagan charged.

"The Cuban people have been betrayed," he added. "They have neither freedom nor material goods. The only things abundant there today are slogans, weapons, repression and shortages. Food and the necessities of life are severely rationed."

Reagan cited no data to support his claims. But independent estimates of Cuba's economy show the Cuban people with a higher per capita income than the citizens of many pro-U.S. countries in Central America and the Caribbean, but still far below the developed nations of the region.

According to figures prepared by the Overseas Development Council, a non-profit, private research group on Third World countries, Cuba's per capita income for 1980 was \$1,410, putting it on a list of high-income developing countries.

By comparison, 1980 per capita income for El Salvador was \$590, for Honduras \$560, for Guatemala \$1,110, for Costa Rica \$1,730, and for Mexico \$2,130, according to the ODC, based in Washington.

Cuba is also believed to have one of the most equal distributions of wealth in the region as well as a high literacy rate and good health care. But its economy, to be sure, is aided by substantial subsidies from the Soviet Union. The CIA estimates the Soviet subsidy is now \$4.7 billion a year.

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Answer

Ms Faith Whittlesey
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Ms. Whittlesey:

For the sake of the United States as well as Central America I hope that your efforts are rapidly and highly successful to influence the media, press and television, to abandon the pro-leftist, pro-guerrilla perspective in so-called "news" reports on Central America.

The retired editor-in-chief of The Birmingham, Ala., News and earlier (1955) editor of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Columbus, Ga., Ledger, I have devoted a major share of my time of late to attempting to counter the Communistic bias of segments of the U.S. Congress and the operations with major influence in the newspaper and television fields. The bias of the American media against pro-U.S. political elements in Central America has, of course, had a major impact on the public and has supported, strongly, the contorted views of these influencing the anti-Central American viewpoint of the Democratic Party. The upper and middle East section of the U.S. seems to be the major spawning ground for that bloc. Too, the full credibility given Americas Watch, Amnesty International, Council of Hemispheric Affairs and other such movements whose statistics (so-called) and allegations favoring the guerrillas and revolutionaries are projected into the foreground of the news reports, is hard to understand.

From my position, a by stander now, all three major television networks seem equally dedicated to projecting a newpoint antagonistic to a desirable solution of the Central American crisis. And The Washington Post and The New York Times appear to have a leadership role in influencing the print media to give the revolutionaries full credibility.

Of course the media, print and television, has taken the posture in a so-called "news" report of throwing doubt on any action or viewpoint of the Reagan administration. Before a Reagan pronouncement is transmitted for public view by any of the media, including Associated Press and United Press, a spokesman for an antagonistic viewpoint is found. Reagan's action or view as President must share the first paragraph of the report with a specific attack from a Democrat or a source philosophically or politically opposed to the President.

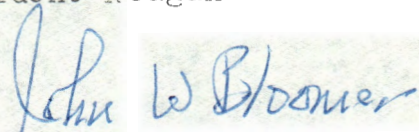
(As an example, see the enclosed, in which a satisfactory and fair report on the President's talk is subordinated to the

Associated Press' allegations he interpreted statistics unsatisfactorily)

The United States has, unfortunately, ignored for too long in every concept the Western Hemisphere area south of us. We are now paying for that, and so are they. To salvage a geographically neighbor area and protect our own interests from Communist encroachment the United States must create strong involvements in a democratically motivated Central America, U.S. oriented economically, ethically, culturally, educationally, through which the people of that area can improve themselves in every facet affecting responsible citizenry. Standing haughtily on the Potomac and relegating Central America to the Communists because it does not pursue "human rights" in the same perspective as Ft. Wayne, Indiana, is completely asinine. What are "human rights" in a guerrilla-torn nation? And what are "human rights" outside the United States--in Russia or Afghanistan? Is it not up to us to create sociological conditions in Central America such that "human rights" in our definition mean something? Isolating ourselves from Central America can prove to be a major tragedy for this 200-year old nation.

And first, Central America must dispell the armed Communist revolutionaries.

Best wishes to you and President Reagan



John W. Bloomer
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1983

Mr. Bernhard F. Eibner
293 Kenrick Street
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Dear Mr. Eibner,

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I have included all the information generated by the White House Outreach Group on Central America with hopes the material contained will be of use in your battles with those who would have us turn our back on our responsibilities - - - and our friends - - - in Central America.

With thanks for your continuing support, I am,

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
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for Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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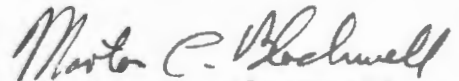
Faith Ryan Whittlesey has asked me to respond to your letter of August 11th. I am sorry for the delay.

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your efforts to track down the facts in a news environment filled with conflicting reports. There is too much at stake in Central America for any of us to settle for incomplete or inaccurate information.

I am enclosing a set of White House Digests on Central America. I hope they prove useful. Also, I would like to invite you to attend the Wednesday briefings held by the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America. The November schedule for these briefings is enclosed. If you are able to attend or if there is another way in which I can be of assistance, please call my office at 202-456-2657.

Thank you again for writing.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell

Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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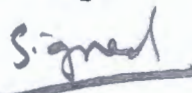
Dear Ms. Harris,

On behalf of Mrs. Whittlesey, I am writing to thank you for taking the time to send us the AIM report and study of CBS' documentary on Guatemala.

As the project officer for the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America, it is my duty to collect and distribute accurate information about Central America. Hence, I am quite aware of some of the material that passes for fact in mass media presentations.

With thanks for your work, and for all that Accuracy in Media does to keep journalists and producers honest, I am,

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
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Ms. Faith Whittelsey
Director of Public Liason
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Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Whittelsey:

Since I was just drafting this response to an editorial in The Buffalo News, I thought you might be interested in the AIM Report and the study of CBS' documentary on Guatemala which I enclose. If you want to substantiate media bias against U.S. policies in Central America this may be helpful.

Best wishes,

Joan Harris

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