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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 20, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Timing and the Nicaraguan Resistance Vote

Attached at Tab A is the most recent version of the chronology of events aimed at securing Congressional approval for renewed support to the Nicaraguan Resistance Forces. This schedule results from the four communications/media meetings we have had with Pat Buchanan's ad hoc working group. Please note that the schedule continues to focus on a vote at the end of April triggered by submission of the required report on or about April 15.

In addition to the events depicted on the internal chronology at Tab A, other activities in the region continue as planned--including military operations and political action. Like the chronology, these events are also timed to influence the vote:

- planned travel by Calero, Cruz, and Robelo;
- various military resupply efforts timed to support significantly increased military operations immediately after the vote (we expect major Sandinista crossborder attacks in this timeframe--today's resupply to [redacted] from [redacted] went well); and
- special operations attacks against highly visible military targets in Nicaragua.

Some of these efforts will proceed whether or not the vote occurs as planned at the end of April. For example, today Bernardario Larios, former Sandinista Defense Minister, defected to Costa Rica and is now in Panama (you were briefed on this operation during the trip). Others, however, including actions by U.S. interests groups are very sensitive to the timing. Next week the networks auction their air time for 15, 30, and 60 second commercials during prime viewing hours. These groups are prepared to commit nearly \$2M for commercial air time and the

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production of various advertising media. If we are to retain their support, we must let them know by Friday whether or not they should proceed. To the maximum extent we have tried to prevent the kinds of errors that will cost them financially or politically. Unfortunately, some, like the Young Republicans ad, get through--this has been fixed.

It is important that a decision be taken no later than noon, Friday, March 22, if we are to proceed with the events in the checklist (Tab A) and those activities which support a vote at the end of April.

Senator Durenburger plans to make a major speech on this issue at the National Press Club next Tuesday, March 26. We should at least give him a sense of what to expect before he speaks.

You should also be aware that Director Casey has sent a personal note to Don Regan on the timing matter. We are attempting to obtain a copy for your use.

Worthlind has apparently completed an analysis on some recent polling data. It reportedly does not look good for a vote at this time.

Finally, Jim Michel reminds that in your meetings with the Central American Heads of State you told them that we would be quiescent during the early Spring, but that in April we would act. This description fits either scenario--going for the vote or a fallback option with sanctions. One way or the other, we need to have a decision.

RECOMMENDATION

That you discuss this matter with Don Regan and urge that a decision be made on timing by noon on Friday, March 22.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab A - Chronological Event Checklist (dtd March 20, 1985)
Tab B - Young Republicans Ad

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~CHRONOLOGICAL EVENT CHECKLISTFebruary 21-28, 1985 (completed)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Send resource book on the Contadora process to congressmen, media outlets, private organizations and individuals interested in Nicaragua.	State/LPD (Miller)
FDN to select articulate freedom fighters with proven combat records and to make them available for contact with U.S. media representatives.	NSC (North)
Assign U.S. intelligence agencies to research, report, and clear for public release Sandinista military actions violating Geneva Convention/civilized standards of warfare.	NSC (North) (Raymond)
Prepare themes for approaches to Congressmen based on overall listed perceptions which will directly attack the objections listed above.	NSC (North)
Encourage U.S. media reporters to meet individual FDN fighters with proven combat records and media appeal.	NSC (North) State/LPD (Gomez)
Contact internal eyewitnesses/victims to testify before Congress about their abortive attempts to deal with the FSLN (deadline March 15).	NSC (North)

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March 1-8, 1985EventResponsibility

Prepare list of publicly and privately expressed Congressional objections to aiding resistance and voting record on the issue.	WH/LA State/R
Provide State/H with a list of Nicaraguan emigres and freedom fighters to serve as potential witnesses to testify before hearings on aid to Nicaraguan freedom fighters (due March 15).	NSC (North) State/ARA (Michel) State/LPD (Reich)
Nicaraguan internal opposition and resistance announce unity on goals and principals (March 2, San Jose) (completed).	State/LPD (Miller) NSC (North)
Request that Zbigniew Brzezinski write a geopolitical paper which points out geopolitical consequences of Communist domination of Nicaragua (paper due March 20).	NSC (Menges)
Briefings on Nicaragua for key Congressional members and staffers. North on NU aggression and external involvement, Burghardt on diplomatic situation.	NSC (North) (Burghardt)
Supervise preparation and assignment of articles directed to special interest groups at rate of one per week beginning March 18 (examples: article on Nicaraguan educational system for NEA, article by retired military for Retired Officers Association, etc.).	State/LPD
Assign agencies to draft one op-ed piece per week for signature by Administration officials. Specify themes for the op-eds and retain final editorial rights.	NSC (Menges)
Conduct public opinion poll of America attitudes toward Sandinistas, freedom fighters.	WH (Rollins)
National Press Club news conference for FDN commanders Bermudez, Tigrillo, Mike Lima (March 5) (follow-on Congressional visits (March 6) (completed)).	State/LPD (Gomez) (Kuykendall)
Martha Lida Murillo (9 yr old atrocity victim) visit to Washington--media interviews, Congressional visits, possible photo-op with First Lady (March 6-8) (completed).	State/LPD (Gomez) (Kuykendall) (WH/OPL)

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March 9-15, 1985EventResponsibility

WH/Legislative Affairs, State/H and ARA complete list of key Congressmen interested in Nicaragua.	State/H (Ball/Fox) WH/LA State/ARA (Michel/Holwill)
Intelligence briefing for White House Administration and senior staff by CIA (Vickers, Room 208, OEOB, 30 minutes).	NSC (North)
Brief Presidential meeting with Lew Lehrman and other leaders of the influence groups working on MX and resistance funding.	NSC (Raymond) (North)
State/LPD and WH Media Relations prepare a list of key media outlets interested in Central American issues, including newspapers, radio, and TV stations (including SIN). Where possible identify specific editors, commentators, talk shows, and columnists.	NSC (North) State/LPD (Miller)
NSC update talking points on aid to Nicaraguan freedom fighters.	NSC (North)
Briefings in OEOB for members/Senators: Shultz, McFarlane, Gorman, and Shlaudeman to brief Lehman (requires General Gorman to be placed on contract).	NSC (North) (Lehman)
Call/visit newspaper editorial boards and give them background on the Nicaraguan freedom fighters.	State/LPD (Reich) WH/PA NSC (North)
Brief OAS members in Washington and abroad on second term goals in Central America. Explore possible OAS action against Nicaragua.	OAS (Middendorf) NSC (Menges) State/LPD (Reich)
VP at Brazilian inauguration. Discuss possible OAS initiative on Nicaragua with Core Four, Colombia, Brazil, and Uruguay (March 15 and 16).	VP (Hughes)
Prepare a "Dear Colleagues" ltr for signature by a responsible Democrat which counsels against "negotiating" with the FSLN.	NSC (Lehman)

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Results due on public opinion survey to see what turns Americans against Sandinistas (March 20).

Joachim Maitre--Congressional meetings, speeches, and op-ed pieces.

Review and restate themes based on results of public opinion poll.

Presidential drop-by at briefing for American evangelicals on MX and Nicaraguan resistance.

Congressional hearings (Foreign Relations/ Affairs) and testimony by Nicaraguan emigres and atrocity victims.

Prepare document on Nicaraguan narcotics involvement.

SSCI CODEL Boren, Rockefeller, McConnell, and Wilson [redacted] for meetings with resistance (March 15-19).

VP in Honduras; meeting with Pres Suazo (March 16).

Argentine state visit; President emphasize need for OAS case (March 19).

Pastora and Calero meeting with Congressional Hispanic Caucus (Jorge Mas) (March 20).

Production and distribution of La Prensa chronology of FSLN harassment.

Responsibility

NSC (Hinckley)

State/LPD
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NSC (North)
(Raymond)WH/OPL (Reilly)
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VP (Hughes)

WH (Elliott)

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Rev. Vallardo Antonio Santeliz (Pentecostal Minister atrocity victim)--Congressional/ media meetings (March 22-23).

McFarlane, Friedersdorf meeting with key Congressional leadership (Rm 208 or WHSR) to brief situation and proposed course of action (March 23-25).

Presidential breakfasts, lunches, and WHSR meetings with key Congressional leaders (March 24 through vote).

Pedro Juaquin Chanorro (Editor La Prensa) U.S. media/speaking tour (March 25-April 3)

President to meet in Room 450 w/"Spirit of Freedom," concerned citizens for Democracy. Representatives from 8 countries (180) (March 25).

Release of DOD/State paper on Soviet/Cuban/ Nicaraguan intentions in the Caribbean; possible WH backgrounder.

Distribute Bernard Nietschmann paper on suppression of Indians by FSLN.

Antonio Farach (Former FSLN Intelligence Officer)--media and Congressional meetings regarding Sandinista espionage, intelligence activities.

Invite President's Duarte, Monge, Suazo, and Barletta to a very private meeting in Texas with key Congressional leaders so that CODEL can hear unvarnished concerns re Sandinistas and Democratic leaders' support for the FDM.

Release paper on Nicaraguan media manipulation.

Publish and distribute as State Department document Nicaragua's Development as Marxist-Leninist State by Linn Poulsen.

Declassify Nicaragua's Development as a Marxist-Leninist State by Linn Jacobowitz Poulsen for publication as State Department document (clearance request w/Casey).

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(Gomez)WH/LA
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(North)State/LPD
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WH/PA (Sims)

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Study
Committee(Kuykendall)
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~April 1-7, 1985Event

Request Bernard Nietschmann to update prior paper on suppression of Indians by FSLN (to be published and distributed by April 1).

AEI: Sponsor media events w/print and television media for Central America resistance leaders (April 1-7).

European Parliamentary delegation to meet with President Reagan (April 2).

Visit by Colombian President Betancur (April 3-4); possible Joint Session speech by Betancur.

Proposed Presidential television address on Nicaragua (April 4).

Second round of SFRC hearings on Soviet build-up in region (Helms) (prior to recess).

CODEL visits during recess (April 4-14). Nicaraguan refugee camps in Honduras and Costa Rica (include visit to freedom fighter base camp and hospital [REDACTED]).

CODEL visit during recess (April 4-14) with regional leaders of Central America. Regional leaders convey importance of resistance fighters in NU.

Administration and prominent non-USG spokesman on network shows regarding Soviet, Cuban, East German, and Libyan, Iranian connection with Sandinistas.

Publish updated "Green Book;" distribute personally to Congressmen, media outlets, private organizations, and individuals interested in Nicaragua. Pass to Lew Lehrman and other interested groups.

Distribute paper on geopolitical consequences of Communist domination of Nicaragua.

Release paper on Nicaraguan drug involvement.

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State/LPD
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National Forum
Foundation
WH/OPL (Reilly)

WHSpeechwriters
(Elliott)
NSC (North)

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April 8-14, 1985 (During recess)Event

25 Central American spokesmen arrive in Miami for briefing before departing to visit Congressional districts. Along with national television commercial campaign in 45 media markets.

Targeted telephone campaign begins in 120 Congressional districts. CITIZENS FOR AMERICA district activists organize phone-tree to targeted Congressional offices encouraging them to vote for aid to the freedom fighters in Nicaragua.

Lew Lehrman speaking tour of major U.S. cities.

Telephone campaign.

Central American spokesmen conduct rallies throughout the country in conjunction with CITIZENS FOR AMERICA activists (starting April 12).

Nationally coordinated sermons about aid to the freedom fighters are conducted (April 14).

Naval Institute Seminar in Newport, RI (Lugar, McFarlane [April 12]).

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~April 15-21, 1985

<u>Event</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Nicaraguan Refugee Fund (NRF) dinner, Washington, DC; President as Guest of Honor (April 15).	State/LPD (Miller) NSC (Raymond)
Presidential report to Congress on reasons for releasing funds to freedom fighters (April 15).	NSC State
AAA available to Washington press.	State/LPD (Gomez)
Central American spokesmen visit Congressional offices on Capitol Hill (April 16).	Abramoff
SFRC Nicaraguan issues, open hearing (April 16-17).	
Washington conference "Central America: Resistance or Surrender" (Presidential drop-by?) (April 17).	NSC Abramoff
Barnes' subcommittee hearing on Nicaragua; Motley, public witnesses (April 18) (2170 Rayburn, 2:00 p.m.).	
Presidential Radio Address (April 20).	WH (Elliott)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~April 22-29, 1985

<u>Event</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
House Appropriations (Obey subcommittee) intelligence brief on Central America/Latin America (April 23).	
Obey subcommittee (panel on Central America), public witnesses (a.m.)/Administration witnesses (p.m.) (April 24).	
Major rally in the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida, attended by President Reagan and important Administration figures (April 28).	Cuban American National Foundation State/LPD (Reich)
Presidential calls to key members.	WH (Friedersdorf) NSC (Lehman)

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April 30, 1985Event

Vote in the U.S. Congress on aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters (April 30).

President leaves for Europe.

ResponsibilityWH (Friedersdorf)
NSC (Lehman)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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N 40312PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS
REGARDING NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
<u>March 16-22, 1985</u>	
Argentine state visit; President emphasize need for OAS case (March 19).	WH (Elliott)
<u>March 23-31, 1985</u>	
Presidential breakfasts, lunches, and WHSR meetings with key Congressional leaders (March 24 through vote).	
President to meet in Room 450 w/"Spirit of Freedom," concerned citizens for Democracy. Representatives from 8 countries (180) (March 25).	
<u>April 1-7, 1985</u>	
Visit by various members of European parliaments who support the President's policies in Central America (April 2).	NSC (Raymond) WH/OPL (Reilly)
Visit by Colombian President Betancur (April 3-4); possible Joint Session speech.	
Presidential television address on budget (April 4).	WHSpeechwriters (Elliott)
Presidential meeting with AAA.	NSC (North)
<u>April 15-21, 1985</u>	
Conference on religious freedom; Presidential drop-by in Rm 450, OEOB.	NSC (Raymond)
Nicaraguan Refugee Fund (NRF) dinner, Washington, DC; President as Guest of Honor (April 15).	State/LPD (Miller) NSC (Raymond)
Presidential report to Congress on reasons for releasing funds to freedom fighters (April 15).	NSC State
Possible Presidential meeting with AAA.	NSC (North)
Possible Presidential visit with former Central American Presidents, Foreign Ministers, and Presidential candidates.	NSC (North) S/LPD (Reich)
Presidential Radio Address (April 20).	WH (Elliott)

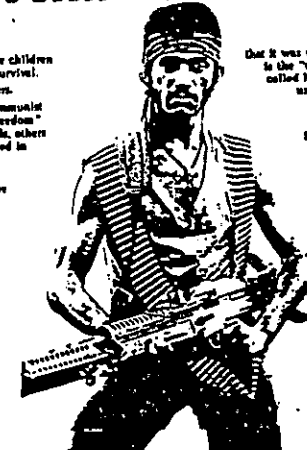
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EventApril 22-29, 1985Proposed visit to Washington by
Presidents Monge, Duarte, and Suazo.

Presidential calls to key members.

Major rally in the Orange Bowl in Miami,
Florida, attended by President Reagan and
important Administration figures
(April 28).April 30, 1985Proposed Congressional vote; President
leaves for Europe.ResponsibilityNSC (North)
S/ARA (Michel)WH (Friedersdorf)
NSC (Lehman)Cuban American
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FoundationCONFIDENTIAL**CONFIDENTIAL****ONLY 53¢ A DAY WILL SUPPORT A
NICARAGUAN FREEDOM FIGHTER**
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who spend their days fighting for survival.
They cry at night but see no sunrises.Their parents were abducted by Communist
forces because they spoke about "freedom."
Some were executed by firing squads, others
were shot in the back, still more died in
political prisons.To you this may sound like a
nightmare, something you would see
on the Late Show. Here in
Nicaragua, it is a way of life.
I know. My name is Charley and I
am a Nicaraguan counter-
communist. A Contra. A Freedom
Fighter.I have taken up arms against the
Soviet Empire and its satellite
government in Nicaragua and I
need your help.Last year, your Congress cut
off our funding. People like
Michael Barnes, Steven Solarz,
and Ted Kennedy, who claim
to be "friends of the people," saidthat it was unethical to fund what here in Nicaragua
is the "will of the people." There is no "will"
called Nicaragua. Only a nation of people living
under a totalitarian regime funded by Cuba
and the Soviet Union.Aren't you as Americans, committed to
governments of the people, by the people,
and for the people? Isn't that what you
fought for just over 200 years ago? If so,
please help.For 53¢ a month you can help bring
democracy to Central America.Regular meals, medical attention,
and the chance to vote in a free
and open election. That's
all we want.In America you have so much.
We have nothing. Our very
future and the future of the
democratic world is at stake.Please help me and my
fellow patriots.
We haven't got long.*kyay con DIOS,
Charley***SEND DEMOCRACY AROUND THE WORLD**

SAVE THE CONTRAS, P.O. Box 7828, Washington, DC 20012-8278

Yes, I want to help Charley and his fellow Freedom Fighters in Nicaragua.

 Enclosed is my first month's payment of \$16. Enclosed is \$182 for one year's supply of food, medicine, and clothing. I can't send money now, but I will write my Congressman and tell him to support U.S. aid to the Contras.

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