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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

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FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: FDN Military Operations

Attached at Tab A is a summary analysis of how the FDN has expended funds available to them since USG funding expired in May 1984. According to information they have given us, from July 1984 through February 1985, they spent \$1M per month for a total of \$8M. From February 22 to April 9, 1985, additional \$16.5M has been received for a grand total of \$24.5M. Of this, \$17,145,594 has been expended for arms, ammunition, combat operations, and support activities.

- Most expenditures have been for purchases of arms, ammunition, and other ordnance items.
- The \$2.5M indicated for upkeep of base camps on the borders includes costs of approximately \$350K per month (an expense which will increase as the number of recruits continues to grow) and \$50K for the operation conducted in Managua against the ammunition depot at the EPS military headquarters.
- The resistance has grown from 9,500 personnel in June 1984 to over 16,000 today.
- An additional 6,000 fighters are undergoing a 3 week training period.
- The relocation of base camps along border has been ordered for mid to late April 1985 in order to disperse the target for a Sandinista attack.
- The acquisition of two small transport aircraft at the reported cost of \$186K will help ameliorate increased patrolling activity by the EPS along border. This patrol activity has complicated trail-borne resupply for columns operating deep inside Nicaragua, thus necessitating aircraft resupply.

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Summary of Operations to Date

The FDN has grown nearly twofold since the cut-off of USG funding. In this period, they have reoriented from conventional to guerrilla warfare tactics. Despite the lack of any internal staff organization (G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4) when the USG withdrew, 63754 the FDN has responded well to guidance on how to build a staff. Although there was a basic lack of familiarity with how to conduct guerrilla-type operations, since July, all FDN commanders have been schooled in these techniques and all new recruits are now initiated in guerrilla warfare tactics before being committed to combat. In short, the FDN has well used the funds provided and has become an effective guerrilla army in less than a year. The listing of combat operations at Tab B [REDACTED] is indicative of what the FDN has been able to accomplish with funds already made available. It is important to note that, although funds started to flow in July, purchases made possible by this funding did not arrive in FDN hands until October 1984.

Future Operations

Plans call for remaining resources on hand (\$7,354,000) to be used as follows:

- increasing the force to a total of 2,500 by mid-summer;
- a major special operations attack against Sandino airport with the purpose of destroying the MI-24 helicopters and the Sandinista Air Force maintenance capability;
- a major ground operation against the mines complex in the vicinity of Siuna, Bonanza, and La Rosita (Nicaragua) -- the purpose of the operation is to secure the principal lines of communication in and out of Puerto Cabezas; and
- the opening of a southern front along the [REDACTED] border which will distract EPS units currently committed to the northern front.

It is apparent that the \$7M remaining on hand will be insufficient to allow the resistance to advance beyond these limited objectives, unless there is a commitment for additional funds. The \$14M, which the USG may be able to provide, will help to defray base camp, training, and support expenses but will not significantly affect combat operations until several months after Congressional approval due to lead-time requirements. Efforts

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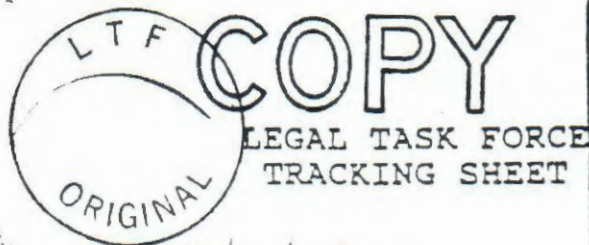
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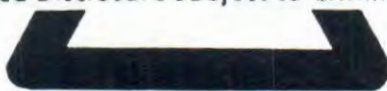
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