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May 23, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: JAMES D. THEBERGE *JD*
SUBJECT: Cuban Shipment of Combat Troops to Nicaragua

It is virtually certain that Fidel Castro will send more combat troops (he already has 2,000 military advisers in Nicaragua capable of being used in combat roles) to Nicaragua to bolster the Sandinista forces as the anti-Sandinista insurgency gathers strength.

They likely will be sent in a clandestine manner (disguised as engineers, teachers, etc.) so as to avoid generating negative media and popular reaction in the United States. It is of utmost importance to Castro's strategy that he not provide a rationale for a sharp increase in U.S. support for the insurgents, or for U.S. intervention.

Castro's reaction to any threat to the allegedly "irreversible" Marxist-Leninist Sandinista revolution is predictable. Loss of Nicaragua would constitute a massive political and psychological setback for Castro, which he must avoid at all costs.

Therefore, in anticipation of this probability we must:

- step up our intelligence coverage of the movement of personnel from Havana to Managua by air and ship.
- request a CIA assessment of the number of Cuban "advisers" involved in combat operations today.
- prepare contingency plans to counter Cuba's shipment of combat troops to Nicaragua.

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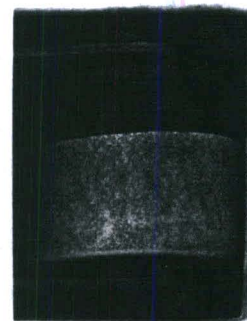
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SUBJECT: VISA ISSUANCE FOR NICARAGUAN INTERIOR MINISTER BORGE & SALVORDAN
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August 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

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FROM: ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH *al*

SUBJECT: Visa Issuance, Nicaraguan Interior Minister
Tomas Borge and Salvadoran Constituent Assembly
President Roberto D'Abuisson

State has sent you an informational memorandum on the above subject (Tab A).

These two cases are very sensitive. You will recall that we denied Borge a visit last March. The Secretary has now authorized a severely time-limited visa (one entry for two weeks). In making this decision, George Shultz considered that Borge's propaganda efforts in the U.S. would have relatively little additional impact at this time. I do not share this assessment. However, I agree that to deny him a visa would give the Nicaraguans a propaganda coup. Additionally, we would have a difficult time building a case that to give Borge a visa would be "prejudicial to the public interest," particularly as we are on record that we are interested in peace in the region.

Many of the same criteria will be applied to D'Aubuisson.

Borge has been invited to speak at USC Irvine and USC Los Angeles. He has also received invitations from some religious groups. D'Aubuisson will travel to Miami, where he has a girlfriend. He will also meet with the expatriate community. We will keep you apprised as we get better information.

It is distasteful to have to make decisions of this sort, but under the circumstances we would have created problems by denying visas to these two men.

Concurrence: *OK* Fontaine, North, *J* Sims, *R* Thompson

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Tab A Incoming information memo from D/S

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BY *RW* NARA DATE 4/25/17

I AGREE THAT WE NEEDED TO ISSUE A VISA FOR
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August 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Visa Issuance for Nicaraguan Interior Minister Borge

The following is a review of the sensitive visa cases of Salvadoran Constituent Assembly President Roberto D'Abuisson and Nicaraguan Interior Minister Tomas Borge. Although the two cases are separate, they probably will be linked in the public eye.

In D'Abuisson's case, the Secretary determined that his entry would not be "prejudicial to the public interest," notwithstanding the adverse press and Congressional interest his visit is likely to generate. Borge's case has been pending since March 1983. At that time, we were concerned that his visit would cause negative media coverage of our Nicaragua policy and pigeonholed his application. After careful deliberation, the Secretary has now authorized a severely time-limited visa (one entry for two weeks) for Borge. In reaching this decision, he considered the following factors:

-- Since Borge's initial application, there has been extensive media coverage of our policy toward Nicaragua. Thus, despite Borge's expected propaganda efforts here, we believe his visit would have relatively little additional impact at this time.

-- Denial, however, would give the GRN a public relations coup, allowing it to play the role of underdog.

-- Denial would require us, in accordance with the law, to find that Borge's visa would be "prejudicial to the public interest." Because of our traditions of listening to opposing views and of relatively unrestricted foreign travel to the U.S., we do not believe we can build a case for denial that would be both politically credible and supportive of our Central American policy.

-- Continued "review" of Borge's visa application would be viewed as a subterfuge to avoid outright denial. As with formal denial, it would allow Borge and the GRN to play the underdog, and to shift attention from the Sandinistas' own shortcomings.

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-- The diplomatic focus in Central America has shifted in our favor from bilateral toward regional negotiations. Meanwhile, we have made an impressive show of force in the region. Having clearly signalled our resolve, we must now show we have not closed the door to non-military solutions.

-- The President has reemphasized the importance of public diplomacy efforts in our Central American policy. Those efforts militate against a visa denial that is not clearly necessary and defensible.

Administration opponents will criticize us for admitting D'Abuissou. Similarly, many Administration supporters may criticize the Borge decision. In responding to such criticism, it would be useful to refer to the factors listed above.

We are instructing our Embassy in Managua to monitor Borge's travel plans. We will take steps to limit the size of his party and its potential for a propaganda circus.

Barbara Metcalfe
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Gentlemen:

Effective today, Chris Lehman is primary action officer for the NSC on this topic, with others on the profile sheet in support. Chris henceforth will represent NSC at the SIG level, unless WPC, JP, or I attend, and he will represent NSC on the second of the three subgroups named in the Hill memo. Walt Raymond, working closely with Ken deGroot, represents NSC on subgroup 1, while Al Sopra-Bosch supported by Ollie North, represents NSC on subgroup 3.

Bob Kinnitt

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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August 26, 1983


~~SECRET/SENSITIVE~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Special Interagency Group on Legislation to Prohibit
Covert Assistance to Nicaragua

Acting Secretary Dam chaired the first SIG meeting on the above subject August 26. There was full interagency agreement on the likelihood of early Congressional efforts to deny funding or authority for US support to anti-Sandinista groups, and on the need for a strong Administration counter-effort.

As a first step, three subgroups were established as follows:

- CIA and State will review terms of a new draft Presidential finding with a view to assuring it meets both operational requirements and legislative concerns. (The Administration is committed to present (WR) the new finding immediately after Congress returns (coord: Ken) September 12.) In the context of the finding, the group will also study possible legislative alternatives to Boland-Zablocki that would be consistent with the finding.
- State and White House Legislative Affairs, with input from other agencies, will analyze previous votes on Boland-Zablocki and related measures as a first step (Lehman) in organizing efforts to inform key members of the House of the Administration's position and to begin our approach in the Senate.
- State, CIA and DOD will prepare a briefing package for use on the Hill with emphasis on the importance of continued pressure on the Sandinista government as an (coord: Natl) integral part of the President's Central American policy and the demonstrated beneficial effects of that pressure. ASB

In addition, the SIG chairman named James Michel, principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, as executive secretary to serve as point of contact for ongoing SIG and subgroup activities.

The SIG will meet weekly or more frequently if necessary.


for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

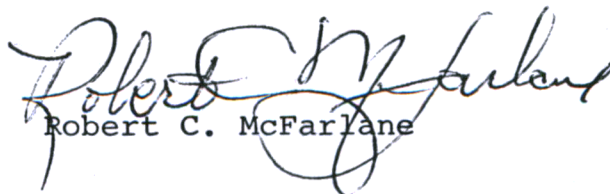
SUBJECT: Ambassador Stone's Mission (S)

The President concurs in your proposal that Ambassador Stone return to Central America this week to resume consultations on next steps in the Contadora peace process. His primary mission is to identify the U.S. with the search for political solutions in the region and to rebuild a sense of cohesion and direction among the Core Four states--El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica. It is important that Core Four unity be solidified and consensus built on how to move forward under the Contadora Document of Objectives before the next round of talks and the anticipated debates in the OAS General Assembly and in the UNGA. In addition, Ambassador Stone should consult with the four Contadora countries to determine their views and to reiterate U.S. interest in the successful outcome of the Contadora process. (S)

Ambassador Stone should submit recommendations and request instructions on how to deal with Nicaragua on these issues. If contacts with the Sandinistas are deemed desirable, Senator Stone should also meet with Nicaraguan anti-Sandinista groups to receive their proposals for dialogue on peace and democratization in Nicaragua. (S)

With regard to the internal dialogue in El Salvador, Ambassador Stone should consult with the GOES to ascertain whether they believe any further Peace Commission action or Stone facilitative pre-meeting would be appropriate at this time. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


Robert C. McFarlane

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
CONSTANTINE MENGES
ROGER W. FONTAINE

SUBJECT: President's Meeting with Ambassador Stone

The President is scheduled to meet with Ambassador Stone tomorrow, November 1, 1983 at 10:30 a.m. in the Oval Office. The State paper at Tab A provides additional background.

Ambassador Stone returned from his European trip on Friday, October 21. From all accounts he was successful in explaining our Central American policy to our European friends. It is now proposed that Dick return to Central America to resume consultations on our next steps in the Contadora peace process.

Recent events in Grenada and in the Nicaraguan peace overtures of mid-October have created dissension in the Contadora ranks--particularly with Mexico and Colombia. It is also important that Ambassador Stone rebuild a sense of cohesion and direction among the Core Four--El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica.

Your memo to the President at Tab I defines the parameters for Stone's trip and suggests the President endorse Secretary Shultz' proposals for the Stone trip (Tab A). Presidential talking points are at Tab B and a proposed Presidential press release is at Tab C.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you sign and forward the memo at Tab I to the President.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

- Tab I - McFarlane Memo to the President
- Tab A - State Memorandum re: Stone Mission
- Tab B - Presidential Talking Points
- Tab C - Presidential Press Release

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *Rem*
SUBJECT: Meeting with Ambassador Richard Stone

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Dick Stone
covered this in
the morning
meeting. This, you
need not read it.
Please do ~~sign~~
approve the
recommendation.
Rem*

Issue: Should Dick Stone return to Central America this week?

Facts: Secretary Shultz proposes that Ambassador Stone return to Central America this week to resume consultations on next steps in the region. The State memo at Tab A summarizes Stone's mandate for the trip.

Ambassador Stone returned from his European trip on Friday, October 21. From all accounts his trip was successful in explaining our Central American policy to our European friends. Recent events on Grenada and the Nicaraguan peace overtures of mid-October have created concern in the Contadora ranks--particularly with Mexico and Colombia. At the same time, the Core Four (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica) feel pressured by the 21-point "objectives" memorandum coming from the Contadora process.

Discussion: Secretary Shultz and Dick Stone agree that a return trip at this time could be helpful in reassuring the Core Four. It would also be useful in ensuring that the Contadora leaders (Colombia, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela) understand that while we support the Contadora document of objectives, we also insist on solid verification for any agreements that are developed.

There is also the possibility that if invited, Dick could visit Nicaragua to discuss their recent "peace proposals." This could help to defuse Congressional criticism that we would rather overthrow the Sandinistas than enter into a dialogue with them.

As indicated in the State memo at Tab A, Dick would assess the situation with the Contadora and Core Four countries and report back before proceeding to Nicaragua for any further discussions. In sum, the trip proposal is a good idea and the timing is right. Talking points for this meeting are at Tab B. A Presidential press release has been prepared.

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Recommendation:

Yes

No

1. That in the meeting with Secretary Shultz and Dick Stone, you endorse the proposal that Stone return to Central America this week.

Attachments

Tab A - State Memorandum re: Stone Mission

Tab B - Talking Points

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Oliver L. North

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TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT'S MEETING

WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARD STONE

- Good to see you again. I followed with interest your European trip.
- From all accounts you seem to have been able to convince many of our European friends of the righteousness of our cause in Central America.
- We must ensure that our recent action on Grenada is properly understood by the Contadora countries and the Central American Core Four.
- It is also important that we reassure our friends in the region regarding the Contadora process and the recent Nicaraguan peace overtures.
- Most importantly, all involved have to insist on iron-clad verification in any agreements with the Nicaraguans.

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Stone Mission

The President has asked Ambassador Richard Stone to return to Central America this week to resume discussion of regional peace initiatives under the Contadora process. In taking this action, the President has reiterated our strong support for the Contadora Document of Objectives. We believe the twenty-one points contained in this document provide the best basis for a lasting solution to the problems of the region. It is important that all of these issues be addressed in a comprehensive manner.

Ambassador Stone's mission will be to consult closely with those directly involved and to convey the President's determination that the momentum built up within the Contadora framework not be lost. This is especially important as the countries of the region begin to move from general principles to the difficult task of drafting specific undertakings, including verification necessary to build confidence in the creation of peace, democracy and stability in Central America.

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to confirm this today. J*

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
CONSTANTINE MENGES

SUBJECT: Proposal for Vice President to Meet with GRN
"Chief of Government" Daniel Ortega

Ambassador Ortiz in Buenos Aires has indicated (Tab A) that Daniel Ortega desires to meet with Vice President Bush during the inaugural visit to Buenos Aires. Admiral Poindexter has asked that we explore this possibility with State.

We believe that a Vice Presidential meeting with Ortega is not a good idea at this time. The following rationale obtains:

- The Government of National Reconstruction (GRN) in Managua is making a concerted effort to disrupt the cohesion of the Contadora Group and the Core Four as they move toward developing instruments to implement their agreed-upon 21 objectives. A high-level meeting with (as it would have with Borge) creates anxieties that the USG may be "preparing to cut a separate deal."
- If we were certain that Ortega would deliver a revolutionary diatribe (as they did with Dr. Kissinger and Ambassador Motley during their visits), a meeting would be a good idea since it would be something the Vice President could allude to in discussions on the Hill and with the public. However, recent GRN pronouncements have been designed to reduce the rhetoric and portray the appearance of a more reasonable approach. It is entirely likely that Ortega would use the circumstances to his advantage.
- We have no way to assure that the session would be private and it's entirely likely that Ortega would advertise a meeting as a "meaningful exchange of views" that would create expectations of a positive turn in our relationship, thus making our covert action more difficult than it already is.
- Part of our perception management effort has been designed to create the feeling of isolation for the directorate and further their sense that we may be in contact secretly with disaffected members. A Vice Presidential meeting with Ortega would not be helpful to this process.

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We do believe that a lower-level meeting might be helpful in accessing the true state of their anxiety. A Motley/Ortega meeting would be useful in this regard and help us to determine whether or not there is any substance in their recent, widely advertised "concessions."

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bob Kimmitt to call Charles Hill indicating that a Vice President/Ortega meeting at this time is not desired, but that we are amenable to a private Motley/Ortega meeting if convenient.

Approve

RCM

Disapprove

Attachment

Tab A - AMEMBASSY Buenos Aires 8460 dtd November 29, 1983

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