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Nancy sends her love.

Sincerely,

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Reverend Donn Moomaw  
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To Rev. Don Moorman (~~I don't know if you have~~  
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Best Regards Roy

# U.S. Churches Aid Persecutors, Not Victims

By ALLAN C. BROWNFELD

The Sandinista regime of Nicaragua has launched a campaign of persecution against virtually every religious group operating in that country. Ironically — and sadly — many American church groups have found themselves on the side of the persecutors, not the victims.

The evidence is beyond question on both counts. One of the Sandinistas' first actions in the Atlantic Coast region, for example, was to deny the Miskito Indians their traditional network of indigenous leadership — including the elders' council, which represented 256 communities — and replace it with a network of Sandinista Defense Committees.

The Sandinistas immediately began replacing Moravian and other Protestant school teachers with Cuban Communists. Sandinista cadres stormed the headquarters of several Indian groups and Moravian churches and offices, made mass arrests and killed some of the captured Miskito leaders.

On March 15, 1982, the Nicaraguan regime decreed the state of emergency which involved complete prior censorship of all media, and in August 1982 the Roman Catholic Church's radio station was forced to close for one month. When the station was allowed to reopen, it was placed under severe restrictions. It had to submit all pro-

grams to the state censors. By Easter 1983, the Sandinistas decreed that homilies and sermons of church leaders had to be censored as a precondition for broadcasting.

When the Catholic Church became increasingly critical of the Sandinistas' imposition of totalitarian measures upon the country, President Daniel Ortega stated in 1982 that the bishops were not Christians. Another Sandinista leader, Tomas Borge, called them "false prophets" and even prostitutes.

In one instance, Pentecostal pastor Prudencio Baltodano was arrested and tortured by the Sandinistas. Humberto Belli, a former Sandinista and onetime editor of *La Prensa*, reports that "Baltodano said that they declared themselves to be Communists and challenged him to pray to his God to see if He would save him. He was beaten and tied to a tree, and then his ears were cut off. One of the soldiers stabbed him in the neck with his bayonet, and they left him to bleed to death. The knife, however, missed the jugular. After hours of attempts, Baltodano was finally able to free himself. . . ."

"I met Baltodano in the U.S. where I heard his testimony. He showed me his mutilated ears and the big scar on his neck. Baltodano's narrow escape had

allowed the curtain of silence to be briefly lifted."

The leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Nicaragua, Cardinal Obando y Bravo, was a vigorous opponent of the regime of President Somoza. Now, he is applying the same standards to the Sandinistas and finds the current regime even worse than the one it replaced. In his 1980 New Year's message, he declared: "A Christian denounces the slaughter of men and women whatever their ethnic character, age, political creed or condition. Christians denounce torture. . . they denounce all forms of oppression and exploitation of man by man, of man by state."

In the case of the Jewish community, Humberto Belli reports that "The small Jewish community in Nicaragua was also a target of early harassment by the Sandinistas. In 1978, the Sandinistas, chanting anti-Semitic and PLO slogans, attacked Nicaragua's only synagogue. Once in power, they confiscated it. They also confiscated the property of many Jewish families on the grounds that they had been Somocistas—some had, some had not. Abraham Gorn, the informal leader of the Jewish community, was arrested in 1979. Other Jews received threatening phone calls advising them to leave the country. Most fled."

The record of religious persecution on the part of the Sandinistas is a long one. Yet, American churches have uttered hardly a word of criticism. Instead, many have embraced the Sandinistas — the persecutors — rather than the victims.

Roman Catholic Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton of Detroit led a march in Washington in March 1986 in opposition to aid to the Contras. He declared: "A scaffold of deception is being constructed around Nicaragua" and said that there was no religious persecution in Nicaragua — and that the Marxists were not Marxists at all. When it was brought to his attention that Cardinal Obando y Bravo — the leader of the Nicaraguan Catholic Church—took exactly the opposite position, Bishop Gumbleton said that the cardinal did not "speak for the Church in Nicaragua." Perhaps Bishop Gumbleton was unaware of a survey conducted by the Centro de Estudios Religiosos—in August 1981, which showed Obando y Bravo to be the most popular figure in Nicaragua.

More recently, Stephen Kinzer of the *New York Times* discussed Obando (now an archbishop) and his popularity in these terms: "Archbishop Obando can draw an instant crowd anywhere in Nicaragua. Anyone who follows Obando on his trips in the countryside can see that he is venerated even more emotionally among the poor."

On Nov. 14, 1982, the National Council of Churches issued a statement entitled "No Religious Repression in Nicaragua Say Two NCC Officials." This stated that "Reports of repression of religion in Nicaragua are exaggerated and are part of a general trend in the U.S. to discredit the Nicaraguan government."

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The Rev. Paul McCleary was quoted as saying that the Sandinista regime was guilty of only "some mistakes" which "it seems eager to correct." This is the same Paul McCleary who traveled to Vietnam after the North Vietnamese victory as executive director of the NCC's Church World Service. He returned to report that on a tour of one of the infamous "re-education camps" — where political prisoners were being worked and starved to death — that he found the food "delicious" and that the Communists were doing a better job of "healing the wounds of war" than had the U.S. in welcoming back its deserters and draft-dodgers.

The Washington office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) issued a report entitled, "Our Nation is Providing Support for the Powers of Death in Central America." At the same time, it is active in promoting tours of Nicaragua — part of an increasingly active Sandinista disinformation program.

We could fill pages with reports of similar activities by American church groups in behalf of the persecutors of religion — rather than the victims. How long will American church members permit their funds and their faith to be used in this manner? If those in the pews of our churches remain silent and permit this affront to all decency to continue, it is they who will be held responsible for the results. ■

# THE PRESBYTERIAN MOMENT

**I**N HER *Anecdotes of Samuel Johnson*, Mrs. Thrale reports that (in a situation where politics was irrelevant) a Whig was behaving oddly. The Tory Dr. Johnson remarked, "Is he not a citizen of London, a native of North America, and a Whig? Let him be absurd, I beg of you; when a monkey is *too* like a man, it shocks one."

Something like Johnson's remark must occur often to Presbyterians as they observe the behavior of their national leadership. Just in the last 18 months, the Presbyterian Church has protested the bombing of Libya, filed a court brief in a case seeking to legalize sodomy in Georgia, published a Sunday-school book aimed at Hispanics that features Jesus as an immigrant (the Holy Family fled to Egypt, then returned), and issued a communiqué urging protests against ABC's mini-series *Amerika*.

If a Presbyterian is looking for theological leadership, he will not find it at the denomination's annual meeting, the General Assembly. The current Presbyterian Church was created in 1983 when the "southern" and "northern" denominations, each of which has its own creed, merged. A joint creed is in the process of being drawn up, but, in the meantime, no church official could explain to me which creed Presbyterians are supposed to adhere to. Worse yet, no one in Presbyterian officialdom really seems to care. Yet the need for theological leadership has never been more apparent. The denomination's concept of "mission," for example, is now so loose that a "Major Mission Fund" recently raised more than \$75 million—and ninety missionaries were retired during the fundraising period. Some of the Mission Fund

money, in the name of "justice," went to fund abortions.

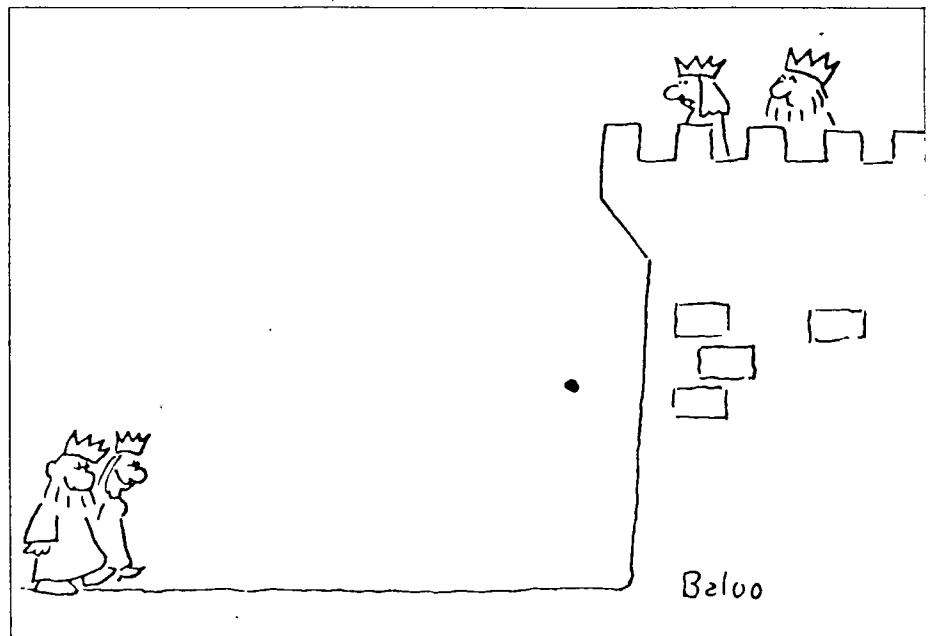
Some Presbyterians find such conduct so upsetting that they ignore the national leadership altogether and concentrate only on their local church. Others have taken a different tack, and have responded by organizing groups outside (and often over the protests of) the denomination's official agencies. These groups promote Biblical teaching, spread Christian renewal, help protect the unborn, and encourage Christian missions.

## Counterculture

**T**HE DISAFFECTED Presbyterians worry about the denomination's declining membership—it loses thirty thousand to fifty thousand members per year, one million in the last twenty years. They also worry about the stance the denomination now takes toward American culture. Formerly, American Presbyterians played an enthusiastic yet not uncritical role in

shaping the culture of which they were unabashedly a part. Presbyterians with a historical turn of mind recall that James Madison studied at Princeton under John Witherspoon, the Presbyterian divine and signer of the Declaration of Independence, and they speculate on the extent to which Calvinist practices shaped the American political system. The way congressmen represent their districts, for instance, resembles the way Presbyterian elders represent their congregations. But now, instead of participating in American culture, the top Presbyterian leadership is more interested in denouncing it.

It's not surprising, therefore, that Presbyterians have formed yet another group outside the denomination's agencies: Presbyterians for Democracy and Religious Freedom (PDRF). Although PDRF is only one year old, it has recently involved itself in a fight, certain to continue through next year's General Assembly, over "war resistance." A denomination agency has circulated a paper entitled *Presbyterians*



"Uh-oh. Here come the Bourbons."

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*and Peacemaking: Are We Now Called to Resistance?*, which suggests that Presbyterians resist U.S. "militarism" by giving sanctuary to Presbyterians involved in civil disobedience, pressing to decertify chaplaincy in the armed forces as a legitimate ministry, resigning from the armed forces and companies involved in defense, eliminating ROTC from church-related colleges, and, most controversial of all, withholding a portion of one's income tax as a protest. The paper's rhetoric reaches a level of irresponsibility unmatched since the political ascendancy of Presbyterianism in Puritan England. This treatment of World War II is typical:

It is ironic how fundamentally the identification of the enemy can be changed. In the 1940s the Russians were our allies and the Germans and Japanese were our enemies. In a relatively short period of time the Russians became our enemies and the Germans and Japanese our allies. There seems to be a deep human need, perhaps arising out of various fears and insecurities, to identify enemies on which to project the worst so we can feel justified in identifying ourselves with the best.

### *The Demon Theory*

**I**N 1642, the Presbyterian preacher Stephen Marshall used the Song of Deborah (Judges 5), in which the prophetess curses the neutralist inhabitants of Meroz for not slaughtering the Canaanites, to condemn Parliament's unwillingness to slaughter the rebellious Irish Catholics—and, by extension, the followers of King Charles I. Deborah's Song is repeated as farce in this paper:

The translation of the theological stance of resistance into the political realm involves refusing to cooperate with demonic policies and seeking their transformation as a decision of faith in a God whose judgment is redemptive. It is indeed a conversion to authentic faith.

Disagree with the paper's total opposition to American military policy, in short, and, at the very least, your faith is inauthentic. More likely, you are demon-possessed (to use the paper's jargon), and possibly a heretic and unbeliever to boot.

PDRF responded to this paper with an impressive—and devastating—anthology of ten essays, including distinguished contributions by James

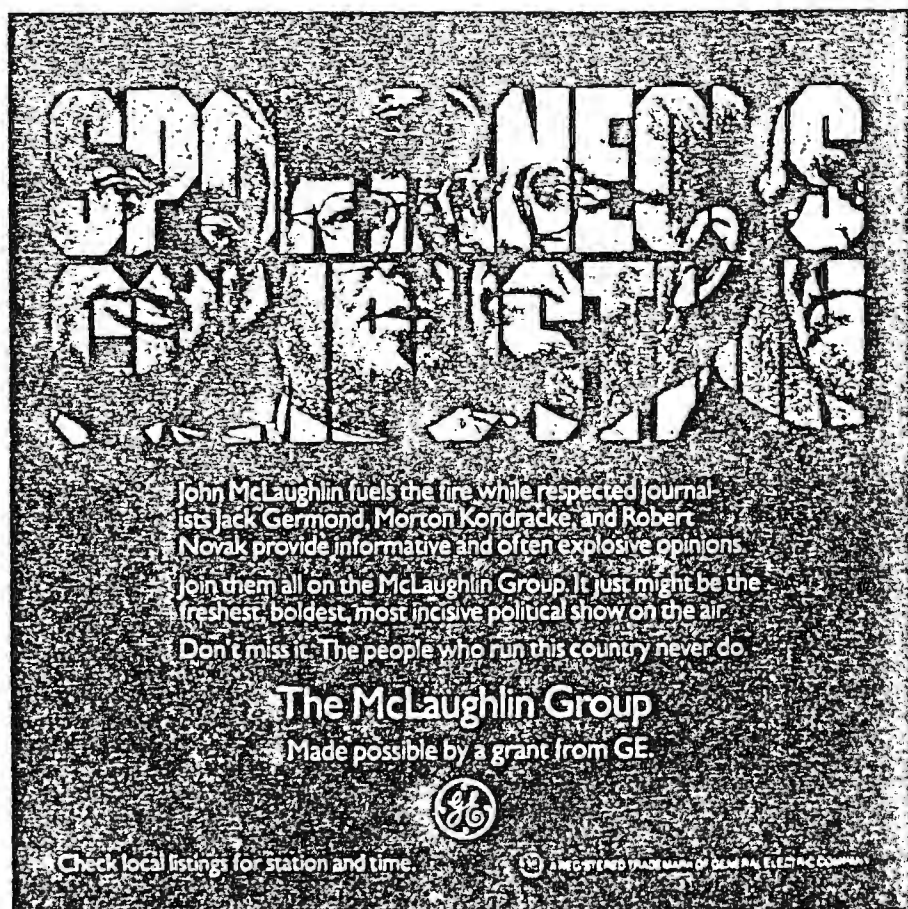
Woolsey, Under Secretary of the Navy under Carter, and John Jefferson Davis, a professor at Gordon-Conwell Seminary. And the denomination's response? The General Assembly's Advisory Council on Church and Society asks that the anthology be reviewed for infringements against "responsible dissent . . . and journalism; and asks that appropriate action [against PDRF] be taken should the material be found to be out of compliance with these standards."

### *Bureaucratic Backlash*

**A** SIMILAR crackdown took place against the largest of the conservative Presbyterian groups, the Presbyterian Lay Committee, which has been denied access to next year's General Assembly. The attempt to suppress these groups may backfire, however. One of the Lay Committee leaders told me, "These people [in the bureaucracy] never learn. Every time they attack us, we get a tremendous response, both in terms of support and money. When they attacked us in 1974, it was worth a quarter of a million dollars."

Though well organized and persuasive, PDRF joins half a dozen other such groups that have almost totally failed to affect the direction of their denomination. When I asked a well-placed official in one of these groups to list its accomplishments, he paused, and finally said that it had at least helped prevent the ordination of homosexuals as elders and ministers. That's something, to be sure, but this summer the church approved a new study on human sexuality, which Presbyterian gay activists will presumably use in their quest for ordination. The denomination's leaders are still largely the Democratic Socialist Party at prayer.

The question confronting the Presbyterians of PDRF and others like them is whether they have the stamina and the savvy to affect a bureaucracy, the institution Max Weber considered the most difficult to change. It is clear that the current denominational leadership has the stamina to stay its wayward course. PDRF and its sister groups must summon a great deal of stubborn endurance if they are to pull the denomination back to the straight and narrow. □



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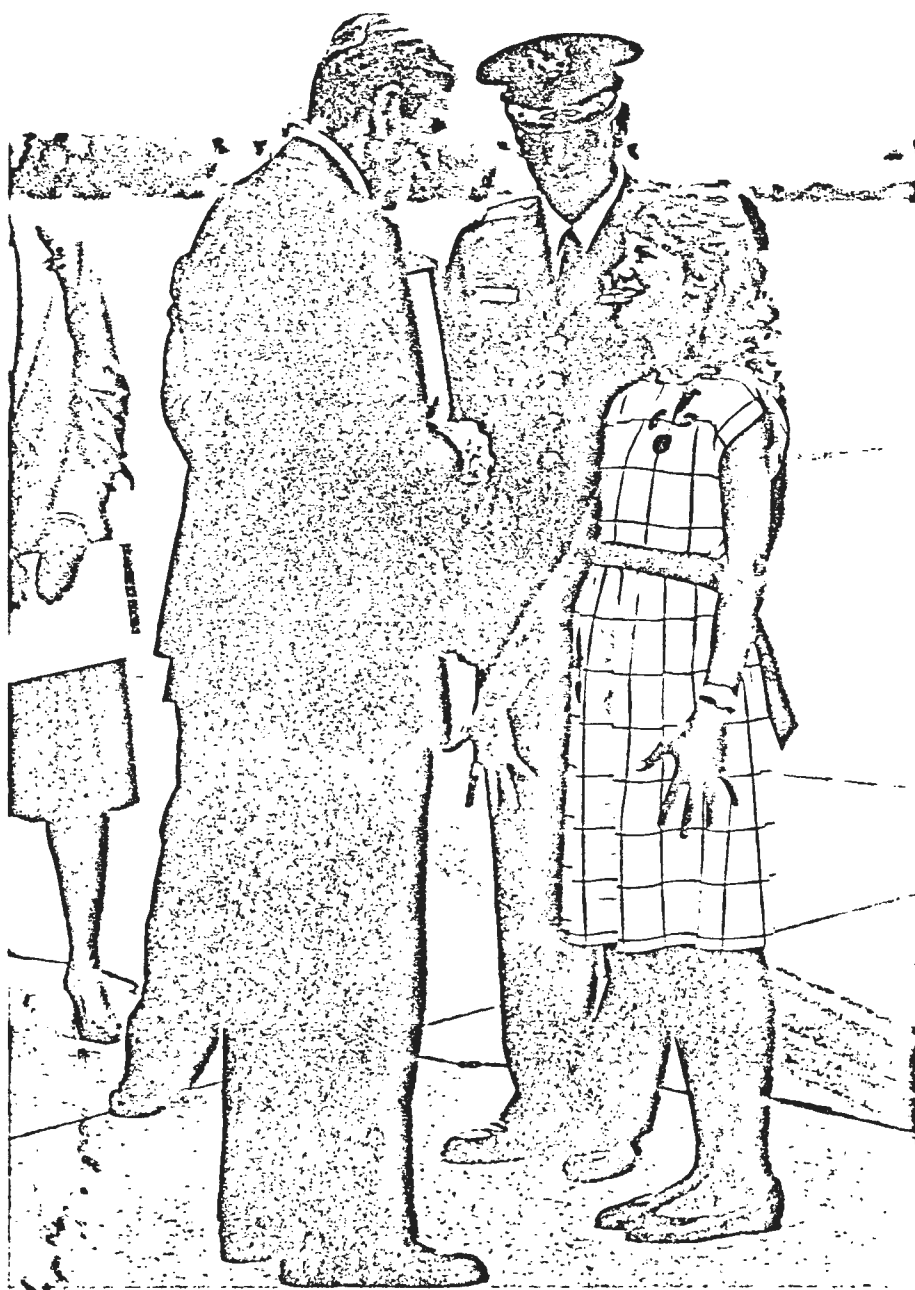
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4548 South Whitnall Avenue  
St. Francis, Wisconsin 53207

FROM  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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To Sherry Lynn Biedrzycki - With my thanks,  
every good wish & Very Best Regards  
Ronald Reagan





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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS  
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1987

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James A. Baker, III   
James C. Miller, III   
Beryl W. Sprinkel 

SUBJECT: Mid-session Revision of Economic Projections

Your economic advisers have met to consider revisions to the Administration's economic projections to be used in conjunction with the Mid-session Review of the Budget. Our recommendations for projections concerning real GNP growth rates, inflation rates, interest rates, and unemployment rates for 1987 through 1992 are summarized in the attached table and are compared with the projections employed in your January Budget. Your approval of the revised economic projections is required soon so that the Mid-session Review of the Budget may proceed on schedule.

Real GNP Growth Rates

Given relatively strong performance in the first half, we recommend retaining the January Budget forecast of 3.2 percent growth of real GNP between the fourth quarter of 1986 and the fourth quarter of 1987. For 1988 and later years, we recommend a slight 0.2 percentage point reduction in projected growth rates for real GNP. This reflects a slight lowering of projections for productivity growth, as well as concerns about the effects of the recent tightening of U.S. monetary policy and of sluggish growth in some of our major trading partners.

Even with these slight downward revisions, the Administration's projections for both real GNP growth and productivity growth would remain above the average of outside forecasters. The upward revisions to previous estimates for real GNP growth in 1984, 1985, and 1986 announced last week, together with revisions announced in previous years, help to justify this optimism. We remain confident that the growth potential of the U.S. economy, under the policies of your Administration, is stronger than that implied by many economic forecasts. We expect that renewed growth of business investment and household consumption spending, together with continuing improvement in real net exports, will provide the demand necessary to sustain growth during a period of restraint on Federal spending.

### Unemployment Rates

The significant progress that has already been made in further reducing unemployment so far in 1987 justifies downward revisions in projections of unemployment rates. The unemployment rate for all workers fell from 6.6 percent in December 1986 to 6.2 percent in April 1987, and fell a further 0.2 percentage points in June. Part of the June decline may be a statistical aberration associated with the timing of the June employment survey. Nevertheless, the projected average unemployment rate for all workers in 1987 should be reduced from 6.7 to 6.2 percent to account for what has already been achieved in the first half. Comparable reductions are also recommended for unemployment rates projected for later years.

### Inflation Rates

The forecast in the January Budget envisioned increases in inflation rates in 1987 above the very low rates recorded in 1986. The temporary effects of the sharp decline in oil prices in reducing inflation rates in 1986 were expected to wear off in 1987. In fact, early this year, oil prices rose significantly above the level assumed in the January Budget. Together with rising import prices, this contributed to inflation rates during the first half of 1987 that exceeded the forecast in the January Budget.

To take account of higher than expected inflation so far this year, we recommend that the forecast for inflation in 1987 be raised from 3.8 percent to 4.8 percent for the CPI and from 3.5 percent to 4.2 percent for the GNP deflator. These revised forecasts imply that the CPI inflation rate in the second half will fall to 4.5 percent from the 5.1 percent rate recorded in the first half. They also allow for expected increases in import prices to continue to generate a small excess of inflation as measured by the CPI over that measured by the GNP deflator.

For 1988 through 1992, we also recommend increases in projected inflation rates, generally of about half of a percentage point. Our recommended projections continue to show a declining trend for inflation, but recognize that progress in reducing inflation will be somewhat more difficult in an environment of higher oil prices and a weaker dollar. We believe that under appropriate economic policies, especially monetary policy, gradual progress can be made toward the ultimate objective of price stability, without injuring prospects for economic growth.

### Interest Rates

Our recommendations concerning upward revisions in projections of short and long term interest rates are consistent with recent market developments and with recommended revisions in projections of inflation. Interest rates on 3-month Treasury bills have risen only about 0.3 percentage points from the rates that prevailed at the end of 1986. Interest rates on 10-year Treasury bonds have risen about 1.3 percentage points. Recommended adjustments to forecasts for interest rates in 1987 reflect these market developments. The projected downtrends in interest rates for 1988 through 1992 are consistent with the continued projection of a downtrend in inflation rates.

### Policy Assumptions

As with the projections in the January Budget, the recommended economic projections for the mid-session review assume that there will be no significant change in the tax code beyond tax reform, and that the incentives for economic activity implied by relatively low marginal tax rates will be preserved. They also assume that gradual and persistent reductions will be made in the Federal deficit through restraint on the growth of Federal spending. For monetary policy, they assume that the Federal Reserve will pursue a policy consistent with the long-term goal of price stability and will avoid an excessively restrictive policy that might impair real economic growth.

### DECISION

RR Approval of revised economic projections

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapproval of revised economic projections

July 29 - 87 Date

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# ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS

	Real GNP Growth Rate		Total Unemployment Rate	
	4th Qtr to 4th Qtr		Annual Average	
	Percent		Percent	
	<u>January Budget</u>	<u>Mid-session Review</u>	<u>January Budget</u>	<u>Mid-session Review</u>
1987	3.2	3.2	6.7	6.2
1988	3.7	3.5	6.3	5.9
1989	3.6	3.4	6.0	5.6
1990	3.6	3.4	5.8	5.4
1991	3.5	3.3	5.6	5.3
1992	3.2	3.1	5.5	5.3

## Inflation Rates

	GNP Deflator		CPI-U	
	4th Qtr to 4th Qtr		4th Qtr to 4th Qtr	
	Percent		Percent	
	<u>January Budget</u>	<u>Mid-session Review</u>	<u>January Budget</u>	<u>Mid-session Review</u>
1987	3.6	4.2	3.8	4.8
1988	3.5	4.0	3.6	4.4
1989	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.0
1990	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.5
1991	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.0
1992	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.5

## Interest Rates

	91-Day T-Bills		10-Yr Treasuries	
	Annual Average		Annual Average	
	Percent		Percent	
	<u>January Budget</u>	<u>Mid-session Review</u>	<u>January Budget</u>	<u>Mid-session Review</u>
1987	5.4	5.7	6.7	8.0
1988	5.6	5.5	6.6	7.6
1989	5.3	5.3	6.1	7.0
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Dear Brute:

As usual, you made me homesick with your mention of a breakfast at Owl's Nest. And, as usual, you gave my spirit a lift with your column. There is no question but that our image worldwide has been tarnished. I'm going to do everything I can to put the shine back on, but only with practical and necessary programs and deeds -- not with makeup and theatrics. I'm certain of one thing: the American people, helped by people like you, are seeing this circus in its true light.

Your son was here in the Oval Office just the other day, and we're proud to have him on board. He's a fine officer and human being and looks like his father.

Again, thanks for the column. I'm circulating it here in the West Wing.

Sincerely,

LtGen Victor H. Krulak, USMC, Ret.  
3665 Carleton Street  
San Diego, California 92106

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To Mr. Paul Trousdale 500 So. Sepulveda Blvd.  
#601 L.A. Calif. 90049

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VICTOR H. KRULAK

16 July 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Every columnist who has the strength to pick up a pen has had his say on the political travesty the congressmen call "hearings". I enclose my effort, which I hope may help put the affair in perspective.

My youngest son, a Marine colonel, has just been selected for an assignment in the White House. I am confident that he will serve you well.

This Saturday, at Owl's Nest, we are having a breakfast for Government leaders and foreign dignitaries in the Grove. We will miss you.

Sincerely,



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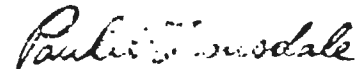
July 20, 1987

Katherine Osborn  
Secretary  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Osborn:

Would you please pass my letter along to the President.

Thank you again,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Trousdale".

PAUL TROUSDALE

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PAUL TROUSDALE

July 20, 1987

RONALD REAGAN  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully suggest that you give Oliver North a formal Congressional Medal of Honor, full pardon and a promotion to full Colonel, on the White House Lawn with Marine band present.

Keep your chin up. We are all rooting for you.

Best wishes,

*Pauli Trousdale*

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Nancy sends her love and so do I. Thanks again, and bless you.

Sincerely,

*Ron*

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July 23, 1987

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Starting at 6:00 each morning, I have watched all of the hearings and want you to know that my regard for you is ever higher, if that is possible.

I am only one of many loyal, steadfast friends who are supporting you all the way through this.

With my love to you and Nancy,



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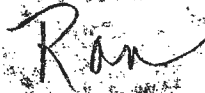
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In addition to this economy thing, we've been working on the Soviets and making some progress. In other words, I'm busier than h--l. Again, thank you and God bless you. Nancy sends her best.

Sincerely,



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SUNDAY NEWS

July 20, 1987

William Loeb, President and Publisher, 1946-1981

Nackey Scripps Loeb, President and Publisher

President Ronald Reagan  
#16691  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ron:

I thought you might like to see copies of a couple of editorials in support of Oliver North and his testimony. I think that things are going well there as they apply to your position, and I sincerely hope that you can soon put it behind you and get back to business.

Obviously, the media has not, and will not, let up. Whenever you stay in Washington, I hear reports that you are keeping inside so that nobody may question you and whenever you go away from Washington to make a speech, the media reports that you leave town when things get hot. Obviously you cannot win with these folks.

I also hope that "getting back to business" includes your coming out strongly on important issues, just as you did before. I know that there are many around who do not want to see you make any waves, but that is not the way to win the confidence and the approval of the American people. One of the main reasons for the popularity of Lt. Col. North is that (1) he stood for something without wavering and (2) he acted when he felt that action was necessary. They want to see the same from their President.

President Ronald Reagan  
July 20, 1987  
Page II

Up here in New Hampshire, there are a lot of people running around eager to fill your job. I am not very enthusiastic about any of those trying to get star billing and I only wish that you were in a position to give me some sound advice.

Best wishes, as always, to you and Nancy.

Sincerely,

  
Mackey

NSL:Mrs. S. Raymond  
Enclosures

## An Editorial

*Rackeyhaas*  
PUBLISHER



THE UNION LEADER, MANCHESTER, N.H. — Friday, July 17, 1987

### Is Oliver North a Hero?

In our dictionary, a hero is defined as "any man noted for his feats of courage or nobility of purpose; a person prominent in some event, field, period, or cause by reason of his special achievements or contributions." YES! We believe that Lt. Col. Oliver North is a man fitting that description.

Colonel North may well have changed the course of history during the last several days. Primarily as a result of his stand against the detractors in the media and opposing members of Congress, Ronald Reagan remains capable of continuing the Reagan agenda — unless the wounds from the Iran-Contra hearings have made him timid.

As to Nicaragua, in spite of all the information being readily available, the American people have refused to face the uncomfortable fact that the Soviets have once again succeeded in setting up a base in the northern hemisphere — this time on the mainland of Central America.

Colonel North's testimony has clearly verified the facts and shown us the threat so that even those who sympathize with the Nicaraguan people must realize the fate they face under the Communist boot. Maybe NOW they will have a chance!

As to the operation itself, mistakes were clearly made. But the operation would not have been necessary except for the actions of certain American leaders who, in actuality, have aided the forces of Communism. The whole concept of the arms sales profits was basically a bad one. It was dishonest and secret. But, unlike Watergate, it was a bad thing done for a good purpose.

As to the man himself, Colonel North appears almost as one who belongs in another time — when duty, honor and country were ideals for ALL young people to follow.

## An Editorial

*Nackeyhaeb*  
PUBLISHER



### Col. North and the Truth

Colonel Oliver North gave some most important testimony yesterday, and for that reason we are reprinting it in full on Page 8 for the benefit of our readers.

Quite simply, there was a job that had to be done for the safety of our nation in the face of Communist advance, and Colonel North's presentation plainly showed the Communist presence in Nicaragua.

As for being covert, Congress itself has shown the need for secrecy. Their position during the hearing is proof enough that secrecy was essential.

The threat in Nicaragua has been virtually ignored, thanks to a biased news media, a chicken-hearted Congress and a public that won't face the uncomfortable truth.

Yesterday, Colonel North told us the truth. We hope that our readers will take the time to review his testimony, which he was finally allowed to give.

THE UNION LEADER, MANCHESTER, N.H. — Wednesday, July 15, 1987

To - Mrs. Margaret M. Brock 1404 Century Towers West.  
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Manchester N.H. 03105

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## An Editorial

*Rayburn*  
PUBLISHER



## Write!

One of the great things about this country is that we have the freedom to speak our mind — and plenty of people are speaking up over the Iran-Contra hearings.

Instead of sitting around beefing, there is a good way to satisfy our frustrations, exert our rights as citizens and be constructive — all at the same time. Letters to Washington do have an effect and are well worth the time and effort. We are glad to have the opportunity to provide the following names and addresses:

Lt. Colonel Oliver North  
Code PL  
Headquarters, Marine Corps  
Washington, D.C. 20380

or  
Lt. Colonel Oliver North  
c/o Atty. Brendan Sullivan  
839 17th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Should you wish to send donations for his legal expenses, they can be directed to:

The Oliver North Legal Assistance Fund  
P.O. Box 50096  
Washington, D.C. 20004

The Senate members of the panel are: Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman; David L. Boren (D-Okla.); Howell Heflin (D-Ala.); George J. Mitchell (D-Maine); Sam Nunn (D-Ga.); Paul S. Sarbanes (D-Md.); Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), vice-chairman; William S. Cohen (R-Maine); Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah); James A. McClure (R-Idaho); Paul S. Trible (R-Va.).

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Washington, D.C. 20510-4101

The House members on that panel are: Lee H. Hamilton (D-Ind.), chairman; Dante B. Fascell (D-Fla.), vice-chairman; Edward P. Boland (D-Mass.); Les Aspin (D-Wis.); Jack Brooks (D-Texas); Thomas Foley (D-Wash.); Ed Jenkins (D-Ga.); Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D-N.J.); Louis Stokes (D-Ohio); Richard B. Cheney (R-Wyo.); William S. Broomfield (R-Mich.); Michael Dewine (R-Ohio); Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.); Bill McCollum (R-Fla.); James Courter (R-N.J.).

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In this government by the people, the people's voice amounts to something. And we hope that all of you will buy a 22-cent stamp and put it to work.

THE UNION LEADER, MANCHESTER, N.H. — Tuesday, July 14, 1987



WASHINGTON (AP) — Lt. Col. Oliver North on Tuesday gave a scaled-down version of his pitch for U.S. aid to the Nicaraguan rebels after congressional Iran-Contra investigators squabbled over whether their hearings should be used as a forum for North's well-practiced appeal.

The following is a transcript of the briefing, edited only for clarity by deleting misspoken words. In some cases, the spelling of names and places could not be confirmed.

LT. COL. OLIVER NORTH: The briefing in its current format — and there were many different formats for it, of course, and we tried to update it — has 57 slides, Senator.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL INOUE: Are there notes that you refer to?

LT. COL. NORTH: No, I would — in the format that I gave it in many times, sometimes even up here on the Hill, I would simply put the slides up on the screen and describe the — the slides. And of course the — the contents of the entire briefing demonstrated the Soviet threat in this hemisphere and how the resistance was

CHAIRMAN INOUE: Fine, sir.

LT. COL. NORTH: — responding to it.

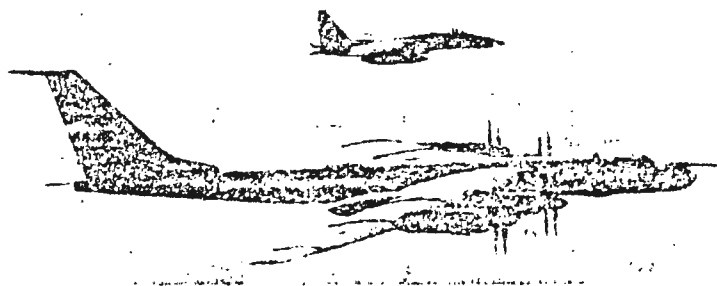
CHAIRMAN INOUE: Without objection, 57 slides will be made part of the permanent record.

LT. COL. NORTH: All right, sir. Perhaps the best way to do that is to simply go through the presentation as it — as it exists, and I will try to quickly go through the slides and indicate what I would have said had the slides been up on the screen.

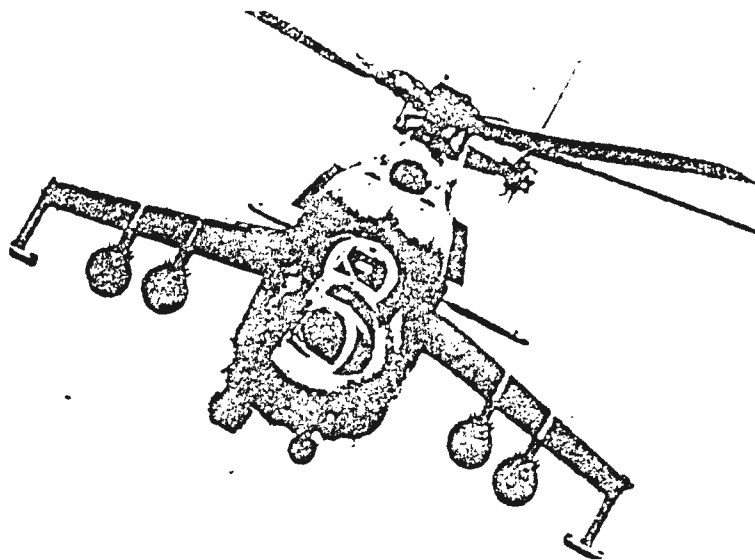
The first slide simply demonstrates the geography and why this part of the world seems to be of so much interest to the Soviets. The first slide shows the effect of Soviet penetration in this hemisphere in the form of a consolidated Communist regime in Cuba and the threat that poses to our sea lines of communication, both to Europe and through the Panama Canal, and the threat it poses to 55 percent of our oil supplies coming up from Latin America.

The second slide is a photograph of Andrei Gromyko, then the Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, and a quote from Mr. Gromyko to the effect that he said in Moscow in 1980, "The region is boiling like a cauldron. Cuba and Nicaragua are living examples for the countries in that part of the world," talking about their intentions.

## The Pitch: North Tells of Growing Soviet Muscle in the Caribbean Basin



DEFENSE Department photos of the Soviet Hind helicopter gunship and the Bear Reconnaissance aircraft (shadowed by a U.S. fighter plane off the Atlantic Coast) were used to illustrate Lt. Col. Oliver North's arguments for countering a Soviet buildup.



Point Salinas, far in excess of that required for normal commercial operations first cued us to the fact that something was seriously wrong on the island of Grenada.

And, of course, in October of 1984, the next slide shows some of the Cuban economic aid going to the small island nation of Grenada.

The next slide shows some of the supplies delivered to the Sandinistas during the period of Soviet support which began not in 1982, but in 1979. The first of them shows one of the Mi-8 HIP helicopters, delivered originally as agricultural support equipment. It shows some of the unique "agricultural" support uniforms.



really were Communists and they were all along. Biardo Orcece: "Any investment project in our country belongs to the state. The bourgeoisie no longer exists. It subsists. 1981." The great political thinker, the Che Guevara, in many respects of the current revolution in Nicaragua: Tomas Borge, the Minister of Interior. He doesn't run the national parks. He runs the secret police.

And then two photographs of Mr. Ortega and some of his associates, one with Fidel Castro, and then with some of his other brothers in arms, in this case the leader of Libya, Muammar Gadhafi, shown with Tomas Borge and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Miguel D'Escoto along with Mr. Gadhafi on the deck of a Korean gunboat.

And then a series of photographs which showed the attempt to subvert their neighbors. In one case, a lighted automobile I described the other day which crashed into a bridge abutment, an automobile accident in the Honduras, and then the photograph showing what was inside that automobile to include the counterfeited money, the arms, the ammunition, the Soviet Blue radios, the code sheets, all of the things of subversion for subverting their neighbors.

Then there are two photographs showing the arms captured after the M-19 assault on the Supreme Court in which the entire Supreme Court of Columbia was murdered. All the records of the drug running that was perpetuated and supported by the M-19 guerrilla faction. All of the weapons in those photographs originated in Nicaragua.

Then a photograph that starts a series on what has happened to the people of Nicaragua.

A photograph of one of the 11 new political prisons inside Nicaragua.

A photograph of one of the victims, with his arms and face terribly burned from having been trussed, bound, thrown into his Pentecostal church and set afire while he was alive, and he managed to push himself out of the church.

A photograph from a Nicaraguan road book, printed in East Germany or Cuba, showing how young Nicaraguan children learn to count by counting the number of AK-47s. And, of course, the textbooks talk about anti-imperialism.

A second quote from Marshal Ogorkov, then the head of the Soviet Armed Forces, in Moscow, when he was talking to Maurice Bishop, then the head of Grenada, in which he said — a note taken by Bishop and his people in visiting Moscow in March of '83 — "The marshal said 'forgive me (pauses) — 'The marshal said that over two decades ago, there was only Cuba in Latin America. Today there are Nicaragua, Grenada and a serious battle is going on in El Salvador.' A 1963 pronouncement by Marshal Ogorkov.

There is then a summary of Soviet policy in the region, based on Soviet literature, and summarized, that there goal is to create such turmoil in the Caribbean Basin that the United States must divert attention and military resources from areas critical to the Soviets.

A following slide depicts the fact that the Soviets are out-spending us in our own hemisphere on a ratio of about five to one, and that's 1983's figures — 1984's figures. They have since gotten worse.

A photograph showing the Soviet warships deployed in the Caribbean, what used to be referred to as an American lake. Sixteen miles off the coast of Louisiana, the Kiev battle group deployed for a refueling and replenishment exercise.

A photograph of the Soviet submarines provided to Cuba. And the text that would have gone with it will describe the fact that Adolf Hitler was able to shut down 44 percent of the shipping from the United States during the opening days of World War II from submarines based 4,000 miles away, and these submarines are based less than 200 miles away in Cuba.

A photograph of a US Navy F-4 escorting a Soviet Bear strategic reconnaissance aircraft, 13 miles off the coast of the Virginia Capes.

And then a photograph taken by a U.S. reconnaissance platform of the Soviet military facility at San Antonio de los Baños in Cuba. It is, that is that facility which allows the Soviets to recover their reconnaissance aircraft which fly down the east coast of the United States. And, until they complete their base in Nicaragua, they aren't able to do so in reconnoitering the west coast of the United States.

Then a photograph of the Soviet signals intelligence site at Lourdes, Cuba, by which the Soviets — not the Cubans, but the Soviets — intercept our communications, particularly our telephone and satellite communications on which we rely for almost all of our military and diplomatic correspondence via telephone and telex.

A photograph showing the militarization of the Cuban children — a sixth-grade class out for their firing exercises.

Then a photograph showing a map showing where Cuban forces, as the mercenary army of the Soviet Union, are deployed — 3,000 in Nicaragua, 400 in the Congo, 35,000 in Angola, 700 in Mozambique, 5,000-plus in Ethiopia and 500 in Yemen. That chart would have been updated, had I still been in my current employ, to show the 1,500 now in South Yemen. And the fact is that the Soviets are, indeed, using the Cubans as a mercenary army throughout the world. To point out that the Soviets weren't satisfied simply with having Cuba, that the militarization of the island of Grenada was first observed by U.S. reconnaissance platforms in the extension and expansion of an airfield at

warehouses full of weapons, stamped with "Cuban economic office," and full of munitions.

The next slide shows a Chinese rocket launcher, probably made in the 1950s, probably captured in Vietnam, shipped to Grenada, and the shipping documents for that document, "weapon captured in El Salvador," the shipping documents found in Grenada showing that Grenada was being used as a location to support Soviet designs for subversion and revolution in this hemisphere.

Then a photograph of the five secret military agreements found in Grenada after the U.S. rescue operation. Military agreements for the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, North Korea, Cuba and Hungary. Somehow, we were unable to get those things before the American people in such a way as that they understand what was really happening in this hemisphere. It has not only happened in Cuba, it is now happening in Nicaragua.

The next slide shows simply a map of Nicaragua, describing the fact that this country of about the size of Iowa, or Michigan, a country with about 3 million in population, the only country in Latin America with a decreasing population. And why that population is decreasing is because of the internal repression perpetrated on the people of Nicaragua. It shows the growth of the active duty forces in the Sandinista military machine, an enormous military buildup supported by the Soviet Union.

The next series of slides show some of the military equipment, on which I have already been questioned, but it shows the T-55 tanks, now numbering over 150; the PT-76 tanks and the armored personnel carriers numbering over 300.

The buildup taken from reconnaissance platforms at Sandino airfield, turned from a civilian air facility under Somoza into one of the most sophisticated military facilities in Central America.

This is the armored storage area at El Tempeque, built along the Cuban model.

The special airfields built by the Soviets to support their — and the Cubans, to support the Sandinista military operations along the northern tier of that country.

The construction of another armored storage area inside Nicaragua.

The construction of a major port facility along the Pacific coast in order to handle the off-load of Soviet military supplies being delivered along the Pacific Coast at Corinto, two shots of that.

A photograph of the Soviet-Bulgarian-Cuban construction being conducted at Punta Juete along the Atlantic coast. For the first time, the Soviets will have the ability not only to deliver, they can do it pier-side, and the construction of an El Bluefields, which the Soviets are supporting.

An aerial reconnaissance platform photograph of Punta Juete, the largest airfield south of the Rio Grande, bigger than Andrews Air Force Base, which is capable of launching and receiving any aircraft in the Soviet inventory to include the reconnaissance aircraft shown in the earlier slides, allowing them to reconnoiter the west coast of the United States, or even if they wish, to recover Backfire bombers at such a location.

"agricultural" rocket-launcher on the side of the aircraft.

The next photograph is the Soviet HIND helicopter, the most sophisticated assault platform in the world today. It has been delivered by the dozens to the Sandinistas. Assembled by Soviet technicians and test flown by them, it is flown by Cuban and Nicaraguan pilots against the resistance, and to intimidate their neighbors.

There is also a photograph of a Soviet AN-2 reconnaissance aircraft flown by Soviets in this hemisphere — not Cubans, not Nicaraguans — marked neatly with Aeroflot the Soviet Union's airline markings on the side, photographed surreptitiously from an aircraft landing at Sandino Airport.

Some quotes from the Ortega brothers and then the folks down in Nicaragua in which somehow we have been unable to explain to the American people what their real intent was in bringing out this revolution. And I think the quotes are important because it really does depict what they've been saying all along. In 1981, when Humberto Ortega, the defense minister — interestingly enough, a mirror image of what is going on in Cuba. The minister of defense in Cuba is the brother of Fidel Castro. The minister of defense in Nicaragua is the brother of El Presidente Daniel Ortega — Humberto has said, "Marxism-Leninism is the scientific doctrine that guides our revolution. Our doctrine is Marxism-Leninism." And he said that in August of 1981. And what he is saying is every other word is that Communism is what they want. And this was being said at a time when we somehow couldn't explain to the American people effectively that these people

A photograph of some remarkable quality, showing an entire town which fled in the 1980s, day best across the border, simply to a church on Sunday wearing everything, that they had because they could never go back home.

A series of photographs showing the displacement of the Miskito Indians, 25,000 to 30,000 of which have been driven from tribal homelands across the border into Costa Rica and Honduras, bringing with them their entire culture, left alone for hundreds of years. These people no longer can go home.

Then some photographs showing the Nicaraguan resistance. It shows the young men and women who have taken up arms because they've been denied any other recourse in their own country. It shows the 57-year-old coffee farmer who I described earlier, who came home and found his entire family murdered by the Sandinistas because they gave water to a passing Contra patrol.

A series of photographs showing how the resistance looks as a consequence of the assistance I am accused and admit to have delivered.

A photograph showing the leadership of the FDN, and in that photograph of 10 men 11 of them are former Sandinistas.

A photograph of a resistance unit crossing into Nicaragua; another one of a patrol deep inside Nicaragua.

A photograph of a wounded resistance soldier who benefitted from the support that we provided during the cutoff, and then a photograph of what it looked like before that help arrived.



CONTRA TRAINING — Contra instructors yesterday explain to Nicaraguan rebel forces how to arm land mines. (UPI)

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July 31, 1987

Dear Alan:

Thanks for your letter, your kind words and sympathy. I'm grateful for all of that. I'm happy to say we are in the last inning of a sleazy game, and it looks like we're now winning. I can't wait to speak my piece, which I'll do once the hearings are over.

We haven't been sitting here waiting though. Even though partisanship is the order of the day, I've been taking a number of serious things like balancing the budget, etc., directly to the people. From their reaction I think we can make some important changes, maybe even a balanced budget amendment, which is long overdue. We're even seeing some encouraging signs from the Soviets on arms reductions.

Once again my heartfelt thanks, and Nancy says from her also.

Sincerely,

Ron

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22 July 1987

Dear Mr. President:

You may not have seen me, but I was with you these last several weeks when the despicable Congressional committee was doing its best to give you the coup de grace. Thank God you have some decent, loyal men defending you. I hope all of this nightmare is now a thing of the past.

I think so often of the incredible problems you must face daily and really do not know how you manage not only to survive but to rise above your detractors. Just the problems in the Middle East with a menacing Iran and Syria, the untrustworthiness of our supposed ally, Israel -- those alone would occupy twenty-four hours of anyone's time. Then, to add Nicaragua and the rest of Central and South America, the problems with the Philippines and others in the Pacific area. I have begun to think that the Russian menace is clearer and easier to understand than all the others -- at least we know that all of them are bastards!

You have my admiration, my respect and my heartfelt sympathy for all you have gone through, and my concern for what the future will bring. The Congress alone, controlled by Democrats of a vengeful stripe, concerned only with re-election, would be a major crisis for anyone, plus the domestic problems of a bad immigration law and -- well, I should tell you!

How lucky you are to have so many friends and to have the love and support of your dear Nancy.

All the best to you both, as always.

Yours,

  
Alan Brown

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July 31, 1987

Dear Al:

Thanks for your good letter and good wishes. I think the carnival back here is coming to a close, and I think the lynch mob has failed. It really was an attempted lynching, but truth was on our side, as a succession of witnesses made plain. I've kept quiet, but when the hearings end, I'll have a statement to make. I'm looking forward to that.

Nancy sends her love to you and Cynthia, as do I.

Sincerely,

Ran

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ALBERT E. SCHWABACHER, JR.  
Vice President, Investment Banking

July 22, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of The United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20013

Dear Dutch,

It's mid-July and the American public is certainly getting a load of investigations, inquiries and the like. It's been fascinating yet it's been terrible. It's all after the fact, none of the people questioning had to make the decisions. It's like Monday morning quarterback second guessing; anyway, it's very unfair. All in all, I think the witnesses have been good.

Another point I want to make (how many years ago was it) that brilliant people in Washington decided all the world had to do business our way. So what did we do? We told Boeing et al we couldn't do business the way they do in the orient. There was nothing aloud like "cumshaw" with no incentive payments aloud. Actually, some GE guys went to jail. How did we get so high and mighty that we can tell everyone else in the world in New Delhi to Beijing and Egypt how and why they should do business. Why are we the only ones that are right? All I know is that our balance of payment problems started then. Think of how the Cartells and the Zaibatsu took advantage of non-competition in GE and Westinghouse. That was the first time that we really started losing a great deal of foreign trade. That was the beginning and it still goes on. Has anyone ever pointed this out or re-emphasized it? It would be interesting to go back and see what our percentages were before, after and now.

A lighter note, and speaking of GE, enclosed are some records, transactions we had many, many years ago. You and I have tried to figure out what GE would be worth today if your children still had the stock (hopefully they still do). These few lines are to cheer you up and to tell you that you still have a lot of friends and Cynthia and I are proud to be among them. Stay in there pal. Special love to Nancy in which Cynthia joins.

Most sincerely,



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To Mr. Alana Brown Box R-4526 A.P.O.  
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Dear Alan

Thanks for your letter, your kind words & sympathy. I'm grateful for all of that. I'm happy to say we are in the last ~~inning~~<sup>inning</sup> of a sleazy game & it looks like we're now winning. I can't wait to speak my piece, which I'll do once the hearings are over.

We haven't been sitting here waiting though. Even though partnership is the order of the day I've been taking ~~on~~ a number of serious things like balancing the budget etc. directly to the people. From their reaction I think we can make some important changes, maybe even a balanced budget amendment which is long overdue. We're even seeing some encouraging signs from the Soviets on arms reductions.

Once again my heartfelt thanks & Nancy's says from her also.

Sincerely Ron

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