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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER

FROM: DICK ALLEN

SUBJECT: Recommended Presidential Phone Call

The recommended phone call by the President would take only a few minutes and would contribute importantly to the awareness among Caribbean and Central American leaders of the President's personal interest and involvement in the Caribbean Basin Initiative. Since PM Seaga originally invited the President to speak at the Conference, it would lend a nice touch for the President to convey his best wishes just before Brock delivered the keynote address on Sunday evening.

Pertinent facts are as follows:

- a brief five minute telephone call to the Sonesta Beach Hotel in Key Biscayne, Florida, on Sunday night, November 29, between 8:15 and 8:45 p.m.
- the Conference is equipped to receive both video and audio transmission if this can be arranged, either live or by tape from California
- if this is not possible, a telephone call would suffice
- the contact person with the Conference in Florida is Katherine Pearson or Alice Booth until mid-afternoon, Saturday, and Peter Johnson thereafter.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE *RF*
HENRY NAU *HN*

SUBJECT: The President, the CBI, and the Miami Meeting

The Miami meeting on the Caribbean attended by eight regional leaders (including Duarte of El Salvador and Seaga of Jamaica) will open next week. We envision the President making some remarks to a plenary session of the meeting by phone. We can do talking points immediately, but the first step is to get this placed on the President's schedule now. The meeting ends next Tuesday, December 1. Perhaps the President could make the call from Air Force One on his way back Monday.

We suggest you take this up with Meese and others (Gergen, Darman, etc.) immediately, remembering that the key guy who needs to be convinced is the defender of the President's schedule, Mike Deaver. Any Presidential input would have a good effect and prepare the ground for the President's speech on our Caribbean policy that could be given in January.

RECOMMENDATION: That you approach Ed Meese et al. to get this telephone call put on the President's schedule.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

cc: Charles Tyson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Plenary Session of Conference in Miami
of Caribbean and Central America Action
(CCAA)

DATE: November 29, 1981, sometime between
8:15-8:45 p.m.

RECOMMENDED BY: RICHARD V. ALLEN

PURPOSE: To express the President's support for the
work of this Conference attended by heads
of state/government of eight Caribbean and
Central American countries, including PM
Seaga of Jamaica and Duarte of El Salvador.

BACKGROUND: PM Seaga originally invited the President
to address this conference "to convey the
spirit of Cancun and the President's
proposals for the Caribbean Plan..."
Ambassador Brock will speak to the group
on Sunday night, November 29, 1981, outlining
progress on development of the Caribbean
Basin Initiative. The President's phone
call, which could immediately precede Brock's
presentation, would reinforce Brock's
presentation and convey the President's
personal interest and involvement in the
Caribbean Basin effort.

TOPICS OF
DISCUSSION: See attached talking points.

Attachment

Tab A Suggested talking points

November 27, 1981

Action

MIAMI CONFERENCE ON CENTRAL AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN

TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT

BACKGROUND

THIS CONFERENCE IS BEING ATTENDED BY TOP REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE U.S. AND CARIBBEAN BASIN, AS WELL AS TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING EIGHT HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT. USTR BROCK WILL GIVE A MAJOR SPEECH OUTLINING THE KEY ELEMENTS WE ARE CONSIDERING FOR THE CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE.

TALKING POINTS

- I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR WORK. WITH SUCH A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED AND TALENTED BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, I EXPECT THE CONFERENCE COULD BE A TURNING POINT IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.
- ALTHOUGH I CANNOT BE WITH YOU IN PERSON, I SHARE THE SPIRIT, DREAM AND TASK THAT WE HAVE ALL SET BEFORE US. MY THOUGHTS TURN TO THE ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE OF THIS REGION AND THE PROGRAM WE ARE JOINTLY DEVELOPING.
- STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN IS ONE OF MY HIGHEST PRIORITIES. AS NEIGHBORS WE SHARE NOT ONLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUTUAL BENEFITS BUT ALSO EACH OTHER'S TROUBLES. I KNOW THAT ECONOMIC SUCCESS IS CRUCIAL TO RESOLVING PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY. AND I KNOW THAT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OCCUR MOST OFTEN AND MOST VIGOROUSLY IN SOCIETIES THAT PROTECT INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.

- EACH NATION'S APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT SHOULD REFLECT ITS OWN CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC HERITAGE, BUT THERE ARE COMMON PROBLEMS AND THEREFORE AN OPPORTUNITY, AS WELL AS THE NEED, FOR A REGIONAL APPROACH.

- WE SEEK TO FORMULATE A REGIONAL APPROACH WHICH IS GENUINELY COOPERATIVE. WE HAVE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE LEADERS IN THE REGION. THIS HAS INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, WHOSE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF MEASURES. ON THIS BASIS WE ARE DEVELOPING A PROGRAM.

- BECAUSE WE SEEK AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM, WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR CONGRESS, WHERE APPROVAL FOR SOME OF THE CONTEMPLATED ACTIONS WILL REST.

- LET ME TOUCH BRIEFLY ON THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THAT PROGRAM;

- ACTION MUST BE COOPERATIVE. EXTERNAL SUPPORT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT BUT INTERNAL EFFORTS ARE INDISPENSABLE. THE PEOPLE OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN THEMSELVES MUST DECIDE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND HOW TO DO IT.

- SECOND, GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. GOVERNMENTS SET THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES CAN FLOURISH. BUT GOVERNMENTS CAN'T DO IT ALONE. THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS FORMIDABLE POWERS OF CREATIVITY AND RISK-TAKING, AND IT REQUIRES AND DESERVES MORE SUPPORT THAN WE HAVE GIVEN IT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

- THIRD, OUR PROGRAM WILL INTEGRATE TRADE, INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPUR SELF-SUSTAINING GROWTH. IN THIS SENSE, THE PROGRAM IS TAILORED TO THE MODERN PERIOD AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH MORE SIMPLISTIC APPROACHES THAT WERE PURSUED IN EARLIER PERIODS. ALONE EACH OF THESE TOOLS MAKES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION. WHEN EACH SUPPORTS THE OTHERS IN A WELL-FOCUSED PROGRAM, THE EFFECTS WILL BE MULTIPLIED. FROM SUCH A PROGRAM, THE REGION WILL BE ABLE TO SECURE RELIEF FOR ITS MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS, BUT WILL ENJOY LARGER BENEFITS FROM THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF THE MEASURES.

- I AM DELIGHTED THAT BILL BROCK IS WITH YOU TO GIVE A MORE DETAILED OUTLINE OF OUR THINKING.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
~~WASHINGTON~~

Allen Key

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always come with
The memo presented
for making phone calls
- Perki

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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things get handled.

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TO ALLEN

FROM FONTAINE

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KEYWORDS: CARIBBEAN

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRES PHONE CALL TO MIAMI MTG ON THE CARIBBEAN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dick,

I think we sent
this out to you earlier
but since there was
no mark, I'm not
certain you saw it.

John

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Jeannie,

Route to Roger
Fontaine for info. H

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY
- AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JAMES W. NANCE
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

SUBJECT: Proposal by Charles Sheard, M.D. to provide U.S.
Health Manpower in the Caribbean

On November 24, 1981, Mr. Allen inquired regarding a proposal made by Dr. Charles Sheard, a prominent American dermatologist, to the Honorable John D. Lodge for utilization of American medical personnel as volunteers in the Caribbean.

Dr. Sheard, who has practiced medicine on a part-time basis in Grenada for a number of years, initially approached our Embassy in Bridgetown, Barbados, during the tenure of Ambassador Sally Shelton, encouraging increased U.S. involvement in health care in the Caribbean Basin. Subsequently, Dr. Sheard let his ideas for increased presence of U.S. health professionals in the Caribbean be known in a June 9, 1981, letter to James L. Buckley, Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology. After consultation with the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.), Mr. Buckley responded in a letter dated July 8, 1981, in which Dr. Sheard was appropriately referred to A.I.D.'s Regional Public Health Advisor at the A.I.D. Mission in Barbados.

U.S. health personnel are currently active in the Caribbean, sponsored by A.I.D.-financed projects with Project Hope and the International Eye Foundation. As well, and particularly relevant to Dr. Sheard's suggestion, the A.I.D. Regional Development Office/Caribbean in Barbados signed a grant with the U.S. National Council for International Health (NCIH) which provides for the placement of U.S. health volunteers on Caribbean islands. The total A.I.D. contribution to the U.S. private voluntary organizations for Eastern Caribbean activities cited above is approximately \$1,650,000.

M. Peter McPherson

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The Honorable James W. Nance

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The State Department's Desk Officer for the Eastern Caribbean, Mr. Gardel Feurtado, after consulting with Ms. Paula Feeney, our health officer in Washington responsible for the Caribbean, telephoned Dr. Sheard last week encouraging him to contact the NCIH to discuss his ideas.

We hope this answers Mr. Allen's inquiry and if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

 M. Peter McPherson

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TO NANCE

FROM MCPHERSON, M

DOCDATE 21 DEC 81

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KEYWORDS: CARIBBEAN

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SHEARD, CHARLES

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE US HEALTH MANPOWER IN CARIBBEAN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1982

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Dear Dr. Ochsner:

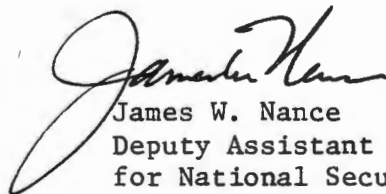
I am pleased that the Caribbean Commission is interested in sharing ideas with the Administration on how best to proceed in the Caribbean. As you know, President Reagan is strongly committed to preserving the Caribbean Basin from further communist inroads. He also strongly supports private sector initiatives.

I would suggest that you contact directly Roger Fontaine of the NSC Senior Staff in order to work out a satisfactory meeting date. Roger has assured me he would bring together key members of the Administration who work directly on Caribbean problems to discuss the issues with members of your Commission.

His direct telephone number is (202) 395-5694.

I wish you and your Commission all the best.

Sincerely,



James W. Nance
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Alton Ochsner, Jr., M.D.
Jefferson Bank Building, Suite 601
3525 N. Causeway Boulevard
Metairie, Louisiana 70002

Caribbean Commission Desire to send
Representative to meet the President

NSC #8200173

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Jan. 12, 1982

TO: NSC/S

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE

Please put attached package
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Nance letter at Tab 1.

Thank you.

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January 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES W. NANCE

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE

SUBJECT: Response to Dr. Alton Ochsner

Attached at Tab I is your response to Dr. Alton Ochsner of Louisiana.

Dr. Ochsner is a strong supporter of President Reagan and has long been interested in the Caribbean. I assume his Caribbean Commission is of like-minded people.

Your response proposes that members of his delegation meet with me at their convenience in Washington (or would it be easier for me to go to Louisiana?). I can bring together some others -- Norman Bailey, Ted Briggs, John Upston and Otto Reich come to mind -- into the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Dr. Ochsner at Tab I.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments

Tab I Letter to Dr. Ochsner
Tab A Incoming letter from Dr. Ochsner

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1-8-82

Roger -

Pls prepare
a response
for Adm. Nave.

Florence

ALTON OCHSNER, JR., M. D.

JEFFERSON BANK BUILDING, SUITE 601

3525 N. CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD

METairie, LA. 70002

833-3783

December 31, 1981

Dear Admiral Nance,

The Caribbean Commission is anxious to send a delegation to Washington to meet with Representatives of the Regan administration who have responsibility for policy recommendations regarding Central America and the Caribbean. Because the Caribbean Commission is a private, non-profit organization with good contacts (leading businessmen and some military), we feel we can be of service to the Administration in many ways.

We would appreciate your help in arranging for such a meeting. If anyone wants to call me, the best time is after 3PM (CST) at my office (504) 833-3783 or home (504) 899-3025.

Thanking you sincerely,

Alton Ochsner Jr.

Alton Ochsner Jr., M.D.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

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TO NANCE

FROM OCHSNER, ALTON

DOCDATE 31 DEC 81

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KEYWORDS: CARIBBEAN

CENTRAL AMERICA

SUBJECT: LTR TO NANCE RE CARIBBEAN COMMISSION DESIRE TO SEND REP TO MEET
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January 26, 1982

Dear Tizo:

Thank you for your letter of January 6.

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I appreciate your advising me of the Caribbean Commission's
interest in meeting with members of the Reagan Administration.
I have forwarded your letter to Rick Neal in the Office of
Intergovernmental Affairs for his information and attention.
I am sure that Mr. Neal will be in touch with you in the
near future.

Thank you for bringing this request to my attention. I appreciate your interest and your support.

With best regards,

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

x
Mr. Samuel G. Robinson
512 South Peters Street
Suite 202
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

cc? Rick Neal & incoming--For follow-up response
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January 26, 1982

Dear Tico:

Thank you for your letter of January 6.

I appreciate your advising me of the Caribbean Commission's interest in assisting with members of the Reagan Administration. I have forwarded your letter to Rick Neal in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for his information and attention. I am sure that Mr. Neal will be in touch with you in the near future.

Thank you for bringing this request to my attention. I appreciate your interest and your support.

With best regards,

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

Mr. Samuel G. Robinson
312 South Peters Street
Suite 302
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

cc: Rick Neal & incoming--for follow-up response
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SAMUEL G. ROBINSON
1101 HIBERNIA BLDG.
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70112

*note new
address below*

January 6, 1982

Mr. James Addison Baker III
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jim:

You will recall back in February I was in touch with you concerning the Caribbean Commission, which is something Dr. Alton Ochsner, Jr, myself and a good many other citizens here in New Orleans were working on. The Caribbean Commission is anxious to send a delegation to Washington to come meet with representatives of the Reagan administration who have responsibility for the policy recommendations regarding Central America and the Caribbean. Because the Caribbean Commission is a private, non-profit organization with good contacts, we feel that we can be of service to the administration in many ways. Members of the Commission have asked me to write to you, hoping that you can arrange appointments for us. We would appreciate your help in arranging such meetings. I have just changed my office, so if you have someone who can contact me, they can either write to me at 512 South Peters Street, Suite 202, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or call me at (504) 523-6377.

We are all very concerned about the way things have been going in the Caribbean basin, and we really want to do something about it. Anything you can do to help will be personally appreciated.

Sincerely,

S.G.

S.G. Robinson

SGR/btt

cc: Dr. Alton Ochsner, Jr.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1982

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Dear Chris:

First, thank you for your note of January 8 with the enclosed letter from Senator Helms to Secretary Haig. *Jesse A.*

I share your concern about Central America. I believe strongly, however, that this Administration's policy is no mere continuation of the failed policies of the past. The measures we have taken or are about to take, both announced and unannounced, will meet, I am confident, our objectives in the region. Nevertheless, the problems are difficult and our resources far from plentiful. I welcome specific ideas on how we can do better.

In the meantime, I very much agree that opposition to our policies in the U.S. remains, and I would be particularly pleased at seeing your analysis and recommendations.

As for the loans to Nicaragua, it is this Administration's policy to oppose U.S. aid funds to the Nicaraguan government. As for multilateral lending, we have opposed the last three loans considered, including the two loans mentioned in Senator Helms' letter to Secretary Haig.

Again, Chris, I very much welcome your and Senator Helms' views and suggestions on Central America.

Sincerely,

Bill Clark

William P. Clark

Mr. Christopher Manion
Professional Staff Member
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

NSC 8200168

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 15, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE *RF*

SUBJECT: Senator Helms Letter to Haig on the
Situation in Nicaragua

Attached at Tab II is a letter from Senator Jesse Helms to Secretary Haig on the situation in Nicaragua, especially the Administration's decision to approve two Inter-American Development Board loans to Nicaragua. At Tab II is a note to you from Christopher Manion, a professional staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Chris Manion is also concerned about the loans and his perceived lack of change in our policy toward Central America. He also cites our difficulty in carrying out a new policy owing to a "well-organized domestic opposition." He is preparing an analysis of options available to us to counter the groups.

At Tab I is a brief note from you explaining our policy on the loans, welcoming his analysis and reassuring him that policy has changed and measures announced, to be announced, or unannounced are intended to attain our objectives in the region.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Chris Manion at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove

HN
Henry Nau and Norman Bailey *NB* concur.

Attachments

Tab I Letter to Chris Manion for Your Signature
Tab II Helms Letter to Haig
Tab III Manion Letter to You

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 8, 1982

The Honorable William P. Clark
National Security Advisor
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Clark:

I am enclosing a letter which Senator Helms sent to Secretary of State Haig Friday, January 8, after receiving reports that the U.S. representatives to two multilateral institutions had been instructed by the State Department to vote in favor of two pending loans to Nicaragua. The Senator asked me to send you this copy.

Unfortunately, the reluctance of the ARA Bureau to consider a more forceful approach towards Nicaragua reflects a basic dissonance in our approach to that region. Events are moving very fast in Central America, and while a variety of options is available to us, one of them (or some combination) will have to be chosen at some point in the very near future. Such a choice will mean a break with past policy which prevailed through the late 1970s and which has not changed significantly in the past year. Unfortunately, however, President Reagan is now identified with it, and it becomes more his program with each passing day, whether he's had a hand in it or not.

Whatever options are chosen, the way they are articulated to the American people will be a critical factor in their success. As you know, there is a great deal of well-organized domestic opposition to our goals in Latin America. I am working on a brief analysis of options available to us with which to counter those voices, drawing especially on groups (heretofore concerned primarily with domestic issues) which are already organized and mobilized for action. I will get it to you shortly.

Carlos Bea's visit came as a pleasant surprise. I'll forward more thoughts on that issue soon; thanks for the introduction.

All of us wish you Godspeed for the New Year and beyond.

Sincerely,



Christopher Manion
Professional Staff Member

Enclosure

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 8, 1982

The Honorable Alexander M. Haig
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to my attention that two loans to Nicaragua will soon be voted on by our multilateral institutions: on Wednesday, January 13, the InterAmerican Development Bank will be voting on a \$500,000 loan to Nicaragua for development of agricultural communes (Loan Document Number PR 1177); on Tuesday, January 12, the World Bank will be voting on a IBRD ("hard" interest rate) loan to Nicaragua in the amount of \$16 million for a "Municipal Development Project".

As you will recall from our recent correspondence (e.g. the letter which Senator Richard Lugar and I sent you on October 26, 1981) concerning the posture of the United States towards loans to Nicaragua from multilateral institutions, I am concerned about the deteriorating conditions in Nicaragua. Basic human freedoms in that country are being constantly transgressed by arbitrary jailing and other punitive measures taken against members of the business community, the Church, the labor movement -- virtually every sector not already controlled by the Sandinistas. Furthermore, the Mesquiti Indians in Eastern Nicaragua have become the victims of a systematic campaign of extermination by the Sandinista army, which has recently crossed the border of Honduras in order to carry out mass killings of Indians who have fled there to escape Sandinista tyranny.

No one knows better than you that the Sandinista government is acting as a surrogate for Fidel Castro, and that Castro himself is a surrogate for the Soviet Union. Not content with imposing Communism on Nicaragua, the Sandinistas are now active all over Central America attempting to spread the contagion, by aiding and abetting the revolutionary activities of terrorism and subversion in other countries. And at the very time that they are seeking loans from funds contributed in large part by the U.S. taxpayers, the Sandinistas are purchasing armaments from abroad, the better, no doubt, to continue their border raids and mass killings.

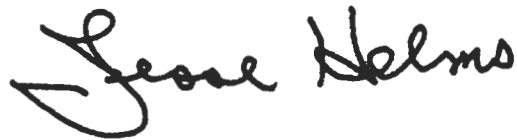
January 8, 1982

I am disconcerted at the report that the State Department has informed the InterAmerican Development Bank and the World Bank that the United States government has no grounds on which to oppose these loans. I am chagrined at the prospect that our representatives in those bodies might vote "yes" to the funding of a government which can only be called a tyranny.

I am hopeful that the United States will not use these votes to confer a seal of approval on the Sandinista government. This is not the time to flinch from our insistence that fundamental human freedoms be respected by the Sandinistas: the business leaders about whom I wrote you in October are still in jail; they were not even allowed visits by their families during the Christmas holidays. Is this the kind of regime that should be funded with loans in which the United States participates?

Let us hope that the New Year brings a more hopeful future for the people of Central America. In the meantime, I urge you to inform our representatives at the World Bank and the InterAmerican Development Bank of the many good reasons why the United States should vote against these loans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jesse Helms". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized script. The first name "Jesse" is written with a large, looping 'J' and the last name "Helms" follows in a similar cursive style.

JESSE HELMS:lks

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