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SCOPE OF CIA ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE NICARAGUA FINDING

Following the President's approval of the attached Finding on Nicaragua, CIA will undertake the following specific activities:

a) the primary activities will be directed at providing financial and material support to democratic Nicaraguan leaders who have become disillusioned with growing Cuban predominance in Nicaragua and with the increasing totalitarian nature of the national FSLN leadership. We will assist these democratic Nicaraguan leaders and their organizations.

b) as a supplement to the above primary activities, we will aid the democratic Nicaraguan leaders and their organizations in their efforts to increase internal resistance to the FSLN and to create a paramilitary potential to punctuate their resolve to effect changes in Nicaraguan government policies. This assistance will be in the form of funding, arms supply and some training. The training being conducted by third country nationals to the NICARAGUAN MILITARY will be continued.

This activity is to enable the democratic leaders and organizations to deal with the FSLN leadership from a position of strength. The democratic Nicaraguans would be encouraged to focus the paramilitary operations primarily against the Cuban presence in Nicaragua and to view these paramilitary forces as a rallying point for the dissident elements of the Sandinista military establishment.

c) to further the above activities, we will work with selected Latin American and European governments, organizations and individuals to build international support for the objectives of the democratic Nicaraguan groups. These selected governments will be encouraged to pressure the Nicaraguan Government to reach an accord with the democratic Nicaraguan elements through negotiations. These foreign governments and international organizations will be encouraged to aid the democratic Nicaraguans in their efforts to eliminate the influence of Cuba and the Soviet Union over Nicaraguan Government policies and actions and to restore freedom and democracy to Nicaragua.