MEMORANDUM
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE
FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
SUBJECT: Attack on Guerrilla Command and Control Centers in Nicaragua

At dusk on February 2, five Cessna 0-2 aircraft armed with 2.75 inch rockets attacked the ERP command and control center, training camp, and logistics facilities at Volcan Casita (see Point A on map).

At dawn the following morning (February 3), the guerrillas attacked the FSLN communications and naval arms depot at Aposeutillo. As in the raid the previous night, there were secondary explosions and minimal return fire. None of the aircraft were damaged.

Since the two attacks, radio Managua has claimed that three EPS soldiers were killed by A-37 aircraft attacking from Honduras, and that a "Ministry of Agriculture radio antenna was damaged." However, confirms that radio Veneeramos (the propaganda voice of the FSLN) is off the air.

Significantly, the GAM, which has been down playing CONTRO activity in recent weeks, has protested loudly over these attacks. Newspaper accounts in Managua today have variously accused ARDF, FDN, the U.S., and Honduras for the attack.

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As a related issue, we made a conscious decision not to invite the Nicaraguan ambassador to today's ceremony in the East Room. The State Department or OPL did, however, invite Adolfo Colero, the political head of the FDN Colero. This may come to light publicly and we have asked State to provide some press guidance in the event the media her extensively noticed. Colero has already been interviewed by several members of the Latin press.

RECOMMENDATION

That you brief the President using the points above.

Approve _______ Disapprove _______

cc: Constantine Menges

Attachment
Tab A - Subject Map