

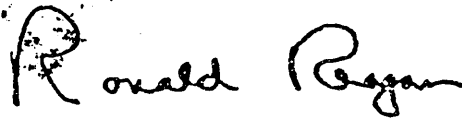
THE WHITE HOUSE

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On the occasion of a dinner in his honor, I would like to commend Adolfo Calero for his commitment to the courageous struggle to bring freedom to the people of Nicaragua. Dr. Calero's efforts in support of democracy for Nicaragua span more than a quarter of a century. His resistance to tyranny began under Somoza and it continues today under the communist Sandinistas.

As the president of the directorate of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, Adolfo Calero leads the largest Nicaraguan armed resistance organization. The FDN has attracted freedom fighters from all sectors of Nicaraguan society. They are bound together by a vision of liberty, justice and democracy -- the goals of the Unified Nicaraguan Opposition. The people of the United States identify with and will continue to support the Nicaraguan people in their struggles to win back their betrayed revolution.



Ronald Reagan

*We Americans should be proud of what we're trying to do in Central America, and proud of what, together with our friends, we can do in Central America, to support democracy, human rights, and economic growth, while preserving peace so close to home. Let us show the world that we want no hostile, communist colonies here in the Americas: South, Central, or North.*

RONALD REAGAN

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