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Dear Spitz:

Throughout the struggle for freedom and democracy in Nicaragua, there are those who have carried this great burden with dedication and a true sense of patriotism. You and the people involved in the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty are at the center of the struggle.

In the Spring when we began our campaign to help the Nicaraguan resistance in a crucia. struggle for democracy in their native land, your resources helped carry the day. Without your fine efforts, their situation would have gone from desperate to hopeless. Yours was a key organization in supporting President Reagan's legislative initiative for Congressional aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters. Your paid advertising and support of the President's program was critical to our success.

In July when you began to help educate others to the needs of the Nicaraguan freedom fighters, their chances were greatly increased. The special events you hosted and the generous support your people gave carried the day and helped to save freedom from extinction in Nicaragua. Your continuing efforts have two very special values. The level of support you have brought to the struggle has been nothing short of monumental. The steadfastness and commitment you have maintained is the true sign of patriotism. When freedom and democracy are at stake, those who sacrifice without public acclaim it to the world are our truest patriots.

The programs you have undertaken are crucial. Without the means you provide, those who seek a democratic outcome in Nicaragua will fail. As always, in the hour of critical need, we find you and the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty ready to help.

For your past efforts and your present initiatives, we salute you.

Sincerely,

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