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NEW YORK (UPI) -- CLANDESTINE RADIO REPORTS INTERCEPTED BY U.S. DESTROYERS OFF NICARAGUA SHOW THAT GUERRILLAS IN EL SALVADOR ARE DIRECTED FROM A COMMAND POST ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MANAGUA, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE SAID SUNDAY.

THE MAGAZINE SAID THE GUERRILLAS REPORT THEIR POSITIONS AND ACTIONS TO THE COMMAND POST, WHICH IN TURN SENDS DETAILS OF IMPENDING ARMS DELIVERIES.

NEWSWEEK SAID U.S. DESTROYERS POSITIONED OFF NICARAGUA'S PACIFIC COAST SINCE JANUARY HAVE INTERCEPTED RADIO REPORTS THAT PINPOINT SEVERAL CLANDESTINE TRANSMITTERS IN NICARAGUA, INCLUDING A MAJOR COMMAND POST FOR SALVADORAN REBELS OUTSIDE MANAGUA.

ACCORDING TO NEWSWEEK'S MARCH 22 ISSUE, AGENTS WATCHING THE COMMAND POST HAVE REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF BOTH NICARAGUAN AND CUBAN ADVISERS INSIDE THE BUILDING.

THE CARDN, ONE OF THE LARGEST DESTROYERS IN THE AMERICAN FLEET, CURRENTLY IS MONITORING NICARAGUA WITH A SUPERSENSITIVE RADIO DIRECTION-FINDING SYSTEM, NEWSWEEK SAID. INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES CALL THE RIG A "CLASSIC OUTBOARD" -- A NETWORK OF WIRES STRUNG DOWN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE SHIP.

NEWSWEEK ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO NICARAGUAN AIR FORCE PILOTS WHO HIJACKED A TRANSPORT PLANE TO HONDURAS MAINTAIN THE SOVIETS ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN NICARAGUA AND THAT THE SANDINISTAS PUSH DISSIDENT MISKITO INDIANS OUT OF AIRPLANES.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Chief, Latin America Division, DO


FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Cuban and Nicaraguan Involvement in El Salvador

1. The demand for proof of Cuban and Nicaraguan involvement in El Salvador is being met partially by martialling current evidence. We knew this as a fact well over a year ago and have been constantly getting one or another reaffirmation over that period.

2. I think a compilation of this history should be made and pulled together for use at the present time, hopefully for the testimony requested by the Senate Committee for Thursday of next week. Included in this should be a public statement of credible witnesses such as those made by Archbishop Obando y Bravo on November 16, 1981, who stated that the Nicaraguan government is governed by Cubans and not by the junta. We make a mistake in confining the evidence to Nicaragua when proof of Cuban and Soviet involvement is just as good and strengthens the case. There is no harm in repeating some of the White Paper material. The public has forgotten the details of that and stronger elements should be incorporated in this statement. The implications are the same when the Salvadorans and Guatemalan leaders are called to Havana or Mexico City for instruction under Cuban and Nicaraguan leadership as it is for them to be called to Managua.

3. I am attaching a current Heritage Foundation publication which captures some of the public evidence.

  
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