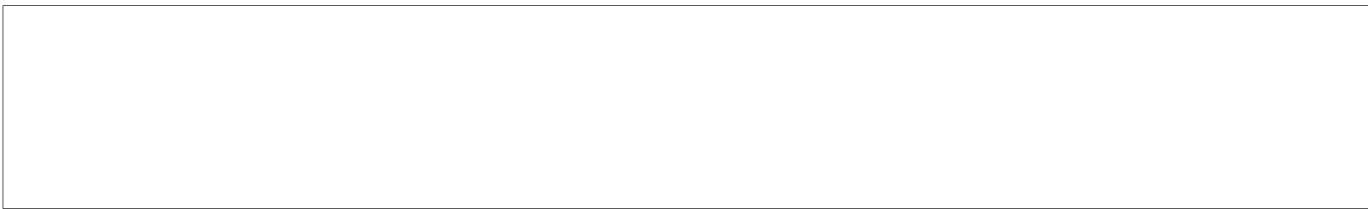


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1. (C) COMANDANTE TOMAS BORGE IN A SPEECH JUNE 23 REPEATED FSLN SKEPTICISM REGARDING U.S. MOTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SHLAUDEMANN-TINOCO TALKS. THE CONVERSATIONS THEMSELVES, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING CLEAR WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN U.S. POLICY OR WHETHER U.S. WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IS "ONLY A PUBLICITY STUNT TO WIN VOTES". SPEAKING TO A LOCAL AUDIENCE IN MANAGUA, BORGE SAID THAT "(THE FSLN) HAS INSISTED ON A DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. AND WILL DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO AVOID A FAILURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS." ACCORDING TO A BARRICADA REPORT ON THE SPEECH, BORGE SAID FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT MANY U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND MEDIA SPOKESMEN HAD ALREADY SAID THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED OUT OF THE SHULTZ-ORTEGA MEETING DO NOT MEAN ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY. "WE WILL NOT BE THE ONES TO CREATE DOUBT AND SUSPICION" ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS, HE ADDED, BUT RATHER

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~~WOULD LET U.S. POLITICIANS AND MEDIA DO IT THEMSELVES.~~
BORGE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S LANGUAGE CHANGED SLIGHTLY AFTER HIS MAY 9 SPEECH ON U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL AMERICA. BUT, HE ADDED, ONLY THE LANGUAGE WAS MODERATED--THE POLICY REMAINS THE SAME.

2.(C) ~~THE PARAPHRASED, EXCERPTED VERSION OF BORGE'S SPEECH WHICH APPEARED IN BARRICADA APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN EDITED TO MAKE HIS REMARKS SEEM SOMEWHAT MORE DUBIOUS ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS THAN EVEN HIS ORIGINAL TEXT.~~ COMPARING THE BARRICADA VERSION WITH THE FBIS TEXT (REFTEL), WE NOTE THAT THE FORMER OMITTED BORGE'S REMARK THAT "THE ANSWER WE WERE EXPECTING (I.E., ON U.S. WILLINGNESS TO HOLD A DIALOGUE) CAME RECENTLY WITH SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ'S VISIT. WE HAD SOME FAVORABLE SIGNS." FURTHER, WHILE IN THE ORIGINAL BORGE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN "A CONSIDERABLE CHANGE" IN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S WORDS IN THE MAY 9 SPEECH. BARRICADA SAYS THERE WAS ONLY A SLIGHT CHANGE (...CAMBIO UN POCO).

3.(C) ~~COMMENT. THE FSLN HAS SOUGHT TO REDUCE PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS (HERE) OF SUCCESS IN THE TALKS TO NEL. THEY PROBABLY HAVE NOT ACHIEVED THAT GOAL.~~
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