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PA070420 MANAGUA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH 0231 GMT 7 JUN 85
(NEWS CONFERENCE BY NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT DANIEL ORTEGA AND
FOREIGN MINISTER MIGUEL D'ESCOTO BROCKMAN AT BARRIO DE LA PRIMAVERA
(NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED); QUESTIONERS NOT IDENTIFIED -- INTERCEPTED
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(TEXT) (ORTEGA)...TODAY, THIS IS A SLAP, NOT ONLY AGAINST THE
NICARAGUAN PEOPLE, BUT AGAINST THE LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT IS
ALSO A SLAP AGAINST THE U.S. PEOPLE THEMSELVES, WHO DO NOT AGREE
WITH THIS WARMONGERING AND AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
WE MUST TAKE SOMETHING INTO CONSIDERATION: THE CONTADORA GROUP HAS
CALLED THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS TO A MEETING TO BE HELD IN
PANAMA ON 14 JUNE. ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CONTADORA GROUP FOREIGN
MINISTERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING. HOWEVER,
THE UNITED STATES IS GIVING AN ANSWER TO THE PEACE EFFORTS OF THE
CONTADORA GROUP, TO THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 14 JUNE. THE UNITED
STATES IS GIVING AN ANSWER AHEAD OF TIME BY SABOTAGING THE 14 JUNE
MEETING. HOW CAN ONE SPEAK OF PEACE ON 14 JUNE IN PANAMA, IF THE
UNITED STATES IS RIGHT NOW APPROVING \$38 MILLION TO CONTINUE
(?ATTACKING) NICARAGUA?

HOW CAN THE UNITED STATES SAY ITS SUPPORTS THE CONTADORA GROUP
WHEN THEY IT IS TRICKING US BY APPROVING THIS \$38 MILLION? IF THE
U.S. PRESIDENT REALLY THINKS HE IS IN FAVOR OF CONTADORA, THAT HE IS
IN FAVOR OF PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS, HE WOULD NOT BE
ASKING NOW FOR \$38 MILLION SO THAT THE SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL
AMERICAN REGION WILL WORSEN AND SO THAT THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE WILL
CONTINUE TO BE MURDERED.

WE REJECT THE ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. SENATORS WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF
THE \$38 MILLION BECAUSE THEY ARE VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE CRIMES
AGAINST THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE. THEY ARE VOTING FOR MORE MURDERS OF
NICARAGUAN CHILDREN, OF NICARAGUAN WOMEN, OLD PEOPLE, YOUTHS. THE
U.S. SENATORS, APPROXIMATELY 50 OF THEM, VOTED IN FAVOR OF THIS WHEN
THEY VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE \$38 MILLION. AND FURTHERMORE, THEY ARE
ALSO VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE BLOODSHED OF THE U.S. YOUTHS. THAT
POLICY WILL LEAD TO A DIRECT INTERVENTION OF THE U.S. TROOPS IN
NICARAGUA. THE INTERVENTION OF U.S. TROOPS IN NICARAGUA WILL MEAN
THAT THE U.S. YOUTHS WILL SHED THEIR BLOOD IN NICARAGUA. WE DO NOT
WANT THE BLOODSHED OF U.S. YOUTHS IN NICARAGUA. (CROWD SHOUTS:
YANKEE BLOOD, YES!)

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APPARENTLY, THE U.S. PRESIDENT DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE LIVES OF THE AMERICAN YOUTHS. THIS VOTE GIVEN BY THE U.S. SENATE TONIGHT IN FAVOR OF THAT \$38 MILLION IS THEREFORE A VOTE IN FAVOR OF WAR, AND OF TERRORISM, A VOTE AGAINST PEACE. THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE REJECT THIS VOTE. THE U.S. LEADERS SHOULD NOT LEAD THEMSELVES TO THINK THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SINK THE SANDINIST REVOLUTION IN THAT MANNER.

THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE DEFEATING THOSE MERCENARIES AND THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ALSO HAVE THE MORAL STRENGTH, THE DIGNITY, AND THE DETERMINATION TO DEFEAT YANKEE INTERVENTION, IF IT WERE TO TAKE PLACE.

AND HERE, FROM THIS POOR NEIGHBORHOOD OF NICARAGUA, FROM THIS BARRIO DE LA PRIMAVERA, WE SEE HOW 38 MOTHERS HAVE ALREADY LOST THEIR CHILDREN IN THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION, AND THEY THEMSELVES ARE WILLING TO GIVE THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND THIS REVOLUTION.

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///DEFEND THIS REVOLUTION.

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(TEXT) (QUESTION) COMMANDER DANIEL ORTEGA, ALLOW ME TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HUMANITARIAN OR MILITARY AID. DO THE SANDINISTS MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENTIATION?

(ORTEGA) THERE IS NO SUCH DIFFERENCE. ANY ARMY, ANY MERCENARY FORCE NEEDS LOGISTICS IN ORDER TO TAKE ACTION. IF A SOLDIER IS NOT FED, HE CANNOT FIGHT. AND I AM SURE THEY ARE NOT ONLY GOING TO GIVE THEM THESE FUNDS FOR FOOD, BUT FOR WEAPONS AS WELL.

(QUESTION) COMMANDER, WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THESE FUNDS FOR THE CONTRAS WERE APPROVED NOW? WHY? DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR TRIP TO THE USSR?

(ORTEGA) NO, I DO NOT THINK THIS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY TRIP TO THE USSR, BUT RATHER WITH THE MISTAKES THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS COMMITTED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF HISTORY WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES IS ALWAYS MAKING MISTAKES. AS A GENERAL RULE, THE U.S. SENATE HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THIS TYPE OF POLICY. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOW VOTE ON TUESDAY, AND WE WILL SEE HOW THEY WILL VOTE. WE WILL SEE IF THEY VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION, OR IN FAVOR OF WAR.

(QUESTION) WILL NICARAGUA ATTEND THE CONTADORA MEETING ON 14 JUNE?

(ORTEGA) NICARAGUA HAS ALWAYS ATTENDED THESE MEETINGS AND WE WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING.

(QUESTION) IT IS CONSTANTLY BEING SAID THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF AN INVASION OF NICARAGUA. WILL YOU BE ASKING THE PRESIDENTS OF HONDURAS AND COSTA RICA TO THINK THIS OVER?

(ORTEGA) THE RULERS OF HONDURAS AND COSTA RICA SHOULD HAVE IT VERY CLEAR IN THEIR MINDS THAT AN INVASION OF NICARAGUA WILL WORSEN

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OTHE SITUATION THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA. AN INVASION OF NICARAGUA WILL AFFECT ALL OF CENTRAL AMERICA. PEOPLE IN COSTA RICA ARE RIGHT NOW HYSTERICALLY SHOUTING IN FAVOR OF THE INVASION, AND THEY DO NOT REALIZE THAT THE INVASION WILL ALSO ENTAIL BLOODSHED IN COSTA RICA. NOBODY WANTS THAT. NICARAGUA DOES NOT WANT MORE BLOODSHED FOR THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE, AND DOES NOT WANT BLOODSHED FOR THE COSTA RICAN AND HONDURAN PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS TO COMPROMISE THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS INTO A CONFRONTATION, A WARMONGERING POLICY THAT WILL ENTAIL MASS BLOODSHED FOR THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PEOPLES.

(QUESTION) MR PRESIDENT, DO YOU THINK THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR A DIRECT INTERVENTION ARE INCREASING RIGHT NOW?

(ORTEGA) WELL, THE UNITED STATES HAS CREATED ALL CONDITIONS PROPER FOR AN INVASION. THEY HAVE CREATED THEM, SPEAKING AS A MATTER OF FACT. THERE ARE POLITICAL SITUATIONS, THERE ARE PROVOCATIONS, SITUATIONS THAT ARE CREATED ARTIFICIALLY THAT COULD BE THE DETONATORS FOR LAUNCHING THE INTERVENTION. AND WE ARE HEADING IN THAT DIRECTION, WHICH IS DANGEROUS.

(QUESTION) COMMANDER, IT IS BEING SAID THAT NICARAGUA WILL NOT ALLOW THE COSTA RICAN CIVIL GUARDS TO ENTER NICARAGUAN TERRITORY TO RECOVER THE BODY OF A COSTA RICAN KILLED IN THAT TERRORIST ACTION OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GROUPS.

(ORTEGA) THAT IS A LIE, AND WE HAVE SENT A NOTE TODAY TO THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT TELLING IT THAT IF THE COSTA RICAN RED CROSS COULD NOT REMOVE THE BODY FROM COSTA RICAN TERRITORY, THEN WE PROPOSED THAT THE COSTA RICAN RED CROSS ENTER NICARAGUAN TERRITORY AND REMOVE THE BODY FROM THE BORDER AREA. THAT WAS GOING TO SHOW THAT NICARAGUA HAS NOT FIRED A SINGLE SHOT AGAINST COSTA RICAN TERRITORY, AND THAT THE CIA MERCENARY GROUPS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE CREATING AND PROVOKING THIS CONFLICT IN AN ARTIFICIAL MANNER.

(QUESTION) COMMANDER, WHAT WILL NICARAGUA DO IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVES THE AID FOR THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AID?

(ORTEGA) WELL, WHAT WOULD THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE DO? NOW, LET US ASK THE PEOPLE OF LA PRIMAVERA WHAT THEY WOULD DO. FOR EXAMPLE: TO CONTINUE WITH THE DEFENSE TASKS, THAT IS TO CONTINUE WITH

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OREVOLUTIONARY SURVEILLANCE. THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE JOINING THE SANDINIST PEOPLES' MILITIAS. IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, HOW MANY COMPANEROS ARE WILLING TO JOIN THE SANDINIST PEOPLES' MILITIAS? (CROWD SHOUTS: I, I, I!) HOW MANY ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY SURVEILLANCE TASKS? (CROWD SHOUTS: ALL OF US!) WHAT DO YOU THINK, THAT WE ARE GOING TO SURRENDER? (CROWD SHOUTS: NO!) DO YOU WANT US TO SELL OUT? (CROWD SHOUTS: NO!) SHALL WE YIELD TO THE YANKEES? (CROWD SHOUTS: NO!) SHALL WE ACCEPT A DIALOGUE WITH THE CONTRAS? (CROWD SHOUTS: NO!) OR ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT? (CROWD SHOUTS: TO FIGHT!) AND WE ARE GOING TO ADVANCE? (CROWD SHOUTS: WE WILL FIGHT! WE WILL WIN!)

(QUESTION) COMMANDER, CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ARENAL, ON HONDURAN TERRITORY?

(UNIDENTIFIED ANNOUNCER) THANK YOU, THOSE HAVE BEEN THE STATEMENTS BY COMPANERO PRESIDENT, COMMANDER DANIEL ORTEGA SAAVEDRA. THIS IS A SPECIAL BROADCAST BY LA VOZ DE NICARAGUA. THE COMPANERO PRESIDENT IS NOW TALKING WITH THE CROWD.

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(TEXT) (ANNOUNCER CONTINUES) WE WILL TRY TO TALK A FEW MINUTES WITH FATHER MIGUEL D'ESCOTO BROCKMAN, WHOM WE HAD NOT SEEN FOR SOME DAYS. FATHER, HOW DOES THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF NICARAGUA ANALYZE ALL THIS SITUATION IN THE HONDURAN TERRITORY, THE ATTACKS, THE PROTEST NOTE SENT BY NICARAGUA CONCERNING THE APPEARANCE OF TWO HELICOPTERS OVER NICARAGUAN TERRITORY; WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN COSTA RICA -- WHERE THEY HAVE EVEN BURNED THE NICARAGUAN AND FSLN FLAGS? HOW DOES THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF NICARAGUA ANALYZE ALL THIS?

(D'ESCOTO) I WOULD SAY THAT ALL THE LATEST EVENTS, BOTH IN THE NORTH AND IN COSTA RICA, HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED BY THOSE WAGING THE WAR AGAINST NICARAGUA AND THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A FAVORABLE VOTE AT THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR REAGAN'S POLICY. IT IS NOT COINCIDENTAL THAT THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE THE VOTE. THE VOTE, AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, WAS CAST AT THE U.S. SENATE TODAY AND PRESIDENT REAGAN, WELL, GOT THE SUPPORT HE SOUGHT. I THINK THAT THIS IS REALLY A SAD DAY FOR PEACE. IT IS REALLY A SAD DAY BECAUSE THAT VOTE IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF DEATH, TERRORISM, AND THE VIOLATION OF ALL THE ELEMENTAL NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL COEXISTENCE. IT IS ALSO, AS PRESIDENT ORTEGA SAID, A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE CONTADORA PROCESS. I SINCERELY THINK THAT THIS VOTE DEMANDS THAT CONTADORA ISSUE A CLEAR AND CATEGORICAL REJECTION, BECAUSE ONE CANNOT PRETEND TO DEFEND THE PRINCIPLES OF AN INTERNATIONAL COEXISTENCE AND DEFEND THE LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, WHILE REMAINING SILENT.

CONTADORA HAS RECEIVED A CLEAR AND CATEGORICAL MANDATE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE MANDATE WAS FIRST GIVEN THROUGH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 530 AND LATER RATIFIED IN RESOLUTIONS ISSUED BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND A NEW RESOLUTION ISSUED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HENCE, CONTADORA HAS THE MORAL OBLIGATION TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO ITS OWN MANDATE AND THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN LAW, AND NOT REMAIN SILENT CONCERNING THE FACT THAT THIS TYPE OF VIOLATION IS BEING PERPETRATED BY THE UNITED STATES.

HOWEVER, NEITHER CONTADORA NOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE CAN REMAIN SILENT. I REFERRED TO CONTADORA BECAUSE CONTADORA HAS A SPECIAL MANDATE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY GIVEN THROUGH THE HIGHEST ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD, WHOSE FUNCTION IS TO DEFEND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. REGARDLESS OF THE REACTION BY

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CONCORDIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TODAY, THE SENATORS HAVE BETRAYED THE U.S. PEOPLE'S SOVEREIGN WILL. IT HAS BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED BY THE LATEST PUBLIC POLLS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT THE U.S. PEOPLE CLEARLY OPPOSE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT'S BEHAVING LIKE AN INTERNATIONAL BANDIT, ACTING OUTSIDE OF THE LAW AND VIOLATING LAW NORMS.

WE HOPE THAT REAGAN'S VICTORY AND THIS DEFEAT FOR PEACE ALLOWS THE U.S. CONGRESSMEN TO REFLECT AND REACH THE CONCLUSION THAT IT IS THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES, NOT THAT OF NICARAGUA THAT IS AT STAKE IN THIS DEBATE AND THE UPCOMING VOTE AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THIS VOTE WILL DECIDE WHAT KIND OF COUNTRY THE UNITED STATES WILL BE, AND IF IT WILL RATIFY PRESIDENT REAGAN'S WILL TO CREATE A MONSTER THAT THREATENS THE WORLD'S PEACE AND SECURITY BECAUSE IT REFUSES TO ABIDE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S NORMS TO SAFEGUARD PEACE.

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, NICARAGUA HAS STRUGGLED IN DEFENSE OF ITS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND IT WILL CONTINUE STRUGGLING, REGARDLESS OF THE VOTE. THE CIA MERCENARIES MAY BE ABLE TO KILL MORE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE; SHED MORE BLOOD IN NICARAGUA; INFLICT MORE SUFFERING AND PAIN; DESTROY EVEN MORE OUR ECONOMIC STRUCTURE, SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITALS; BUT NICARAGUA WILL CONTINUE THE SAME -- DEFENDING ITS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND DEMANDING A DIFFERENT KIND OF TREATMENT FROM AND RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

HOWEVER, IF THE U.S. CONGRESS VOTES IN FAVOR OF THIS POLICY, IT WILL BE GIVING THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME -- NOT BY PRESIDENTIAL WHIM BUT THROUGH THE MANDATE OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE'S WILL AT CONGRESS -- A COUNTRY THAT ACTS OUTSIDE THE LAW AND REPRESENTS THE MAIN THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE MAIN PRINCIPLE OF ITS POLICY IS THAT THE UNITED STATES' MATERIAL AND ECONOMIC FORCE GIVES IT THE RIGHT TO DO WHAT IT WANTS AND TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON THOSE WHO ARE WEAKER, MATERIALLY SPEAKING. WE HOPE, LIKE I SAID, THAT TODAY'S VOTE WILL GIVE THE REPRESENTATIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT SO THAT THEIR VOTE NEXT TUESDAY WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE TRAGIC AND DEPLORABLE VOTE THIS AFTERNOON AT THE SENATE.

(ENDALL)

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