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RATHER: Early last month, a Nicaraguan government official, who had been a hero of the Sandinista revolution, defected to the United States. For the past three weeks he has been debriefed by the U.S. State Department and the CIA. Today he went public, and Bob Schieffer was there.

SCHIEFFER: Miguel Bolanos Hunter says he quit as an agent in Nicaragua's Sandinista government security force and defected to the United States because a Sandinista revolution has not brought democracy to his country, and in an interview arranged by the State Department he leveled a variety of charges against his old bosses and told of deepening Soviet and Cuban involvement in Nicaragua. Among his allegations: that the recent expulsion of U.S. diplomats from Nicaragua was the result of a carefully planned Nicaraguan security force operation to discredit the United States; that at least 200 Soviet military advisers are now in Nicaragua with several thousand Cuban troops, many disguised as school teachers; that the Sandinistas are now constructing underground storage facilities to store surface-to-air missiles; and that the security forces organized disorders during the pope's visit to Nicaragua. Bolanos gave this account of one security official's actions during one appearance by the pope. MIGUEL BOLANOS HUNTER (Nicaraguan Defector): This group tried to go up and help the pope or defend the pope, and Comandante Jarquin or Commander Jarquin took a AK-47 machine gun from one of his bodyguards, and he load it, and he told this group of Catholics that if they won't stop he will shoot at them.

SCHIEFFER: While the administration has urged Bolanos to speak out at every opportunity, it has tightened the lid on information about possible U.S. diplomatic moves in the region. U.S. special envoy Richard Stone apparently wants to meet with some of El Salvador's rebels, and some officials hint that is possible. But a White House spokesman said tonight, 'We are simply not going to comment on what Ambassador Stone might or might not do.' Bob Schieffer, CBS News, Washington.