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The Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are unclassified figures on Communist aid to Nicaragua from 1981 to 1988, as requested by several Members of the Committee during the 28 June current intelligence briefing. Please note that for military assistance, the figure for 1988 represents actual deliveries during the first half of the year. In the table on economic aid, however, the figure for 1988 is a projection for the entire year, based on our knowledge of aid agreements and the schedules for delivering aid.

The minor differences between these figures and those compiled by DIA result mainly from the uncertainty over whether some items (such as non-lethal supplies likely to be used by security forces) should be considered as military or as economic assistance.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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Communist Military Assistance to Nicaragua
1981 - 1988

(millions current US dollars)

	<u>Soviet*</u>	<u>East European</u>	<u>Total</u>
1981	250	negligible	250
1982	200	10	210
1983	340	10	350
1984	460	25	485
1985	320	55	375
1986	620	45	665
1987	520	35	555
1988**	185	negligible	185

*Includes transshipments through Cuba.

**First six months only.

Communist Economic Assistance to Nicaragua
1981 - 1988

(millions current US dollars)

	<u>Soviet</u>	<u>Cuban and East European</u>	<u>Total</u>
1981	10	75	85
1982	60	120	180
1983	115	160	275
1984	140	185	325
1985	235	150	385
1986	240	140	380
1987	340	120	460
1988*	325	120	445

*Projected