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1. (C) SUMMARY: THE HEAD OF THE NICARAGUAN STATE SECURITY, LENIN CERNA, IN AN INTERVIEW APPARENTLY GIVEN IN MID TO LATE JUNE TO THE RABIDLY ANTI-US MAGAZINE "SOBERANIA," ACCUSED THE CIA OF MANIPULATING THE NICARAGUAN CHURCH, COSTA RICAN PUBLIC OPINION, AND VIRTUALLY ALL NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION GROUPS. CERNA EVEN INCLUDED THE BOY SCOUTS AS POSSIBLE CIA AGENTS. HE SAID THAT THE CIA WAS PLANNING TO WORK WITH CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENTS TO AID DRAFT EVASION IN NICARAGUA. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME 200 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST NICARAGUAN LEADERS. ALMOST ALL PLANNED BY THE FON.

2. (C) CERNA'S CHARGES AGAINST NICARAGUA'S INTERNAL OPPOSITION ARE THE MOST VITUPERATIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE

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WE HAVE SEEN. PUBLICATION OF THE INTERVIEW AND THE CONFISCATION OF THE ASSETS OF COSEP PRESIDENT ENRIQUE BOLANOS INDICATE INCREASING PRESSURE ON THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION IN COMING MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

3. (U) NICARAGUA STATE SECURITY (OGSE) COMMANDER LENIN CERNA DETAILED WHAT HE CALLED THE CIA'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NICARAGUA IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF "SOBERANIA" MAGAZINE. CERNA SAID THAT THE CIA'S

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MANAGUA STATION WAS ATTEMPTING TO TURN THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS ATTITUDE AGAINST THE REVOLUTION. AN EXAMPLE WAS THE MASSIVE CROWD WHICH MET CARDINAL O'BANON WHEN HE RETURNED FROM THE VATICAN. "ELEVEN SANDINISTA POLICE WERE INJURED AS A RESULT OF PROVOCATIONS DIRECTED BY THE CIA STATION IN MANAGUA AND ITS AGENTS IN RIGHT-WING PARTIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTED BY THEM." CERNA SAID THAT THE CIA WAS FORCED TO USE THE CHURCH AGAINST THE REVOLUTION BECAUSE "THEY KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT NEARLY ALL OF THE OPPOSITION GROUPS IN NICARAGUA OF THE SO-CALLED RAMIRO SACASA COORDINATING COMMITTEE (COORDINADORA) DON'T REPRESENT ANYONE AND THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY DISCREDITED IN THE EYES OF OUR PEOPLE." HE SAID THAT THE CIA WAS TRYING TO REVIVE THE NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION GROUPS AND CONSTANTLY FINANCED TRIPS FOR THE COORDINADORA LEADERS TO THE U.S., EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA. CERNA SAID THAT WHILE NO ONE IN NICARAGUA BELIEVED THE COORDINADORA'S LEADERS, "THEY MAY BE ABLE TO CONFUSE PEOPLE" IN THE EXTERIOR.

4. (U) CERNA SAID THAT STATEMENTS BY COORDINADORA LEADERS SUPPORTING A CALL FOR A GON DIALOGUE WITH THE CONTRAS ARE PART OF THE CIA'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NICARAGUA. "ALMOST ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE

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COORDINADORA...HAVE BECOME SIMPLY IMPLEMENTS OF THE USG WITHIN NICARAGUA." COORDINADORA AND OPPOSITION LABOR OFFICIALS EDUARDO RIVAS GASTEAZORO, JOSE ESPINDZA, AND CARLOS HUEMBES ALL HAD SUPPORTED THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE FOR CONTRA FUNDING. CERNA SAID THAT "WE KNOW THAT THE CIA STATION IN MANAGUA CATERES TO POLITICAL BUSINESS, LABOR, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO CONSTANTLY WORK TO DEVELOP THE ENEMY'S PLANS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE MEETINGS BETWEEN ARTURO CRUZ AND ENRIQUE BOLANOS WITH COSEP; RAMIRO GURIOIAN, WHO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HIS ROLE IS TO NEUTRALIZE ALL OF THE REVOLUTION'S PLANS TO GET THE NATION'S ECONOMY MOVING FORWARD. WE ALSO CONSIDER THE WORK OF ANDRES ZUNIGA, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COORDINADORA, AS AN ACTIVITY OF THE INTERNAL FRONT. FULFILLING DIRECTIVES FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY, ALONG WITH OTHER FUNCTIONARIES AND THE SO-CALLED UNION OF CHRISTIAN PARENTS, HE HAS LAUNCHED A VAST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN IN HONDURAS, COSTA RICA, AND MIAMI IN ORDER TO DISTORT AND DISCREDIT NICARAGUA'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE CIA LENDS SPECIAL INTEREST TOWARD THE WORK OF THE BOY SCOUTS AND ALSO FINANCES THE CREATION OF YOUTH MOVEMENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WITH THE SUPPOSED AIMS OF CARRYING OUT CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES. THEIR TRUE OBJECTIVE, HOWEVER, IS TO OPPOSE AND RESIST THE PATRIOTIC MILITARY SERVICE.

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ONE ALSO ENCOUNTERS (INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENT) VIRGILIO GODOY CARRYING OUT OTHER OBJECTIVES DICTATED BY THE NORTH AMERICANS, WHICH, ALTHOUGH THEY TAKE ON OTHER ASPECTS, ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL OUTLINE." CERNA ATTACKED COSEP FURTHER CHARGING THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF COSEP "CONCENTRATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIONS SUCH AS SPECULATION, HOARDING, ALL ASPECTS OF THE BLACK MARKET, AND THE FLIGHT OF WEALTH AND CAPITAL FROM THE COUNTRY."

5. (U) CERNA SAID THAT THE CIA STATION IN SAN JOSE HAD "DRAWN UP AND PUT INTO ACTION...A CONSPIRACY" AGAINST THE TRADITIONALLY STRONG RELATIONS BETWEEN NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA. HE SAID THERE WERE PLANS TO PLANT FALSE INFORMATION IN THE COSTA RICAN MEDIA TO CREATE A PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE FAVORABLE FOR THE CONVERSION OF COSTA RICA INTO A SECOND HONOURAS WITH U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE PREPARED FOR THE INVASION OF THE COUNTRY." THE CIA HAD FINANCED THE "COSTA RICA LIBRE" GROUP WHICH HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE RIOTING AT THE NICARAGUAN

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EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE, AND WAS BEHIND THE NEW MILITARY BASE AT "EL MURCHILAGO," THE NEW VOA TRANSMITTER, AND THE CREATION OF A COSTA RICAN AIR FORCE.

6. (U) CERNA SAID THAT THE DGSE HAD REGISTERED SOME 200 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST FSLN LEADERS BUT SAID THAT ONLY FIFTY WERE WELL-PLANNED. ALMOST ALL OF THESE ATTEMPTS HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE FON. TOMAS BORGE WAS THE PRIME TARGET, FOLLOWED BY DANIEL AND

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HUMBERTO ORTEGA, JAIME WHEELLOCK, AND SERGIO RAMIREZ. CERNA SAID THAT "ON ONE OCCASION WE FACED A STRONG PROSPECT OF AN ATTACK AGAINST COMANDOANTE BAYAROD ARCE, WHICH HAS BEEN THE MOST WORRISOME FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SECURITY." CERNA SAID THAT THERE HAD ALSO BEEN TWO ATTEMPTS AGAINST DR. CORDOVA RIVAS WHILE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE JUNTA. THE MOST RECENT ATTEMPTS (TWO) HAD BEEN AGAINST HUMBERTO ORTEGA. THERE HAD ALSO BEEN INDICATIONS ON ONE OCCASION THAT ORTEGA AND HIS STAFF WOULD BE KIONAPPED, BUT ONE OF THE PLOTTERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED.

7. (U) CERNA ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE CIA'S PLANS ON THE ATLANTIC COAST HAD FAILED. THE INDIAN COMMUNITIES "WILL TAKE ON THE TASK OF CRUSHING THE GROUP OF MERCENARIES FROM WEST GERMANY AND ENGLAND WHICH WERE CONTACTED BY THE CIA IN LONDON, FINANCED BY THE U.S. TERRORISTS NELSON BUNKER HUNT, JOSEPH COORS, BERT HURLBUTT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE, GENERAL JOHN SINGLAUB."

8. (U) POST IS POUCHING COPIES OF MAGAZINE TO INR/P.

9. (C) COMMENT: INTERNAL EVIDENCE IN THE INTERVIEW

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MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IT WAS GIVEN AFTER PASSAGE BY BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS OF THE AIR BILL FOR THE CONTRAS. ITS PUBLICATION INDICATES THE GON IS BEGINNING TO INCREASE PERCEPTIBLY PRESSURE ON THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION, PERHAPS, AS WE ARGUED IN REPTEL, TO PREVENT INTERNAL OPPOSITION GROUPS FROM CAPITALIZING ON GROWING POPULAR CRITICISM OF THE SANDINISTA REGIME. BERGOLD

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