

TO: BG

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FROM: IC

SUBJECT: UPDATE

The following is a pot-pourri of information which you may or may not already know; some of which need some help on or some answers.

- The attached paper by Bruce Cameron and Penn Kemble is the best piece I have seen written on what needs to be done to help get the project back on track. Without some fundamental changes in the near future it is in trouble. The paper is missing a few things, but it has caught the essence of what is wrong and what can be done to improve the situation. The comments are mine, plus another's.
- There is a group in Costa Rica, which has several members sitting on UNO's Advisory Board, which is writing a letter to Abrams and the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica saying they want to see UNO succeed, but unless there are changes made, it will fail. The Nicaraguan community at large see UNO, as well as the FDN, as entities organized and bought and paid for by the USG. They are looking to the USG to show leadership to clean them both up. Without the USG pushing and pulling Adolfo Calero and his people into an agreement to open up the leadership of the FDN and UNO, there will be no trust, no unity, and no chance of defeating the Sandinistas without direct U.S. military involvement.

- Attached is a list of items Negro would like to be given so he can equip another column of about 200 people. The group that went in last week will be in place in the next few days. They are expecting an airdrop of some 15,000 lbs. in the next ten days, yet NHAO does not know about it, [redacted] does not know what is to be dropped and Negro has never been asked what his people need. If the supplies are not delivered when they are supposed to be, our credibility will once again be zero in the South. Also attached is a break down of the column which enters.

Regarding the items, this list is just the first. Once the column reaches its destination, they will request a large amount of goods and they have been promised they will get what they need. Who is to be the contact for these goods, and who is to see that they are delivered? A critical stage is being entered in the Southern Front and we have to deliver.

- I am attaching the photo copy of an envelope and letter Negro received from the UNO office in Miami. I am doing this so you can see the incompetence of the UNO office. As you know, Negro is in Costa Rica illegally, look at the envelope. These people don't know they are even in a war - they think they're running a business.
- The brief outline of a possible maritime project on the Atlantic Coast was written by an individual who is now working as the logistics coordinator for the South. He is Cuban and has good contacts in Costa Rica and Miami. There are those who want to help. Do they go ahead with trying to pull this together, and if so who do they work with or under?
- Two of Congressman Robert Dornan's staff were in Costa Rica with Pastora in January. They met with his commandantes and told them that the USG was going to give aid to Pastora. You might want to suggest to Dornan to keep his people on a leash. They are: Raul Silva and William Brashers.

- Jenelee Hodgeson wants to resign as the Kisan leader in Costa Rica. She has said she will stay on 2 more months. She is fed up with the infighting from a certain group of Indians who plot constantly against her. She is the only positive thing going for Kisan in the South. She should be used by UNO as a symbol. She is black, a woman, and a preacher. Have her meet the President as a symbol of the freedom fighters.
- I met with Samuel Mercado, Brooklyn's number 2, on Friday February 7. He said Brooklyn would like to talk with me. They are asking for aid to go inside. A couple of their people have already received radio training and we are providing a boat and some material for a few of his boys to go inside and begin to locate possible sights for resupply. Do I talk with Brooklyn?

Brooklyn is once again a personality to be dealt with. With his latest escape and the film footage which is supposedly going to be shown on a Nightline, he will have tremendous credibility, and he is a darling of the liberals. Someone should be thinking of how to deal with him. Mercado did say they would be willing to work with Kisan, provided certain elements are not involved.

The Agency should do a debrief of the whole rescue effort and the escapes. Certain things do not jibe, such as how long did it take them to get to San Andres, and when did they leave. Brooklyn's people were saying they had radio contact with his group up to and including the night they were supposed to be on the high seas. There are just some questions.

- When Jack Singlaub was in Washington, I am told his hotel room was broken into and an intelligence report was stolen. This report was put together by Bill Kenny, an individual who has been working with Jack and Heiny Acherholt (sp?). Bill is a competent individual and a straight shooter. He has spent a lot of time in Guatemala and just returned before sending the report to Jack. Was in Hondo :

According to Bill, his report was not favorable to the Calero brothers and it included bank account numbers in Europe and the Caribbean. Seacord's name was mentioned as well as Klines. Bill did not want to talk about it at great length over the phone, but did say he would give me a copy and tell me in when he sees me. This will probably be next week.

- The bill from the law firm comes from them putting together that paper on setting up some corporations. Do you think you could cover it? It is for \$322.77.
- GAO is investigating me and asking a number of questions, including why I am being paid by NKAO and what exactly do I do?
- No doubt you know the DC-4 Foley got was used at one time to run drugs, and part of the crew had criminal records. Nice group the Boys choose. The company is also one that Mario has been involved with using in the past, only they had a quick name change. Incompetence reigns.
- CMA is back in town. They are speaking in front of Sam Dickens group. They want help and are searching for ways to. Meanwhile Bob Brown is trying to send some of his people back down to help the Indians.

AND HOW IS YOUR WEEK GOING?