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Dear {23-18},

I am going to Nicaragua and I want to share with you what I will learn there. Here are my motives for doing so.

After four or five years of reading about Nicaragua and the Sandanistas I still haven't come to any conclusions about what's happening there. The left tells us a popular revolution occurred that freed the people from a dictator imposed and supported by the imperialist US. The right says that while it may have been a popular revolution when it began, it was subverted later from the inside by communists who have installed a totalitarian government.

Meanwhile, people are dying.

I am not partisan, unless being partisan is wanting to find the truth behind the political veils and vested interests. Nor am I political, unless being political is wanting to make truth freely available.

Accordingly, this letter is not about money or politics. I am not about to pitch you for donations or try to convince you that one political viewpoint is better than another.

I simply want you to know that when I return from Central America I will be glad to meet with your church groups, your clubs, or whatever and share what I saw there. This offer extends to those both for and against US policies or the Sandanistas.

I will be leaving October 4th and returning on the 25th. During this time I will be traveling and meeting with a variety of Nicaraguans including government officials, members of the opposition, religious leaders and everyday people in both the city and the countryside. While in Nicaragua I will be traveling with the group "Witness for Peace" based in Durham, North Carolina. (Info on WFP, call 919-688-5049).

Anyone interested in my trip can contact me at:

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Since this is a work number, I may have to take your number and call you back later.

Sincerely,

Dennis Gallagher

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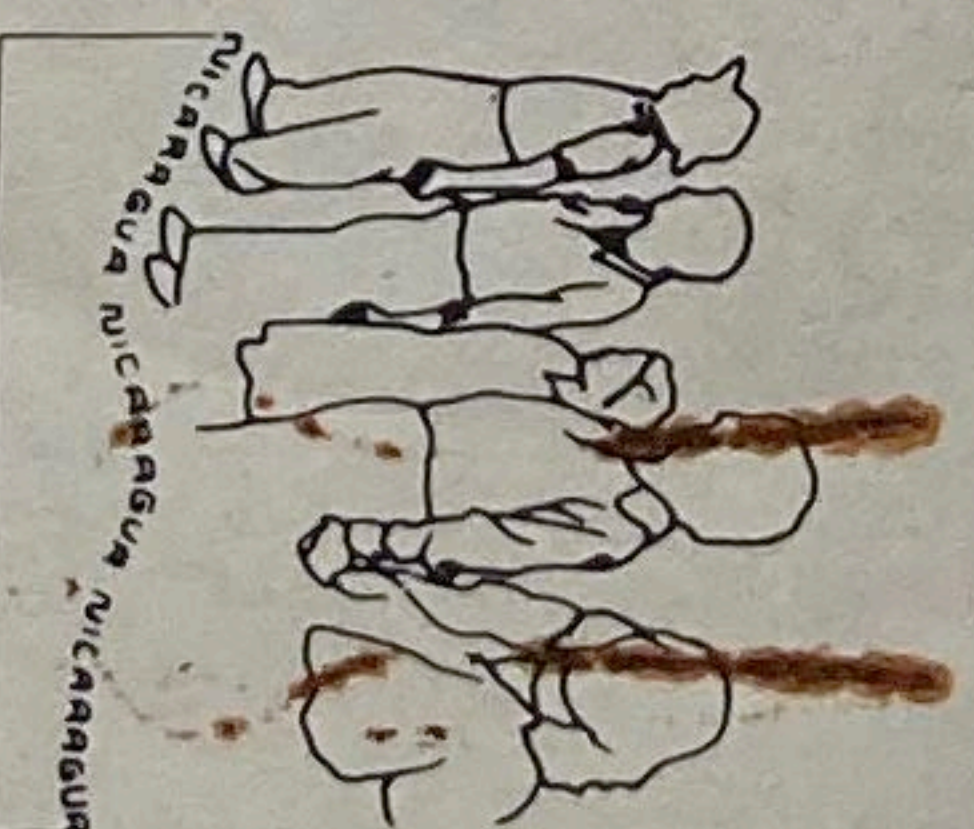
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Witness for Peace



WITNESS FOR PEACE

Acción Permanente Cristiana Por La Paz



We do not take this action lightly. We know there are risks in a war zone. But we believe that those who work for peace must be willing to take the same risks as those who fight in war. Our biblical faith calls us to be peacemakers. We cannot sit by and watch as our Nicaraguan neighbors are maimed and killed because of our government's policy."

—WFP Steering Committee

Purpose of Witness for Peace: To develop an ever-broadening, prayerful, biblically based community of United States citizens who stand with the Nicaraguan people by acting in continuous nonviolent resistance to U.S. covert or overt intervention in their country. To mobilize public opinion and help change U.S. foreign policy to one which fosters justice, peace, and friendship.

Although most of us in Witness for Peace are Christians, we welcome others who vary in spiritual approach but are one with us in this effort.

Together, we make the following commitment:

- We commit ourselves to a prayerful, biblical approach and unity with one another as the foundations for this project.
- We commit ourselves to nonviolence in word and deed as the essential operating principle of Witness for Peace.
- We commit ourselves to honesty and openness in our relationships with one another.
- We commit ourselves to maintaining the political independence of Witness for Peace.
- We commit ourselves to act in solidarity and community with the Nicaraguan people, respecting their lives, their culture, and their decisions. We will respect the guidelines worked out with the Nicaraguan government in regard to our presence and mobility in the war zones.
- We commit significant time and financial resources on a regular basis to Witness for Peace.
- We commit ourselves to circulating our documentation as widely as possible.

"Standing with the Nicaraguan people has included many things. It has meant helping to cultivate crops in dangerous areas ... digging a bomb shelter at a day care center ... helping to bury children and adults ... helping out with a vaccination drive. Above all it has meant joining hands with our Nicaraguan sisters and brothers time and again in praying for peace and reconciliation."

- Peter Olson
Long-term volunteer

Witness for Peace (WFP) is a grass-roots, faith-based movement committed to changing U.S. policy toward Nicaragua through nonviolent action.

At the invitation of Nicaraguan churches, Witness for Peace maintains a permanent presence of U.S. citizens in areas where U.S.-backed *contras* employ tactics of terror, torture, and murder against the civilian population. Long-term volunteers, fluent in Spanish, make commitments of eight months or more. They live among the people, document *contra* attacks and host WFP short-term delegations.

At least three times a month, delegations of short-term volunteers go to Nicaragua for two weeks. They spend the majority of their time in areas of conflict where they stay with families, worship with them, and share their daily lives. They listen to church, government, and opposition leaders representing varied perspectives.

Upon their return to the U.S. witnesses engage in local media work and public education. Having had a personal experience with the Nicaraguan people, and being sustained by a continuous flow of eyewitness reports, witnesses have developed dozens of creative community-based projects that confront the current U.S. policy of financing the *contras*.

During the past four years, more than 2,600 people from every state and more than 24 religious denominations have participated.

Witness for Peace is a growing venture in faith. Its strength is the testimony and moral authority of eyewitnesses who have stood nonviolently with Nicaraguan Christians in the war zones of their country. It is an experience of truth and grace for North Americans and Nicaraguans alike. It offers hope and the opportunity to engage in meaningful action. It requires the resources and commitment of many people.

We invite you to become a Witness for Peace: Join us in prayer, in financial support, and in active participation.

I WANT TO BE A PART OF THE WITNESS FOR PEACE EFFORT.

- I enclose \$25/\$50/\$100/\$_____ to help support the work. Donors of \$25 or more receive both WFP *Newsletter* 6 times per year and monthly *Newsbrief* report from war zones. Donors of less than \$25 receive WFP *Newsletter*.
- I will pledge \$_____ per month/quarter in support of WFP regional and national work.
- Please send me the WFP *Hotline* - current news from Nicaragua updated weekly. Annual subscription: \$15 from WFP, Box 29497, Washington, DC 20017.
- Please send me information regarding:
 - _____ Going on a short-term delegation
 - _____ Becoming a long-term WFP volunteer in Nicaragua
 - _____ The nearest local WFP contact
 - _____ WFP educational resources
 - _____ WFP programs at the Concord Naval Weapons Station

Name _____
 Address _____
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 Congressional District _____
 Denomination _____

Return to your regional office - see reverse for address.

18 SEPT 88 WITNESS FOR PEACE MEETING IN LOS ANGELES - FLOWN ST 10105.

- CLARE WEBER LEADING
- GO AROUND POINT INTRODUCTION

the people who think peace organizations are careful plots by devious people should infiltrate these meetings for the truth. But will they have the courage to see and hear what's here. Simple and sincere, perhaps marginal in the sense that they are not our economic movers and shakers.

- DISCUSSION OF NOT-PRESENT MEMBERS. NAME

- DISCUSSION OF LOGISTICS

- TRAINING: IN MEXICO CITY - DISCUSSION OF WHAT WE BE DOING IN MEX. CITY.

- "CASA DE LOS AMIGOS" - STAYING THERE IN MEXICO CITY

- NOT SIGHT SEEING.

- ESTELI, MANAGUA, SAN JUAN DE LOMA

- CHECK THAT LUGGAGE IS CHECKED THRU

TETINUS, GAMMA GLOBUM, MALAKA

- MOSQUITO REPELLENT! MALARIA PILL.

- RAIN GEAR/PLASTIC ZIP LOCKERS/LARGE BAGS/BOOTS.

- ONE CHECK THRU & ONE CARRY ON. (?)

- LIST OF ITEMS FOR US TO GET/CARRY. FOR COMPTONERS

- BE AT AIRPORT 2 HRS AHEAD.

LIBERATION THEOLOGY
 LOOK AT ENVULO
 REFLECT ON IT
 ACT ON IT

- EACH OF US TO LEAD A REFLECTORY IN NICARAGUA.

1- 4 OCT 88 - 812 - MEXICO CITY.

- RAE TALKING ABOUT TRAINING, ALSO CLAIR
- 2 PEOPLE • TALK ABOUT • NAME, BORN, LIVING, WORK, RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND, WHY HERE. INTRODUCE.

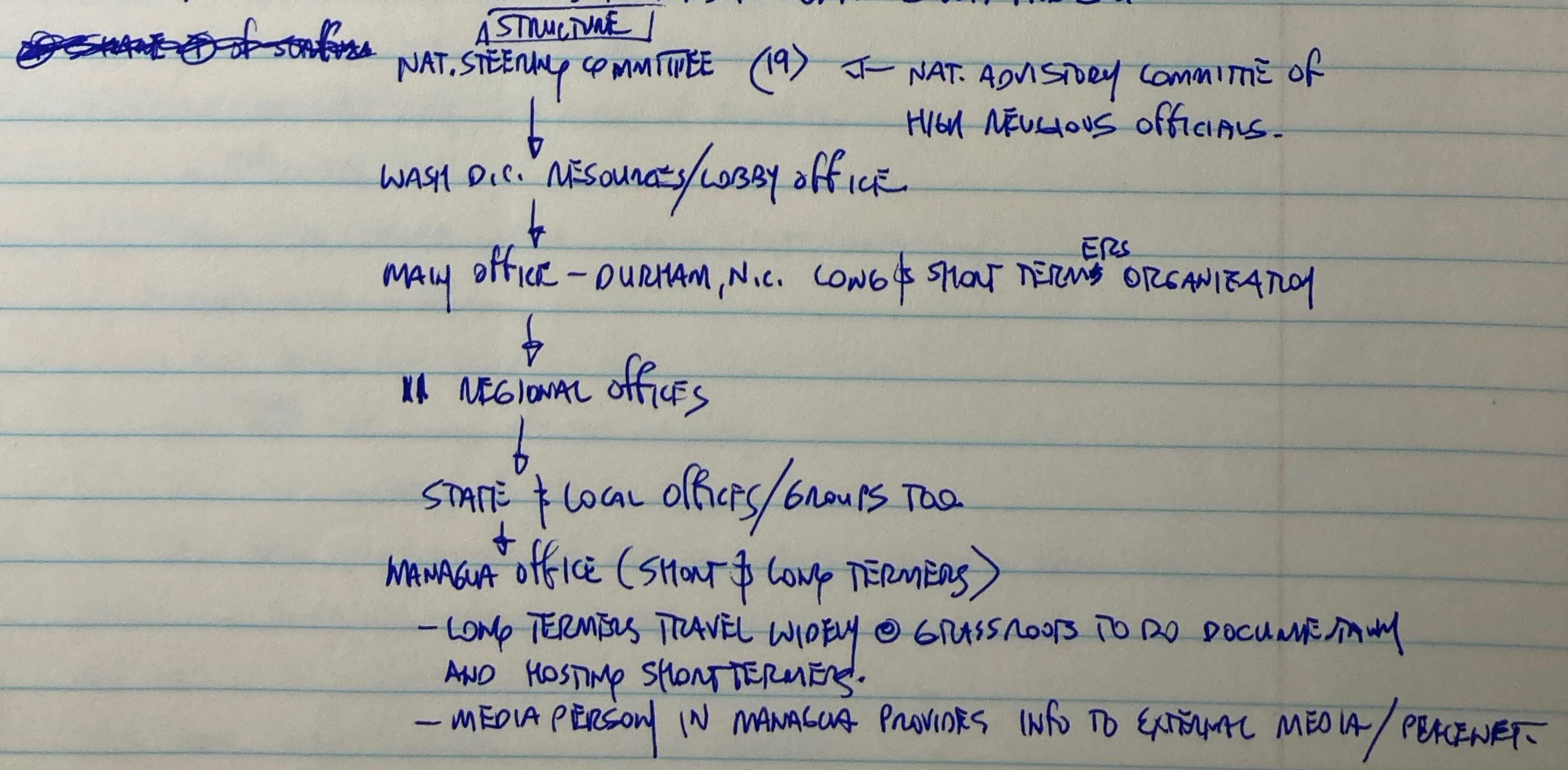
EDITH PERSON | WINTER.

- ISLAND. LIVING - UNITARIAN > YOGA
- NURSE NOT PRACTICING.
- COMMITTED TO EQUALITY/JUSTICE/FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY -> NICARAGUA
- ROLE MODEL FOR ISLAND & LOTS OF EXPOSURE OF EXPERIENCE/IDEAS
- 5 CHILDREN -> 6 GRANDCHILDREN.
- BAHAI DAUGHTER/IRANIAN & 2 CHILDREN
- ↳ INDIAN/NEGRO/MIX & 1 CHILD.

- & I TALK TO EDITH & TELL HER ABOUT MYSELF.

CLAIR

WFP BACKGROUND - 1983 CHURCH PEOPLE BEGAN TO INVITE N. AMER. TO COME TO NICARAGUA. IN JULY '83 100 PEOPLE WENT DOWN, TO SERVE AS A "SHIELD OF PEACE". OCT '83 DECIDED TO PRESS TO CONTINUE WFP PRESENCE



ATTACHED, I WOULD
THIS ON THE SIDE
DEVELOP IT ON THE SIDE

PART 2
201 MARCH STORY
BUDGET MONTH END
- PERFECT
- AVOIDANCE

2- 4 OCT 88 - MEXICO CITY (CON'T)

- WFP IS IN NICARAGUA AT INVITE OF CEPAD, MARYKNOLL, OTHERS.
- GOVERNMENT GIVES US PERMISSION TO ENTER TO GO MORE PLACES THAN MANY FOREIGN ~~REPORTERS~~ CORRESPONDANTS CAN,
- NOT ALIGNED W/ SANDANISM
- BASIC POLICIES:
 - NO VISITORS SAVE THOSE SCREENED.
 - NO GIFTS OR SELLING THINGS - GIFTS TO CEPAD OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. EXCEPT FAMILIES YOU STAY WITH.
 - PRACTICE NON-VIOLENCE IN WORDS/DEED.

- SMALL GROUPS / EXPLORE EXPECTATIONS

APPARENTLY I WROTE THIS ON THE STAGE DELIVERED IT ON THE GYM

PART 2
ZEN MASTER STORY
BUDDHIST MIDDLE WAY
- PERFECTION
- ACCEPTANCE

1- REFLECTION - 5 OCT 88

PART 1

CLOSE YOUR EYES
AND PLACE YOUR HANDS TOGETHER AS IF IN PRAYER
OPEN YOUR MIND'S EYE AND BEGIN TO SEE ... AND TO FEEL ... WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A JOURNEY
THERE IS SUNLIGHT HERE THAT CARMESSES YOUR SKIN
AND A BREEZE THAT ^{PULLS} PULLS SMALL FEATHERS THRU YOUR HAIR
YOU ARE IN THE WHEATFIELDS OF GOD'S LOVE
WHERE - JUST AS THE WHEAT AND THE SEASONS COME AND GO -
SO DO ~~THE~~ PEOPLE ~~RISE~~ RISE AND FALL ...
THE GENERATIONS TUMBING FORWARD, ONE OVER ANOTHER
(THERE ARE CHILDREN AGE BEAUTY AND DEATH HERE
~~YOU FEEL YOUR HANDS PRESS TOGETHER~~
~~LET YOUR MIND'S EYE CLOSE AGAIN~~ ^{STILL} YOU FEEL THE WARMTH OF YOUR HANDS PRESSING TOGETHER
SILENCE AND BEING ... FILL YOU ... ~~WITH~~ ^{AND} EMPYNESS AND LIGHT

~~OPEN YOUR EYES~~
OPEN YOUR INNER EYES

LOOK AGAIN ...
HERE ^{IS} THE TRUSTING CHILD'S LAUGHTER
AND THERE, THE WARM BROWN SKIN OF A WOMAN
AND THERE ... THE EYES OF FRIENDS
... THE CHILDREN RUN - FIELDS OF FLOWERS
... AND ^{THE} COUPLES LOVE
... AND OLDER PEOPLE WATCH ... WITH GREAT COMPASSION.
~~FEEL THE WARMTH OF THE OLD PERSONS HANDS BY YOUR ARMS~~

CLOSE YOUR MIND'S EYE AGAIN
^{HEAR} AND ~~HEAR~~ HEAR THE VOICES OF THE CHILDREN
AND THE MUMMERS OF THE COUPLES
AND FEEL THE WARMTH OF THE OLD PERSONS HANDS BY YOUR ARMS.
SILENCE AND EMPYNESS MERRY AND FILL YOU - YOUR EYES CLOSE
YOU ARE IN A TIMELESS SPACE - FILLED WITH BEING
FEEL YOUR HANDS TOGETHER - WARMTH BETWEEN

2- 05 OCT 88 BREAKFAST

- INTERNATIONAL TABLE. BRIT & ARGENTINE TRAVELERS TALKING OF HAWAII, NZ, AUST.
- A GERMAN LADY WITH DAUGHTER 2-3 YRS OLD. A CURIOUSLY ORIENTED YOUTH HOSTEL.

05 OCT 88 MEETING

- LUNCH OUT TODAY @ RESTAURANT. MAYBE TO GET A BEER TONIGHT.
- A REFLECTION BY JEAN ON "MISSING OPPORTUNITIES"
- DISCERNMENT NOW - 3 AREAS - HOW'S GROUP DOING - AUSTRALIAN FELLOW STILL COMING.
- ANY GROUP HINDERANCES
- GROUP IMPROV SUGGESTIONS

MEDICINE & HEALTH - EDITH/ROSEMARY

SPANISH PHRASES -

COORDINATION/LEADERSHIP & DECISION MAKING

DIVISION OF GROUP LEADERSHIP ROLES - I'M RECORDER

CONFLICT RESOLUTION - LEAD BY RAE

- RAE HANDS OUT PAPER ON "OVERCOMING MASCULINE OPPRESSION"

GATE = GLOBAL AWAKENING THROUGH QUESTIONS
GARDEN OF VISIONS CULTURE FROM US

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3 - 25 OCT 88

NON-VIOLENCE DISCUSSION LEAD BY RAE

- RAE DISCUSSES OUR TENDENCY TO DECIDE WE'RE GOOD & 'THEY' ARE BAD.
NOT CASTING THOSE WE OPPOSE AS OUR ENEMIES ADVANCES NON-VIOLENCE.
WHEN IN POTENTIAL CONFRONTATION WE CAN BE BOTH VULNERABLE AND
STRONG BECAUSE WE DRAW STRENGTH FROM OUR FAITH & BELIEVE IN
THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-VIOLENCE & LOVE.
- RAE SAYS NOT BEING AFRAID COMES FROM PREPARATION.
- DISCUSSION OF LOVING THE CONTRAS BY DON.
- SHERI TALKS (CRYING) ABOUT WHAT SHE'S SEEN IN EL SALVADOR ABOUT
HOW HARD IT IS TO STILL LOVE THE 'OTHERS' WHEN YOU'VE SEEN THEIR WORK.
- DON & SHERI HUG. RAE CONTINUES.
- DISCUSSING HOW WE STILL HAVE (EACH OF US) A POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE.
- EDITH SAYS THAT SHE LOST HER ~~PARADISE~~ ^{FOR A TIME} IN THE 40'S WHEN SHE LEARNED
ABOUT AUSCHWITZ (SP).
- MICHAEL TALKS ABOUT HOW YOUNG MEN ARE RECRUITED FOR THE CONTRAS
FROM THE PEOPLE WE'RE GOING TO MEET.
- DISCUSSION OF PASSION OR DISPASSION IN DOING PEACE WORK. I SAY ITS BETTER
TO THINK CLEARLY, THEREFORE DISPASSION. CLAIR AND SHERI BOTH REBUT WELL
AND SAY THAT PASSION GIVES STRENGTH W/OU^T SACRIFICING CLARITY & (SHERI)
THAT ITS IMPOSSIBLE TO GO WITH OUT BEING TOUCHED IF YOU'RE SENSITIVE.

AT WHOM AT THE EDELWISS

- DISCUSSION OF VEGETARIANISM.
 - MEAT EATERS 4
 - DAIRY PRODUCTS 1
 - VEGETABLES ONLY 1/4 } ACRES USED PER YEAR. (SHERI/DON)
- CATTLE HAS QUADRUPLED IN RECENT YEARS IN COSTA RICA - BUT MEAT CONSUMPTION BY TIGRS IS SAME. THEY EAT LESS MEAT THAN AN AMERICAN HOUSE CAT.

I HAVE CARNE ASADA A LA TAMBIENEN & DOS XCS.

GATE = GLOBAL AWARENESS THRU EXPERIENCE
GROW w/ VISITS CUBA. FROM US

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4 - 05 OCT 88 AFTERNOON - ~~POPE~~ SCENARIOS

(#1) PEACE VIGIL BY HONDURAN BORDER & SEVERAL CIVIL GUARDS ARE STATIONED TO GUARD OUR SAFETY.

- ISSUE IS ASSOC. w/ GOVERNMENT FORCES

(#2) MILITARY COMMANDER SAYS CONTRA ATTACK IS IMMINENT ON THE FRONTIER TOWN WE'RE IN. / SHOULD WE STAY / AM STAY / DIVIDE / POV OF LOCAL COMMANDER / ...

(#3) N. AMERICAN SHOWS UP & WANTS TO JOIN US MID-MISSION. TALKING TO US IT SEEMS HE SHARES OUR GOALS.

~~DO NOT WANT TO STAY / STAYING WOULD BE DANGEROUS~~
NOW ROLEPLAYING...

(#4) [A]

CONSERVATIVE REPORTER

- DO EXCHANGE, THEN REVERSE ROLES

- WE SHOULD THINK OF WHAT WE'D LIKE SAY IF INTERVIEWED.

— (VS) —

[B]

WFP JUST OFF PLANE IN MANAGUA

* - OUR OTHER MEMBER SHOWS UP "BATTERY HILL". WAS LATE BECAUSE PAUL WRAP UP ON LETTER GIVES US TALK ON HIMSELF. FROM CAMBERRA. AT UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN IN AMERICAS 4 mo's. LEADS/WORKS w/ GROUPS IN AUST. RE: PEACE & CA INFO.

5 - 05 OCT 88 ROLEPLAYING CONTINUED.

- FINAL ROLE PLAYING SESSION:

(THE OTHER THREE HAVE A ROLE TO WHICH WE ARE NOT PRIVY. THEY ARE OUT OF THE ROOM)

ALL BUT THREE OF US (OUR ROLE) ARE STANDING ATOP A HILL IN RURAL NICA. ALONG W/ A LOCAL NICA. WE ARE DISCUSSING A CEREMONY WHICH IS TO OCCUR LATER IN HONOR/MEMORY OF SOME LOCAL NICARAGUANS KILLED ~~RECENTLY~~ RECENTLY BY THE CONTRAS. IN ROUGH DETAIL WE ARE TO CARRY A WOODEN CROSS UP THE HILL & HOLD SOME SORT OF CEREMONY, THE DETAILS OF WHICH WE ARE WORKING OUT WITH OUR NICARAGUAN FRIEND. AS WE TALK WE DECIDE TO ALL CARRY THE CROSS TOGETHER UP THE HILL SLOWLY. WE EXPECT THE FAMILIES OF THE SLAIN & THE TOWN'S PEOPLE WILL FORM A PROCESSION BEHIND US. WE WILL SING HYMNS AS WE SLOWLY ASCEND. THERE IS SOME DISCUSSION OF STOPPING AT "STATIONS OF THE CROSS". AT THE TOP, WE DECIDE, WE WILL PLANT THE CROSS IN THE GROUND AND THEN THE NICA WILL SLOWLY SAY THE NAMES OF THE SLAIN SAYING "PRESENTE!" WITH RAISED ARM WITH EACH NAME. FOLLOWING THIS ONE OF US, THE WFP GROUP, WILL SPEAK SAYING THAT WE HAVE "WITNESSED" THIS TRAGEDY AND ~~THE~~ THAT THE STORY OF IT WILL RETURN WITH US TO OUR COUNTRY WHERE WE WILL TELL IT AND WORK TO PREVENT MORE SUCH TRAGEDIES. WE ARE WORKING OUT THE ^{FINAL} DETAILS OF THIS HILL TOP CEREMONY WHEN 3 ~~CONTRAS~~ ARMED CONTRAS BURST UPON US ~~START~~ SHOUTING AND WAVING THEIR WEAPONS. THERE IS MASS CONFUSION. MOST OF US FALL TO THE GROUND. 2 OR 3 REMAIN STANDING. ONE OF US IS GESTULATING AND ONE CONTRA HOLDS A WEAPON TO MY ~~NECK~~ ^{CHEST} AND SHOWS A QUESTION IN SPANISH. I REPLY, IN A STATE OF CONFUSION THAT I DON'T SPEAK SPANISH (EN ESPAÑOL). DON, WHO IS ALSO STANDING, TRIES TO TRANSLATE. I'M CONSCIOUS NOW THAT MOST OF US ARE ON THE GROUND. I DROP TO MY KNEES AND THE CONTRAS LEAVE THE ROOM, SHOUTING. IN THE LONELY MOMENT OF SILENCE THAT FOLLOWS WE LOOK AROUND TAKING A HEAD COUNT

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AND REALIZE THAT OUR NICARAGUAN HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM US.
ONLY A MOMENT LATER WE REALIZE WE'VE FAILED HIM & OURSELVES
BADLY. THE ENTIRE EXERCISE WAS TO GET HIM AND IN OUR CONFUSION
AND SELF CONCERN WE'VE MADE IT LAMENTABLY EASY FOR THEM
TO TAKE HIM.

(THE OTHERS RETURN, THE ROLES OVER, WE SIT DOWN TO EXAMINE WHAT
HAPPENED & WHAT WE'VE LEARNED)

SOME POINTS (AMONG MANY) THAT SURFACE:

- ① WE SHOULD HAVE HEED ONTO OR ENCIRCLED OUR NICA. HE WAS FAR MORE AT RISK THAN WE.
- ② FALLING TO THE GROUND WAS DISCUSSED AND LEAD TO WHAT ATTITUDE WE'D WANT TO POSSESS IF IT CAME TO A SITUATION IN WHICH WE MIGHT DIE AND THE DECISION WAS ENTIRELY OUT OF OUR HANDS.
 - A SUGGESTION OF QUIET PRAYERFULNESS WAS MADE AND MET ACCEPTANCE.
 - AFTER THIS WE DISCUSSED OUR FEARS, ANY FEARS, ABOUT GOING TO NICARAGUA.

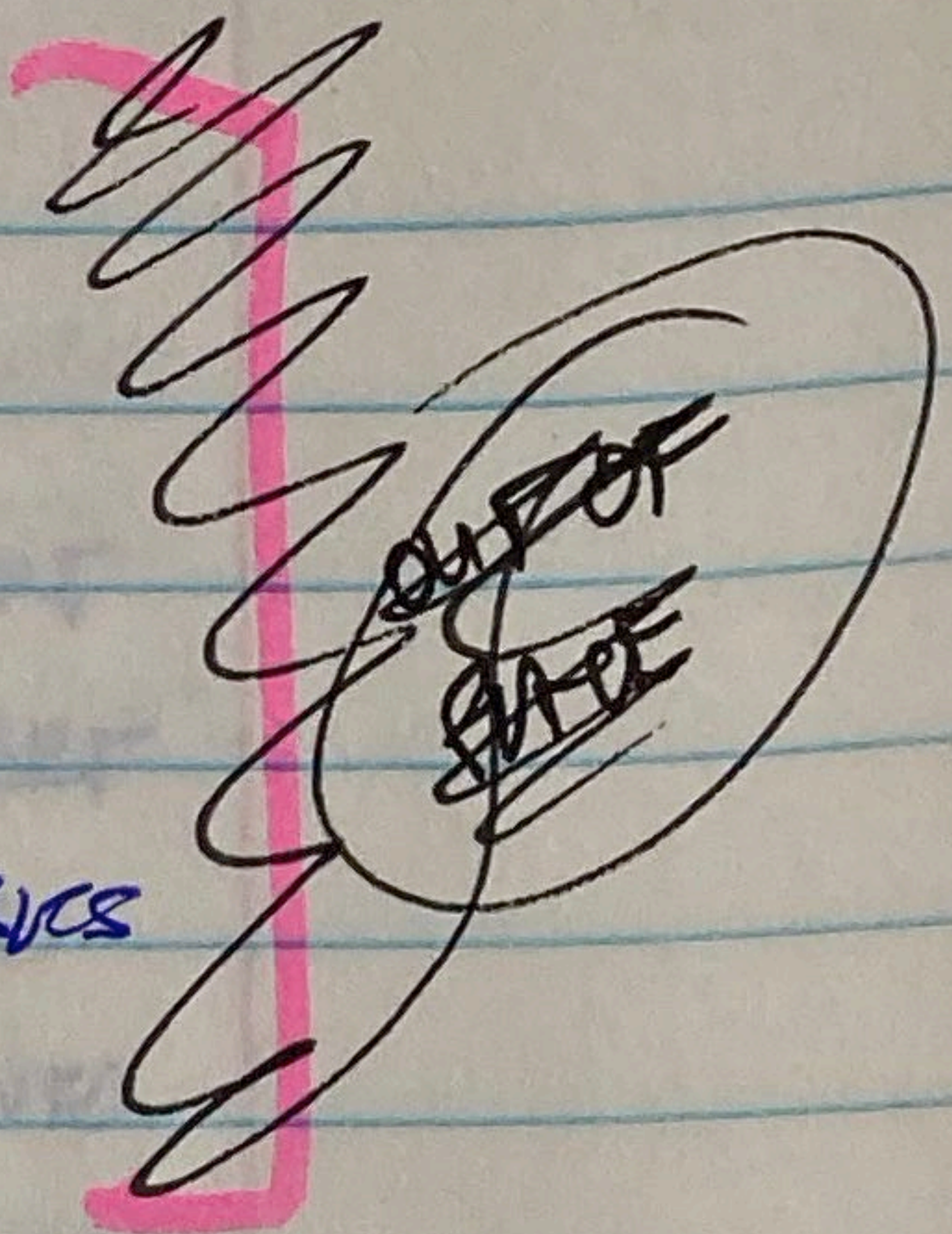
EVENING-

7-05 OCT 88 - CULTURAL CONTEXT DISCUSSION

- BASICALLY A REPEAT OF THE HANDOUT SHEET ON THIS SUBJECT.

- SHERI DOES REFLECTION,

- GEORGE, RICHARD, ~~SE~~ CLAIR & MYSELF GO OUT FOR BEER IN THE EVENING 2 HRS FROM WFP HOUSE



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- FELLOW ON LOWER BUNK ASKS ME TO CARRY BOOKS TO MANAGUA FOR ME.

- IN BATH W/ SHAVING I TALK 20 MIN. W/ AMERICAN WHOSE BACK FROM A MONTH IN CUBA THEN 7 MO. IN NICARAGUA. INTERESTING STORIES OF CUBA. RECOMMENDS BOOK NAMED "FIDEL".

- OVER BREAKFAST TALKED TO US-ARGENTINE WHOSE RETURNING TO ARGENTINA TO SERVE 6 MO. IN MILITARY. LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT "DISAPPEARED" PEOPLE IN ARGENTINA & PRE & POST PERIODS.

OUR MORNING SESSION BEGINS

- I DO THE OPENING REFLECTION

- CLAIR GOES INTO THE HISTORY OF NICARAGUA

- RAE NOW TALKS ABOUT REVOLUTION / CHANGE IN NICARAGUA.

- CLAIR DOES EVALUATION:

PLUSES

- GROUP BONDING
- WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE
- BREAKFAST.
- CASA DE AMIGOS.
- REFLECTIONS
- HUMOR
- ROLE PLAYS
- BACKGROUND READING/ACADEMIC
- GENERAL VARIETY TOPIC/APPROACHES
- OUR GROUP COMPOSITION.
- GROUP WISDOM/OPINIONS.
- LEADERSHIP FLEXIBILITY / @ GROUP.
- SMOOTH LOGISTICS (TO DATE)

MINUSES

- MORE INFORMATION ON AGENDA OF TRAINING
- SOME TRAINING WAS REDUNDANT WITH READING.
- BETTER CLARITY ABOUT CLOTHING (NO STORIES)
- MORE LANGUAGE CLASSES
- LESS BOXES TO TRANSPORT.
- BOXES W/ TAPE - COLORED FOR IDENTIFICATION
- REVISE LIST OF STUFF TO BRING. TO SHORTEN IT.
- CONTRADICTIONS IN LIST
- CONCERN ABOUT MALAMA MEDICINE EFFECTS.
- EXPLAIN WHY PASSPORT NEEDS TO BE GOOD FOR 6 MOS AFTER
- HAVE COFFEE ~~AVAILABLE~~ AVAILABLE

- COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR BARRY & EDITH

IN MANAGUA WE ARE AT THE
EXTREME WEST END OF THE
CITY. HERE A VIBRANT LIFE IS...

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CASA DE AMIGOS -> AIRPORT

SOME FUN GETTING TAXIS TO AIRPORT. WE DRIBBLE OFF TO THE AIRPORT IN Z'S & S'S & LUGGAGE. GEORGE'S TAXI GETS STOPPED & HE HAS TO GET ANOTHER MID-TRIP. ANOTHER TAXI WITH DENNIS, DON & TAMMY GOT STOPPED AND THE DRIVER GOT TO PAY A BRIBE TO GO ON. FINALLY WE ARE ARRIVED AFTER PAYING VARIOUS AMOUNTS.

AFTER AN HOUR OR SO'S WAIT WE'RE AIRBORNE. NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE FLIGHT.

WHEN WE DESCEND TOWARDS MANAGUA THE SKY'S FILLED WITH SEVERAL LEVELS OF CLOUDS. EVERYTHING'S SHADES OF GRAY EXCEPT FOR SOME DARK GREEN BELOW. MILES OF EMERALD GREEN FIELDS & SCATTERED BUILDINGS. WE DROP THRU A LARGE RAIN STORM AND EMERGE AND TURN FOR OUR APPROACH. AS WE CAME ACROSS THE END OF THE RUNWAY I SAW ~~SEVERAL~~ SEVERAL PLANES & HELICOPTERS MOTIBALLED & SOME OTHERS ROTTING IN THE GRASS AND WEEDS.

ON THE GROUND THE AIRPORT APPEARS LIKE A SMALL ~~AREA~~ ^{TOWN} US AIRPORT IN A RUN DOWN AREA MIGHT. NO GUNS OR MILITARY IN EVIDENCE THOUGH THE MAINTENANCE WORKERS ARE ALL DRESSED IN FATIGUES. INSIDE THE AIRPORT THERE ARE OCCASIONAL PEOPLE IN FATIGUES WITHOUT GUNS OR INSIGNA WHO SEEM TO BE THERE TO MAKE SURE WE MAKE THE RIGHT TURNS. CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION CHECKS ARE QUICK. THE LUGGAGE INSPECTION GOT A LITTLE COMPLEX DUE TO A MISSING WFP LETTER BUT CLAIR & STERRY GOT IT STRAIGHTENED OUT. ONCE OUTSIDE A WFP BUS WAITED FOR US. A FEW INTRODUCTIONS, SOME LUGGAGE LOADING AND WE'RE OFF.

DRIVING THRU MANAGUA. STREETS WITH HOLES - NO SIDE WALKS. TROPICAL DUSK. WARM & HUMID. MANY PEOPLE WALKING. THE FEELING IS PEACE AND ELECTRIC. I WANTED TO WALK. IT FEELS SAFE AND FUN. LOTS OF LIGHTS SPACED OUT IN THE DARK ATTEMPTING TO HOLD OFF THE DARK BUT FAILING. FEW PUBLIC STREET LIGHTS. SILHOUETS OF BUILDINGS MARK DOWNDOWNY ONE - 72, OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T KNOW.

IN MANAGUA WE ARE AT THE
EXTREME WEST END OF THE
CITY. NEAR A VOLCANIC LAKE BED.

BECAUSE...?
76000 = 27,000 CORPUS!

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- AT THE MANAGUA HOUSE. A MEETING w/ THE LONG TERMERS ON THE PORCH AFTER SUPPER. THEY EACH INTRODUCE THEMSELVES & WE OURSELVES. A LITTLE DISCUSSION OF LOGISTICS & BUDDY (MANAGUA LONG TERMER) WANTS TO COLLECT ON AIRLINE TICKETS & U.S. DOLLARS.
- BARRY'S TALKING ABOUT PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA'S PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN GUATEMALA CITY. 20 MIN. BEFORE HE APPEARED THE CROWD WAS INFILTRATED WITH HUNDREDS OF FULLY ARMED SOLDIERS. NOTHING LIKE THAT HERE JUDGING FROM OUR AIRPORT RECEPTION.

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- BREAKFAST OF EGGS MEXICANA, PINEAPPLE, BLEND & TINY BANANAS. NOT MUCH LIGHT IN OUR BATHROOM.
- LAST NIGHT THE MOSQUITOS WERE KIND BUT CRICKETS HERE THINK DAWN COMES AT 1 AM. ALSO THE FROGS HERE ARE FUN. THEY SOUND LIKE SPACE ZAPPER GUNS AT A VIDEO ARCADE.
- THE LONG TERMERS (LTS) SEEM NICE. DIFFERENT AGES. ALL IDEAS AND INTELLIGENT. I HAVE TO REMIND MYSELF THAT THEY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE HERE.

3 MAJOR (F) of LTS

- GARY (LT) BEGINS MORNING ORIENTATION:
 - PERMANENT PRESENCE = IN WAR ZONE
 - DOCUMENTATION = OF WHAT'S SEEN
 - GOING W/ DELEGATIONS = TAKING US TO CAMPO
- MOST TIMES THEY'RE OUT IN THE CAMPO. ∴ NO ONE WATCHES THE HOUSES EXCEPT w/ GROUPS ARE HERE
- SAYS AFTER 8 MO THEY ARE JUST BEGINNING TO GET THE DRIFT OF WHAT'S GOING ON. MOST TRIPS TO CAMPO ARE NEW EXPERIENCES FOR BOTH SHORT TERMERS (ST) & LTS. WAR IS APPARENTLY WINDING DOWN BUT NOT THE LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 35 LTS IN THE COUNTRY,

~~FOR CONCORDIA & ZOOMING?~~
\$60 US = 27,600 CORDOBAS!

2-7 OCT 88 / OUT ON THE PORCH OF THE HOUSE.

- BUDDIE TAUCIMO. EMPHASIS ON "LOW-INTENSITY" CONFLICT HERE NOW. US IS PUMPING "DIRTY DOLLARS" INTO ALL SORTS OF OPPOSITION ORGANIZATIONS HERE.

THIS MORNING * RODOLFO CASTRO (KALIEC) (REGIONAL CENTER FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH) W/ BE OUR 1ST SPEAKER. PART OF MULTINATIONAL GROUP INVESTIGATING US POLICY EFFECTS ON NICARAGUA. HE'LL BE HERE @ 9 AM.

THIS AFTERNOON * MIN. OF EDUCATION MR. SILVA MINISTER OF ED. OR PR - TOWN OF MUSEUM OF NICA ACHIEVEMENTS. TEACHERS GET ^{6000 CORDOBAS.} 14 TO 18 \$ US / MO. VERY LOW \$ STIP. THIS IS AFTR 140% + 40% ~~RAISES~~ RAISES. NEW RAISE W/ TAKE THEM TO 25-30 \$ US / MO. LTS GET 50 / MO. 20% OF FACULTY HAVE LEFT. LOTS OF OVERLOADED CLASSES. LOTS OF YOUNGER TEACHERS.

HERE IN MANAGUA THEY ARE PROGRESSIVE

- LAST 2/3 W/CS PRICES OF SOME STAPLES HAVE Δ'D TO 3X OR 4X! MILK & BUTTER. COST OF GAS/DIESEL Δ'D = AMT.

- IF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ASKS FOR DONATIONS BUDDY W/ ~~DO~~ DO THEM.

THEY → "CEPOD" GROUP OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES. FORMED FOLLOWING 72' QUAKE. FUNDS SENT WERE MISUSED & CEPOD WAS RESULT TO INSURE LEGAL DISTRIBUTION.

GET INVOLVED W/ HUMAN RIGHTS / NEIGHOR VS DRAFT PROBLEMS /

THEY ARE ONE OF 2 NICARAGUA GROUPS SUPPORTING WFP MILTON ~~ABULLIO~~ ABULLIO W/ SPEAK TO US.

(CENTEL ANTONIO VA DE VILESO)
(2ND GROUP W/ SUPPORTS WFP)
(CHRISTY BASED COMMITTEE)

THIS EVENING WE WILL BEGIN PREPS FOR CAMPO TRIP.

PAT MANNING IN THE MORNING TO GIVE WFP OVERVIEW. THEN WE GO TO CAMPO.

- WE'RE ADVISED NOT TO BE TOO CONFRONTATIONAL WITH THESE GROUPS SO WFP CAN CONTINUE TO SET UP THESE MEETINGS.

- IF WFP SEES SANDANISTA ABUSES IT REPORTS THEM TO CEPOD RATHER

~~9A~~ ~~Now A~~

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- 0900 - NOW A DISCUSSION OF HEALTH BY LT SARA. ASKING ~~IF~~ VIBES WATCHFUL TO WATCH US CLOSELY. SAYS WE CAN EAT VEGS IN MANAGUA TO TOUCHEN US UP. OUTSIDE WE WON'T EAT THE VEGS. \equiv WITH THE WATER. FRUIT W HAVE TO PEEL IS OK. SODAS ARE OK BUT RARE. WE DON'T DRINK OR SMOKE AROUND THE EVANGELICALS. COOKED VEGTASLES ARE FINE. DRINK LOTS OF LIQUIDS. THE SUN IS A PROBLEM. USE SUN SCREEN & HATS.
- 0910 - KATE (LT) ON XIATION. ASK PERSOY YOU'RE ASKING NOT THE TRANSLATOR. DO NOT REFER TO NICAS BY NAME IN THEIR PRESENCE ~~IN~~ IN ENGLISH IF THEY DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH. EVEN IF WE SPEAK SPANISH, WE SHOULD ASK IN ENGLISH.
- 0915 - SAFETY. DON'T GO WALKING OFF FROM VILLAGES. USE BUDDIE SYSTEM. ~~WAR~~ WAR INTENSITY IS LOW NOW SO RISK IS LOW.
- 0915 - GARY ON CULTURAL POINTS. LITS WEAR SHOES HERE BUT ONLY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOODS. GOV POLICY ON PICKNICKS & S SO ASK. ALSO W/ GENERAL PEOPLE. IF YOU PROMISE THEM PICTURE DO SEND THEM TO THEM! GIFT GIVING POLICY: NO. WE ARE NOT A MATERIAL AID ORGANIZATION. WE CAN LEAVE STUFF HERE WITH LT'S OR GIVE DIRECT TO ORGANIZATIONS.. IF WE GIVE GIFTS TO HOUSE STUFF IT MUST BE FAIR DISTRIBUTION. "ADIOS" MEANS HELLO BUT I'M NOT GOING TO STOP TO TALK. NICAS WILL SAY "GOODBYE" IN PASSING THE SAME WAY. "SHH-SHH" IS HOW YOU CAN GET A PERSON'S ATTENTION. DO NOT FINGER POINT.
- TERMS 0925 - INSURRECCIÓN - BATTLE AGAINST SOMAZA 78/79.
 PREHUNTO - 79 W/ SANDANISTA'S IN POWER.
 PROCESO - REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS NOT NEC. SANDANISTA.
 REVOLUCIÓN - 79 TO NOW.
 - ALWAYS CARRY YOUR PASSPORT.

CHANGE W/CA A FROM 60% OF E → MILITARY
TO MORE E TO CONTROL THE LIC?

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FRIDAY 0930
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(RC)
MEETING W/ RODOLFO CASTRO OF CRIES

RICHARD BEGINS BY INTRODUCING US TO RODOLFO.

- RC MAKES OPENING REMARKS. SAYS US POLICIES ARE \neq THAN WHAT US PUBLIC WANTS. LOW INTENSITY WARFARE WE'RE SEEING NOW IS SOMETHING NEW BUT W/ DENIES FROM PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS. WHERE DO PRESENT US DOCTRINES COME FROM.

① INDOCHINA WAR. GUERRAS VS CONVENTIONAL. NICAS HAVE TO BE CONVENTIONAL SIDE AS USA WAS IN VIETNAM. [63-69 PART ① VIETNAM] [69-75 PART ② VIETNAM] COUNTER INSURGENCY OF PART ① WAS ISOLATED + USA USED CONVENTIONAL FORCE WIDELY THEN. ONCE STRENGTH OF LOW INTENSITY APPROACH WAS SEEN US A'D ITS STRATEGY TO BETTER FOCUS & GET RESULTS.

(LIC) LOW INTENSITY ^{CONFLICT} WARFARE - TERM COMES FROM BUDAI WHO'VE USED IT IN THEIR COLONIES \approx SINCE TURN OF CENTURY. US HAS MADE IT INTO A MILITARY DOCUMENT. NUCLEAR WARFARE IS AT ONE END / CONVENTIONAL IN MIDDLE / AND LIC AT OTHER. LIC CAN EVEN INCLUDE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTIONS. LIC CAUSES THE TARGET TO HAVE TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN LEVEL OF CONVENTIONAL RESPONSE. RESULTS IN TARGET COUNTRIES ARE NOT LOW INTENSITY. HE HAS STATISTICS TO PROVE THIS ASSERTION. SEEN IN EL SALVADOR & NICARAGUA. 150,000 DEAD IN THESE 2 COUNTRIES. GNP OF NICA IS WHAT IT WAS 20 YRS AGO AS G. \approx 3 BILLION DOWNS IN LAST 7 YEARS. LIC EMPHASIS IS NOT TO WIPE OUT ENEMY BUT TO SLOWLY DISSOLVE GOVT'S POPULAR SUPPORT. ~~THE CONTRAS ARE~~ LIC IS A SELECTIVE OPPRESSION RATHER THAN A MASSIVE OPPRESSION. SPECIFIC TARGETS ARE CHOSEN FOR EFFECT RE: THE FINAL GOAL. TECHNICAL PEOPLE OR POPULAR EDUCATION ARE TARGETED. THEY TARGET THOSE WHO SUPPORT & SETUP COOPERATIVES. CONTRAS PREVIOUSLY USED INDISCRIMINATE TERRORIST TACTICS. EVEN NOW, IN SPITE OF LIC EFFORT, THEY STILL DO USE INDISCRIMINATE TERROR. \therefore THERE IS A WEAKNESS IN THE APPLICATION OF LIC. \approx THING IS HAPPENING IN EL SALVADOR. AS LIC GROWS SUCCESSFUL IN EL SALVADOR THE ARMY RETURNS TO TERROR TO COPE. USING LIC TACTICS AGAINST LIC THEY DO NOT GET AT ROOT OF PROBLEM.

CANNOT NICA Δ FROM 60% OF \$ → MILITARY
TO MORE \$ TO COUNTER THE LIC?

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1018 (cont) HOW IS SUCCESS OF LIC MEASURED? NICA RESOURCES 60-60% TO MILITARY.
HOPE FOR MORE JUST SOCIETY WITNERS. GOV CANNOT GO FORWARD WITH IR IDEAS
OF IMPROVEMENT. THINGS ARE STALLED. THE REVOLUTION HAS HAD TO ADJUST TO THE
FORCE PUT ON IT. IT IS NOT AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED. GIVEN ENOUGH TIME
THE REVOLUTION MAY FAIL. HE AS A DOCUMENT W/ DETAILS US IDEAS FOR CONFLICT
IN 3RD WORLD IN NEXT 20 YEARS. KISSINGER/CIA/JOWTCHEITS

- US TROOPS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED.
- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL ANTI COMMUNIST GROUPS.
- AID ↑ TO HONDURAS/GUATEMALA/PHILIPPINES
- LESS TO EGYPT & TURKEY
- US TO AID ITSELF MORE W/ MILITARY OF 3RD WORLD (LIKE GRENADA)
- GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO USE OF TECHNICAL WEAPONS LIKE PROXIMITY/RADIO/PAPER.
- DEVELOP ALTERNATE LOCATIONS FOR US BASES. i.e. Δ FROM PANAMA → HONDURAS.
- IF LIC HAS SUCCESSES THEN IT COULD BECOME GENERAL POLICY OF US REGARDLESS OF WHICH ADMINISTRATION COMES INTO POWER.
- SAYS IN EL SALVADOR THE GOV'T IS USING LIC AGAINST THE REBELS AT REQUEST OF USA BUT THE ARMY'S NOT USED TO SUBTLE TARGETING & Δ AND ∴ IT GOES AND MAKE STRONG UNFOCUSED RESPONSES.
- THE US USES THE OPENESS OF THE NICA SOCIETY AGAINST THEM VIA LIC. SEE FOR EXAMPLE LA PRENSA W/ MANY SUBSITES FOR THE WORLD AUDIENCE.
- AS THE PRESS ATTACK GOES ON IT'S TENDING TO FREE THE FUNDS FOR CONTRA SUPPORT IN THE LIC.
- MAJOR PROBLEM EXIST IN CHANGING FROM MILITARY BASED ECONOMY TO CIVIL. ITS HAPPENING BUT SLOWLY.

REVIEW FROM CAMP FRI AFTERNOON
SAT SUN MON IN MANAGUA

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- AFTER RODOLFO'S TALK SEVERAL OF US TOOK A WALK TO THE POST OFFICE AND AROUND. THE HEAT AND HUMIDITY ARE OPPRESSIVE. I SWEAT PROFUSELY JUST FROM WALKING. THE PEOPLE SEEM VERY CURIOUS ABOUT US. IF YOU SMILE AND/OR WAVE MOST WILL RESPOND. ALL WILL TURN A LOOK AS YOU PASS. EVERY THING ON ROAD CAN BE A TOYOTA LANDCRUISER, IT SEEMS. SAW ONE OR TWO HEAVY TRUCKS WITH EASTERN BLOCK CYRILIC LETTERS. WALKED FOR 30 MIN & SAW MANY IN FATIGUES BUT ONLY TWO WITH WEAPONS. SIDE-WALKS & GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SEEMS SIMILAR TO BAJA CALIFORNIA. SAW A LARGE LOCAL HOSPITAL CALLED "HOSPITAL FERNANDO BELLEZ PAIZ" WHICH EVERYONE IN THE CITY KNOWS THE LOCATION OF.

- ABOUT RODOLFO'S TALK. IT WAS INTERESTING BUT EITHER HIS DELIVERY OF IDEAS IS UNNECESSARILY COMPLEX & PEDANTIC

- BREAK TO SIDE MEETING WITH BUDD ON OUR SCENE FOLLOW THE CAMP.

- PROGRESS PROCESS & OPPOSITION & ONE OF TWO PARALLEL ORGS ← MAIN CHOICES

- MON LAST WE W/ DEBRIEF IN THE AFTERNOON. COSEP* BUSINESS/UNION & LA PRENSA OPPOSITION WOULD BOTH WOULD MEET WITH US THEN.

- SO NOW FOR SAT & SUNDAY. DAVID DYE, A JOURNALIST WHOSE BEEN HERE 5 YEARS. FOR AN ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF THINGS.

- GO TO LAKE / GO TO MARKET / GO TO CHURCH / HONOURAN EXCEL GROUP / ORG W/ PUTS OUT UT FOR QUALITY BASED COMMUNITIES /

- CANNOT MEET W/ US EMBASSY. BECAUSE NOW THEY ONLY GIVE 2 INTERVIEWS PER WK. POST-MELINDA INCIDENT THEY NOW EXPECT NONE.

- BECAUSE OF THE DATES WE'RE HERE WE HAVE 2 WEEKENDS W/ LIMITS ON WORKOAYS.

* SUPERIOR COUNCIL ON BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

MARKET
MATEMATA
HONOURAN GROUP
UNIVERSITY
FREE TIME
BOOKSTORE

SAT.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW
HUMAN RIGHTS "
VISIT TO LAKE

SUN.

LA PRENSA 9A
COSEP 11A
DEBRIEF AFTERNOON

MON.

- NEED TO WORK ON GROUP REPORT OVER THE WEEKEND.

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AT THE MUSEUM OF LITERACY. MINISTER OF EDUCATION MR. SILVA. HAS GIVEN US A TOUR. FROM 50% ILLITERACY THEY DROPPED TO LESS THAN 15% IN AN INTENSIVE 5MO. CAMPAIGN. SCHOOL BOOKS PRE REVOLUTION PRESENTED WILIAM WALKER AS A HERO! AND IN THIS CENTURY SANDINO WAS A CRIMINAL. THOSE BOOKS WERE PROVIDED BY AN ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS REALLY AN ARM OF THE US GOVT. ADULT EDUCATION & SPECIAL EDUCATION DID NOT EXIST ~~PRE REVOLUTION~~ PRE REVOLUTION. PRE REVOLUTION THE EDUCATION HAD THE ~~RETH~~ UPPER CLASS INTERESTS IN MIND. SOMOZA BUILT 2000 SCHOOLS & HAD 12,400 TEACHERS. NOW THE SANDINISTAS MANY OF THESE TEACHERS NEVER TAUGHT CLASSES. THEY JUST RECEIVED MONEY FOR NOTHING. IN 78/79 ~~REVOLUTION~~ ^{REVOLUTION} MOST SCHOOLS WERE DESTROYED. BANKS ONLY HAD \$100,000,000 POST SOMOZA. NOT ENOUGH TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH. CERTAINLY NOT ENOUGH TO REBUILD SCHOOLS SO THEY WENT TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR HELP. ~~THE~~ THE LITERACY CAMPAIGN ONLY SUCCEEDED AS C OF GENEROSITY OF OTHER COUNTRIES. ^{IN} 9 YRS THEY'VE BUILT 5000+ SCHOOLS AS COMPARED TO 2000 FOR ALL THE SOMOZA YEARS. NOW THERE ARE SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS, NOW THE INDIANS GET TO LEARN. BUT MUCH IS STILL IS UNDONE DUE TO CONTRA WAR. THE 12% ILLITERACY HAS NOW INCREASED TO 20% DUE TO ASSASSINATIONS OF TEACHERS. 413 TEACHERS HAVE DIED. 96 STUDENTS IN CLASSES, KIDNAPPED 68 TEACHERS. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. 550 SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. MORE THAN 45,000 NICAS HAVE STOPPED GOING TO SCHOOL. ~~THE~~ ^{HELP} US GET PEACE! WITH PEACE BY 2000 NICA CAN BE FREE AND LITERATE.

SOLIDARITY TO HELP THEM SEEK & GET PEACE. THEY BELIEVE IN US PEOPLE BUT NOT IN US GOVT.

UNDER SOMOZA ONLY 30 MEDICAL STUDENTS. NOW 400. TEACHER SALARIES ARE LOW. HE CALLS THEM "SALARY OF WAR". 800 TEACHERS HAVE QUIT TEACHING. IF THEY TEACH MORNING & NIGHT THEY GET 2 SALARIES.

8-7 Oct 88 ... DR PARAJON I LIKE THIS GUY HE SEEMS SANE & SINCERE.

AID -> PROPOSALS

1600 - WE MEET MILTON AUGUIER. LOOKS YOUNG, I.E. 25-30 YRS OLD. WE DO A ROUND OF INTRODUCTIONS. ASSISTANT TO DR PARAJON HERE AT CEPAD.

- EVANG. COMM. FOR AID TO DEVELOPMENT (CEPAD). FOUNDED '72. HELPED BRING AID TO NEED. THEN SEV. MO LATER EMPHASIS AID TO CREATION OF LONG TERM DEV. PROJECTS. FOUNDED BY 8 DENOMINATIONS. SINCE SO OTHERS HAVE JOINED. CEPAD HAS 3 FIELDS OF WORK (1) DEVELOPMENT I.E. 400 COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN COUNTRY, CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL ROOMS / TRAINING OF AGRICULTURAL CO-OPS / PERSONNEL (2) EMERGENCY ASSIS. SOME 30,000 FAMILIES AIDED W/ FOOD CLOTHING / MEDICINE / ... 1982 THIS WORK BEGAN AS E. OF REVOLUTION. SUPPORTING RETURN OF EXILES. (3) PASTORAL AREA: I.E. RELATIONS BETWEEN CHURCHES. & COMMON ISSUES LIKE DRAFT OR GOV'T LAWS W/ AFFECT CHURCHES. THEY NOW FORMED COMMISSIONS / PLANNING COMMISSION TO PLAN CEPAD PROGRAMS / HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INVESTIGATE ABUSES BY GOVT OR CONTRA / CHURCH RELATIONS COMMISSION DRAFTS LIST OF ALL PASTORS & SEM. STUDENTS W/ W/ BE DRAFT EXEMPT. & OF FACT THAT CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS SIMILAR AGREEMENT. CEPAD ALSO INVOLVED IN PEACE PROCESS. DIRECTOR HERE NAMED TO PEACE COMMITTEE. HE'S ALSO ON CONCUSSION COMMISSION W/ MEDIATES BETWEEN MOSKITO INDIANS & GOV'T. CEPAD FINANCED MAINLY BY EUROPEAN AGENCIES (GERMAN / NORWEGIAN) AND ALSO SOME FROM US.

- Q: RELATIONSHIP W/ WFP: GOOD RELATIONSHIP BUT INDEPENDANT.

- Q: WHERE DOES CEPAD FIT W/ SANDANISMAS? CEPAD DOES NOT GET INVOLVED INTO POLITICS MUCH. DOES DISAGREE W/ SOME GOV'T POLICIES BUT MAINLY FEELS THE PROBLEMS HERE ARE DUE TO US INTERVENTION. MOSTLY SUPPORTS MEDICAL ED / LAND REFORMS. NOT SUPPORTIVE OF CENSORSHIP AND CHURCH INTERFERENCE. CEPAD WANTS AND WORKS TO GET CONTRA RUNNING STOPPED.

- Q: LEFT AND RT. IN US DISAGREED. IS IT A POPULAR REVOLUTION? SHOULD US BUTT OUT?

A: FEELS US IS UNBLY FUNDING CONTRAS WHO ARE TERRORIST AND SHOULD NOT. SHOULD SUPPORT INITIATIVES. IF THERE WAS AN ELECTION HE SAYS SANDANISMAS WOULD WIN IN SPIE OF PROBLEMS BECAUSE THERE IS NOT SERIOUS OPPOSITION. MOST YOUNG BACK SANDANISMAS, OLD WOULD NOT. IF THE WAR ENDS THE DEMOCRACY WILL INCREASE.

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1645 - Q: WHAT SANDANISTA ABUSES HAS CEPAD PUBLICIZED/COMPLAINED ABOUT

THIS Q: BECAUSE SUCH THINGS ARE MUCH DISTORTED IN U.S.

- CHURCHES BRIEFLY TAKEN OVER - GOV'T PAPER ATTACKED CEPAD - GOV'T TROOPS USE TEMPLE AS BARRACKS. - CEPAD HAS OBTAINED FREEDOM OF PEOPLE ACCUSED OF BEING CONTRAS. GOV FREES THEM IF IT HAS NO GOOD EVIDENCE.

- Q: ANY DOCUMENTED CASES OF PHYSICAL ABUSES OF SOME PRISONERS?

YES, A FEW IN ISOLATED AREAS. ^{SOME} IN SCENARIOS: 1ST COMES TO KNOW THEM OTHER THEN 1ST AGAIN. LOW ARMY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL AND INTENSE CONFLICT LEVEL INVOLVED & USUALLY THE CONTRAS ARE AT FAULT. W/ CEPAD REPORTS SANDANISTA ABUSE TO GOV'T GOV TRIES TO RESPOND FAIRLY.

- Q: DOES CEPAD HAVE RELATIONS W/ CONSERVATIVE CHURCHES IN US. YES, WE DO.

NICA IS PART OF LATIN AMERICA. ~~IN~~ MANY GOV'TS ARE MORE REPRESSIVE. US CAUS EL SALVADOR, ETC DEMOCRACIES. HERE YOU WILL NOT BE ASSASSINATED OR HAVE YOUR HOUSE BURNED BUT IN MANY OF THESE DEMOCRACIES YOU WILL BE IF YOU ~~OPPOSE~~ OPPOSE THE GOV'T. HERE, IF YOU'VE SERVED THE DRAFT, YOU ARE FREE TO COME & GO & TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THINGS ARE MUCH BETTER THAN UNDER THE SANDANISTAS.

- Q: FRIENDS AND QUAKERS PART OF CEPAD? NO, BUT VERY GOOD RELATIONS.

- Q: HOW WOULD THINGS TURN OUT IF THE U.S. HAD NEVER INTERFERED IN THE SANDANISTA REVOLUTION?
IE. MANY IN THE U.S. SAY THE SANDANISTAS WOULDN'T BE LIBERAL WITHOUT THE CONTRA PRESSURE.
1ST US FINANCIAL & SUPPORTED SOMOZA. THEY OWE A TREMENDOUS DEBT.

U.S. SHOULD BE CRITICAL W/ SANDANISTAS SO THEY WILL BE ^{FAIR} BUT ~~NOT~~ THEY SHOULD NOT OVERTLY INTERFERE WITH NICARAGUA.

ROOT PROBLEM IS SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE.

10-7 OCT 88 DISCUSSING THE CAMPO

- WE GOT TO ESTELI AFTER LUNCH IN 2 TRUCKS. 2.5 HR DRIVE / 20,000 POP.
UMAY ~~IS~~ IS ANOTHER Z HAS ON PAST ESTELI. WE GOT THERE ON SUNDAY. WE STAY WITH FAMILIES 4 NIGHTS HERE. NOON MEALS AT PENSION; OTHERS WILL BE WITH FAMILIES. THEN ~~WE~~ WE GO TO A LOOP OUTSIDE ~~TOWN~~ TOWN THEY ONE NIGHT HERE.
- PACK LIGHT - RAIN GEAR/BOOTS - NO EXPENSIVE EQUIP. -

1930 - GUY ON STATE OF THE WAR. - NO MAJOR ATTACKS SINCE EARLY '85. NEAR UMAC WAS A RECENT ATTACK (1 KILLED) NEAR ESTELI.

1940 - TALK ABOUT POVERTY.

1990 - " " FEARS.

1 - 8 OCT 88 SATURDAY

- PACK FOR CAMPO / BREAKFAST / REFLECTION BY RICHARD RE: CAMPO EVANGELICALS.
- PAT MANNING INTERIM STAFF COORDINATION HERE SINCE '85. TALKING ON HIST. OF ~~AMNESTY~~ ^{WFP} ~~AMNESTY~~ VENEZUELA IS 10X WHAT HE SELLS HERE IN HIGH SEAS.
- NICA HAS "MIXED ECO. W/ SOCIALIST FLAVOR". THEY USE Φ NEED CAPITALIST SECTOR OF SOCIETY TO HELP THEM THROUGH PERIOD OF AUSTERITY. THERE ARE AT LEAST 14 OPPOSITION PARTIES. AMNESTY PROGRAM. ANY CONTRA (MILITARY FORMER NAT. GUARD) CAN COME IN AND LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND BE FORGIVEN. THE MAJORITY OF CAMPESINOS DO NOT HAVE ANY CONCEPT OF LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT (LIC). LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY NOW. TO SAVE THEIR CHILDREN FROM THE MILITARY DRAFT / TO AVOID THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WFP IS OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR MATERIAL AID ORGANIZATIONS LIKE "QUEST FOR PEACE". SOME STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE WHO TURNED THEMSELVES IN FOR AMNESTY.
- WFP INCIDENTS DATA CAN BE GOTTEN FROM WASHINGTON D.C.
- PEACENET (QUES) HAS DATA ON! WE MET THIS GROUP YESTERDAY.
- WFP ACTIONS: COMINTO ACTION 1984. U.S. CLAIMED SHIP FULL OF MILES WERE COMING INTO NICA HARBORS JUST A REAGAN WAS GETTING REFLECTED & THE NICA NAVY A VALID FORCE. WFP WENT TO COMINTO TO HASSLE U.S. WARSHIP.

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Mig INCIDENT
SOVIET SHIPS

TRUCKS CAME off SHIP W/F SAW.

COMAYAGUA IS BASE IN HONDURAS

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- ANOTHER ACTION. WOMEN MARCHED ON A ROAD UNARMED THRU A ZONE W/ MANY PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED. BETWEEN ESTILI & LIMAY.
- THE BEN UNDER KILUMBA WAS NOT PART OF A LARGER CONTRA STRATEGY TO KILL NORTH AMERICANS OR WE'D HAVE SEEN MORE OF THE SAME BY NOW. PROBABLY A RENEGADE CONTRA LEADER'S DECISION.
- A ~~COUPE~~ COUPE of STORIES ABOUT HOW U.S. TROOPS ARE TOLD THEY ARE "GOING IN". BARUM TELLS ONE ABOUT A MARINE IN FOOT ONS AREA JUST BACK FROM HONDURAS. PAT TELLS ABOUT THE BASE IN HONDURAS W/ IS SUPPOSED TO BE HONDURAN. US EMBASSY SAYS BASE IS HONDURAN. IF YOU GO TO BASE THEN THE PENNEMEREL FORCES SAY YOU NEED U.S. EMBASSY PERMISSION. PAT TELLS ABOUT MEETING U.S. MARINES IN FLORIDA WHO BRAGGED ABOUT ENGAGING IN FIGHTING IN HONDURAS/NICA BORDER WHILE HONDURAN TROOPS BACKED THEM.
- DISCUSSION OF GENERAL HARASSMENT OF CIVILIANS. RICHARD SAYS MILITARY CHECK POINTS IN VENEZUELA IS 10X WHAT HE SEES HERE IN NICA. SEV. AGREE THAT HONDURAS & SALVADOR ARE VERY BAD.
- WFP HAS FULL TIME MEDIA OFFICE IN MANAGUA. THEY ROUTINELY GIVE REPORTS TO LOCAL NEWS/INTNL NEWS PEOPLE. THEY ARE INVITED ALONG. RELATIONS ARE PROFESSIONAL & GOOD BUT THEIR REPORTING IS TEMPERED BY EDITORS & CONSIDERATIONS. THEY LIVE VERY WELL I.E. HOTELS/NEW CARS HERE.
- LONG DISCUSSION OF WHY PRESS REPORTING HERE DOESN'T DO JUSTICE TO THE SITUATION.
- WFP IS \$90,000 NEGATIVE NOW IN FUNDING. MANAGUA NOW HAS \$153 ON HAND.
- C.I.A. ISSUES ARE DISAPPEARING FROM PRESS BUT MUCH IS STILL HAPPENING HERE VARIOUS U.S. GROUPS ARE GOING UNDER AS A Q OF THIS PERCEPTION.
- NONE OF THE NICA PAPERS IS REMOTELY OBJECTIVE.
- LOW EASTERN BLOCK INFLUENCE IS Q OF Q DECISION OF NICA TO "DIVERSIFY" THEIR DEPENDANCIES.

THIS MAN IS AN
EXCELLENT SOURCE
AND SPEAKER

SATURDAY
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- I'M WRITING SUNDAY MORNING TO CATCH UP ON SATURDAY. AFTER AN EXCELLENT MORNING SESSION W/ PAT ON WFP & NICARAGUA IN GENERAL WE HAD A LONG BREAK AND THEN LUNCH PRIOR TO GOING OFF IN TRUCKS TO ESTELI. ON OUR BREAK SEVERAL OF US WALKED ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO THE U.S. EMBASSY. ALONG THE WAY WE WENT OVER A DAM MILL FROM WHICH WE COULD SEE A GOOD DISTANCE. MANAGUA IS A VERY UN-CENTRALIZED CITY. A FEW SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS HERE AND THERE AND LOTS OF GREENERY IN BETWEEN. WE WALKED A GOOD WAY ALONG THE PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY TO GET TO THE EMBASSY. BOYS WERE THROWING A BASEBALL AND CHILDREN ASKED TO HAVE THEIR PHOTOS TAKEN. GEORGE OBLIGED ONE AND TOOK HIS ADDRESS. DON BOUGHT A FRESKO FROM A WOMAN AND TALKED TO HER. SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T CARE ANYTHING ABOUT POLITICS. SHE JUST WISHED THE U.S. WOULD STOP THE WAR SO THINGS COULD GET BETTER.

- AT THE EMBASSY THE CONTRAS WERE STRIKING. AROUND MANAGUA WE'VE SEEN VERY LITTLE OF MILITARY POWER. THE EMBASSY IS RINGED BY A HIGH WALL (DOUBLE WALLS, ACTUALLY) TOPPED WITH BARBED WIRE COILS. THE CONTRAST THAT STRIKES ME IS THE U.S. RHYTHM AT HOME ABOUT THE MARXIST NICARAGUAN MILITARY AND THE ALMOST COMPLETE ABSENCE OF MILITARY CHECKPOINTS OR CONTROLS AT THE AIRPORT AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THERE IS A FEELING OF SECURITY AND SANITY HERE. FROM WHAT OTHERS HAVE TOLD ME THIS IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE WAY THINGS ARE IN EL SALVADOR/HONDURAS/GUATEMALA.

- WE ARE LOADED INTO 2 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER PICKUPS. OUR TRUCK HAD A METAL FRAME OVER THE BED SO WE COULD STAND UP AND WATCH AS WE DROVE. WHAT FUN! I STOOD ALL THE WAY OUT OF MANAGUA, WATCHING. IT WAS A 2 1/2 HOUR TRIP TO ESTELI. ITS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. AMAZING UNPOPULATED. LARGE AREAS OF UNOCCUPIED SPACE. AS WE GOT INTO THE MOUNTAINS, RAIN THREATENED. WE REVELED IN IT. WE BAGGED OUR STUFF IN PLASTIC AND WAITED. ON THE WHOLE TRIP WE PASSED MAYBE 2 OR 3 TRUCKS WITH SOLDIERS AND NO CHECKPOINTS. AT ONE POINT AN ARMED SOLDIER SAT BORED GUARDING A BRIDGE. THE RAIN CAME. OTHER THAN THE WIND FROM OUR SPEED IT WAS WARM. THE SKY WAS FULL OF LIGHT AND DARK WITH PATCHES OF BLUE ABOVE AND AMONG THE GREEN HILLS. THE NICAS ON THE ROAD, DRIVING AND WALKING TOOK NO NOTICE. AT THE PEASANT HOUSES SMALL CHILDREN PLAYED AT THE

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DOORWAYS WHILE WOMEN LEANED AGAINST THE DOORWAYS. IN OTHERS PEOPLE SAT ON PORCHES PROTECTED ~~AND~~ WAITING OR SIMPLY PASSING TIME.

- AT ~~ESTEN~~ ESTEN WE ARRIVED AT THE "PENSION LA FLORIDA". ESTEN IS FAIRLY SMALL. THE STREETS LOOK LIKE WHAT WE SAW IN THE MOVIE "SAVADOR". THE PENSION IS PRIMITIVE BUT NICE. BARRY, GEORGE AND I SHARE A ROOM.

- IN THE EVENING WE ATE OUR 1ST "DANGEROUS" MEAL AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT. WE'RE ALL NOW TAKING PEPTO-BISMOL PLUS. I'M DRIPPING GARLIC & VIT C PLUS ALSO. I HAD CARNE ASADO (MEAT), FRIJOLAS (BEANS) & ARROZ (RICE).

- LATER WE WALK TO THE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH. MOST OF THE TOWN GATHERS THERE ON SATURDAY NIGHT. THE SQUARE IS DARK IN SOME PARTS AND LIGHT IN OTHERS AND IS THROGGED THROUGHOUT WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. DON & I WENT OFF AND TALKED WITH SOME ~~THE~~ YOUNG GUNS (18-24). TOLD THEM WHO WE WERE AND ASKED THEM QUESTIONS. THEY WERE FRIENDLY. SAID THE U.S. SHOULD QUIT BOMBING NICARAGUA. THEY WEREN'T SANDANISTAS, JUST NICAS. LATER, BARRY, GEORGE, DON & I AGAIN WALKED AND FOUND SOME PEOPLE TO TALK TO. THIS TIME 3 SOLDIERS. ONE WAS ARTICULATE, THE OTHERS MOSTLY LISTENED. HE SAID NICAS HAVE DEMOCRATIC & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THAT THEY HAVE (BECAUSE THEIR GOV'T TEACHES THEM) A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE U.S. GOV'T & THE U.S. PEOPLE. TO ME HE HAD THE FACE OF A RURAL CAMPESINO BUT HIS EYES WERE CLEAR WITH INTELLIGENCE AND HIS WORDS HAD GOOD IDEOLOGICAL CLARITY. HE WAS BOTH STRONG AND FRIENDLY AND RELAXED.

- WE WALKED THROUGH THE CROWDS AND I WATCHED PEOPLE. WE STANDOUT A LOT AS MOST TURN TO LOOK AT US BUT TRY NOT TO BE RUDE. LITTLE CHILDREN WILL ALWAYS SMILE BRIGHTLY IF YOU NOTICE THEM. THE MEN USUALLY WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IF YOU SMILE OR WAVE. SOME ARE TACTURN & SOME WARM AND OPEN. THE WOMEN VARY THE WIDEST. SOME WALK ARM IN ARM AND REFUSE EYE CONTACT, OTHERS ACKNOWLEDGE LIKE THE MEN AND A FEW ~~ARE~~ ^{LOOK} WITH SUCH OPENNESS AND WARMTH THAT IT FEELS LIKE AN INVITATION. NEEDLESS TO SAY THIS PUTS MAGIC IN THE STREETS.

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0825 AT THE BASE CHRISTEN COMMUNITY CENTER "COMMITTEE of SOLIDARY"

ASK GARY LATER FOR THEIR NAMES. WE WROTE UP OUR QUESTIONS LAST NIGHT. THEY SAY THEY CAN ANSWER THEM.

I'm TAPING THIS ↓

Q: WHAT IS A CHRISTEN BASED COMMUNITY? SM. FAITH MOTIVATED CHRISTIANS WHO DO SOCIAL WORK. THESE PEOPLE ARE of CATHOLIC DERIVATION.

Q: HISTORY of CHRISTEN BASED COMMUNITIES?
BORN ^{IN} S. AMER. ¹⁹³⁶⁻¹⁹⁵⁶ BRAZIL. ^{CG} of MISEM of MOUNTAIN PEOPLE THERE. THEY REALIZED THAT THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST WAS A WAY TO GAIN SELF RESPECT AND TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

IN 1956 ^{VATICAN} ~~VATICAN~~ II THE BASE COMMUNITIES WERE RECOGNIZED AS A RELIGIOUS PHENOMENON. Z MIGS BI BISHOPS VAUDATED EXISTANCE of CHRISTEN BASED COMMUNITIES (CBC). IT BEGAN TO SPREAD FROM BRAZIL TO CENTRAL AMERICA. AN AMERICAN PRIEST ~~WAS BROUGHT~~ BROUGHT CBC IDEA TO PANAMA. TOSSED OUT IN 1966 → NICA. MANAGUA. THEY CAME TO UNDERSTAND THAT FOLLOWING CHRIST WAS THE ESSENTIAL THING. THIS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE CATHOLICS. SOMOZAS TROOPS THOUGHT THESE NEW COMMUNITIES WERE COMMUNIST. THEY BEGAN TO MEET TO TALK IN SMALL GROUPS. MODELED AFTER THE EARLY CHRISTENS. WERE TREATED THE SAME ALSO BY SOMOZA.

Q: WHAT IS ^{LIBERATION} THEOLOGY & HOW HAS IT AFFECTED THESE COMMUNITIES? THERE IS NO SEPARATION of BODY & SPIRIT. LIBERATION THEOLOGY (LT) WANTS TO INTEGRATE^E. IN REAL LIFE FAITH MUST PRODUCE ACTION. MAN SHOULD BE FREE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT THEIR OWN LIVES. CBC GROW FROM THE POOR BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE PROBLEMS. IT HAS GROW IN LATIN AMER. BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN THE MOST EXPLOITED. LIFE & THE BIBLE ARE BOTH SOURCES of TRUTH. THEY MUST INTEGRATE. THIS IS NOT A NEW IDEA. IDEA IS LET'S GO BACK TO CHRIST'S IDEAS.

Q: WHAT ROLE DID THEY PLAY IN THE 78/79 REVOLUTION? BEFORE REV. THEY PREPARED THE GROUND FOR THE REVOL. LT WAS A MAJOR IMPETUS. IN ESTELI THE SANDANISTAS GOT MORAL & PHYSICAL AID FROM CBC. CBC KNEW A NEW GOV'T WAS NECESSARY. ALL CHRISTENS (NOT JUST CBC) PARTICIPATION WAS VERY SIGNIFICANT. NOW THEY CONTINUE DOING WHAT THEY DID BEFORE THE REVOLUTION. THE MAJORITY of INVOLVED CHRISTENS THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT NOW TO THE GOV'T. THEY ARE AMUSED BUT ALSO EXERT ~~ON~~ CRITICISM TO MAKE SURE THE PROCESS IS GOING WELL. NOW THEY ARE HAPPY AND WANT THE REV. GOV'T TO GOVERN.

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THEY WANT TO MAINTAIN THEIR AUTONOMY. CATHOLIC HIERARCHY NEEDS TO LEAVE THEM ALONE
(LET THEM FULFIL THEIR ROLE). THEY SERVE THE ROLE OF ^{CONCIOUS} ~~CONSCIOUS~~ FOR THE
SOCIETY.

Q: WHY DID BISHOP Δ HIS SUPPORT OF CBC'S MESSAGE?

THIS BISHOP JUST RECENTLY ^{AT 70 OF REV.} ORDAINED & HAD APPOINTED A DEACON'S COUNCIL. MR
RODRIGUEZ WAS ON COUNCIL. BACK IN 78/79 THE BISHOP WAS GONE AND ALL WAS
FINE. THEN HE RETURNED AND WANTED TO REIMPOSE THE OLD ORDER ON THINGS.
LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL OF BISHOPS HAD PRESSED HIM.

- AT THIS POINT THEY ASK US SOME QUESTIONS & WE RESPOND.
- THEY WILL GIVE THEIR ADDRESS TO GARY IF WE WANT IT. FOR MATERIAL & SPIRITUAL AID.

1030 AT THE CHURCH TO MEET THE CHARISMATIC CATHOLIC GROUP

Q: WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF RENEWAL OR CHARISMATICS? WE ARE CATHOLIC WHO ATTEND A WORKSHOP
AND THEN HAVE A LIFE OF PRAYER. WE MEET IN THE CENTER & ARE GUIDANCE & SUPPORT.
MONSIGNOR VIDEA WHO WILL CELEBRATE MASS TODAY IS THEIR INSPIRATION. EVERY 3MO.
THEY HAVE A SEMINAR. THEY ARE GROWING. VISIT SICK, VISIT PRISONS.

Q: THEIR ATTITUDE TO SANDANISTAS / CAN SOMEONE ELSE BETTER COVERED? THEY ARE
NOT POLITICAL. NO INVOLVEMENT.

Q: WHAT DO THEY THINK OF THE CONTRAS? THEY HAVE NO COMMENTS ON POLITICS.
~~BE~~ BOTH THE SANDANISTAS AND CONTRAS ARE KILLERS. WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO
SAY.

Q: WHAT DO THEY DO FOR SOCIETY?

OUR ROLE IS WITHIN THE CHURCH. WE VISIT ~~PRISONS~~ PRISONS / HOSPITALS / THE SICK
AND STUDY. THEY HELP GET FOOD TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD BUT THERE IS AN
OFFICIAL CATHOLIC AGENCY TO DO THIS.

Q: WHAT IS THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO CBC? SPIRIT OF CHARISMATICS IS \equiv AS
CATHOLIC CHURCH WHEREAS CBC ARE SANDANISTA'S CHURCH.

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CBC

1645 - THE LEADERS OF THE POPULAR CHURCH HAVE NO REAL INTEREST IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL. W/ CBC HAD THIS CHURCH ONLY 4 PEOPLE MET & THEY HAD THE FISH FRY DISPLAYED AND FEW PEWS. NOW THE FACILITY IS MUCH USED.

- THE CENTRAL ISSUE HERE IS HOLDING TO TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC VIEW OR TO THOSE IDEAS OF LIBERATION THEOLOGY.

Q: ANY COOPERATION W/ EVANGELICALS? COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

- NOW THEY CAN QUESTION US.

- THE KIDS OUTSIDE WERE THE BEST PART OF THIS FOR ME. I SHOWED THEM MY TAPE RECORDER AND TOOK LOTS OF PICTURES OF THEM. BEAUTIFUL KIDS! WE WALKED BACK AFTERWARDS THROUGH THE TOWN. THIS AFTERNOON WE'RE HAVING LUNCH AT A NEW RESTAURANT AND THEN OFF LIMAY.

(ANOTHER EXCELLENT MOR IN THE OPEN TRUCK FROM ESTEY TO LIMAY. BEAUTIFUL.)

1630

- AT THE HOUSE OF JOSE WIS VINDEL,

- THESE PEOPLE HAVE A NICE HOUSE. JOSE

CHRISTIAN PASTORA - DAUGHTER

MAKES FURNITURE - HIS HOUSE HAS

CHRISTIAN WIS (PEPE) - SON

3 LARGE ROOM

ELIZABETH - DAUGHTER

- JOSE WAS IN MINOTEGA AT THE TIME OF THE REVOLUTION. SAYS THERE WAS NOT MUCH FIGHTING HERE BUT WAS IN ESTEY. AFTER 78/79 THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A FAIR AMOUNT OF CONTRA PROBLEMS HERE. 7 KILLED AT THE BRIDGE & 3 ELSEWHERE. ALSO SOME FROM HWY DEPT. METHOD: AMBUSH W/ RIFLES.

THIS TOWN IS PRO-SANDANISTA. PRIOR TO THE REV. THERE WERE NO HEALTH CENTRES

A FEW SCHOOLS/NOW THERE ARE MANY OF BOTH. UP ON THE PASS THE CONTRAS

AMBUSHED A BUS AND KILLED A NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN 1982. APPROX 15 KM FROM

HERE CONTRAS HAD A BASE OF 200-300 PEOPLE. THEY'VE BEEN GONE SINCE

1982. THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO HERE: SPECIFIC PRODUCTS COST TOO MUCH BECAUSE

OF THIS: CAR REPAIRS/MEDICINE/TIRES

- GEORGE ASKS HIM ABOUT LIC & HE KNOWS WHAT IT IS MOSTLY. ITS MURDER BUT PEOPLE ARE GAINING SPIRIT & CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF THE PEACE ACCORDS.

GEORGE & I
END UP AS
ROOMMATES
WITH THE
VINDEL FAMILY.

APPROXIMATELY 8,000 - 10,000 PEOPLE HERE.

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1645 - JOSE'S HOUSE SITS ON A LARGE LOT. THERE IS A SECOND HOUSE HERE FOR HIS MOTHER. THERE'S A LOT OF YARD & EVERYTHING IS KEPT NICE. HE OBVIOUSLY WORKS HARD. THERE'S LOTS OF NICELY MADE FURNITURE. THE FLOORS ARE TUE.

- I ASKED WHAT THE ~~REASON~~^{REASONS} THINK IS THE REASON WHY THE U.S. DOES THE CONTINUAL BACKING. JOSE SAYS THEY FEAR THE LOSS OF \$ FROM TRADE WITH NICA. I REPLY THAT I THINK THEIR FEAR IS THE LOSS OF ALL OF CENTRAL AMERICA.

- WE ASK WHAT THEIR RELIGIOUS VIEW IS. SAYS THAT CBC'S ARE DOING GOOD WORK BUT THERE IS A PRIEST HERE WHO OPPOSES THEM. HE FEELS THE PRIEST & THE BISHOP OF ESTELI ARE FOR REAGAN BUT HE FEELS IT'S GOOD THAT PEOPLE SHOULD WORK FOR THE PROCESS. THERE WAS A PRIEST HERE WHO WORKED FOR LIBERATION THEOLOGY (LT) BUT HE WAS FROM MONTECASSINO. WHEN HE RETURNED HE WAS KILLED IN MONTECASSINO.

- AFTER WE TALKED A WHILE WE TOOK A BREAK AND WENT OUTSIDE. SOME BOYS WERE PLAYING BASEBALL AND WE (GEORGE & I) WATCHED. I JOINED IN & PLAYED 1ST BASE FOR A WHILE. THEY KEPT THROWING THE BALL AT ME AT TOP SPEED & I KEPT SAYING "I'M AN OLD MAN," "NOT SO FAST". BUT, IT WAS NO HELP. WHEN IT BEGAN TO GET TOO DARK I QUIT BUT NOT BEFORE I'D GOTTEN PUDDLE WATER ALL OVER ~~ME~~ MY HANDS. WE WENT INSIDE AFTER GEORGE HAD FENDED OFF THE LOCAL BOYS FOR 20 MIN. OR SO. THEY'D WANTED HIM TO TELL THEM HOW TO SAY BAD WORDS IN ENGLISH. INSIDE, I ASKED TO WASH MY HANDS AND JOSÉ GOT ME A PAN OF WATER AND SHOWED ME THE SOAP. WE TALKED SOME MORE AFTER THAT. THE CONVERSATION WAS SMOOTHER NOW. WE TALKED MORE POLITICS. I TOLD THEM I HAD BEEN TO THE USSR AND JOSÉ SAID HE HAD BEEN TO CUBA FOR SOME MONTHS IN 1982. WE TALKED ABOUT SOCIALISM & I SAID THAT SOCIALISM, AS PRACTICED IN CUBA & THE USSR WAS TOO HARD. IT NEEDS TO BE SOFTENED WITH SOME COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIANITY. HE AGREES. OFTEN, IN CONVERSATION HIS WIFE CHIPS IN WITH HER OWN IDEAS AND THE GIVE AND TAKE BETWEEN THEM SEEMS GOOD. JUST BEFORE SEVEN GEORGE & I LEFT

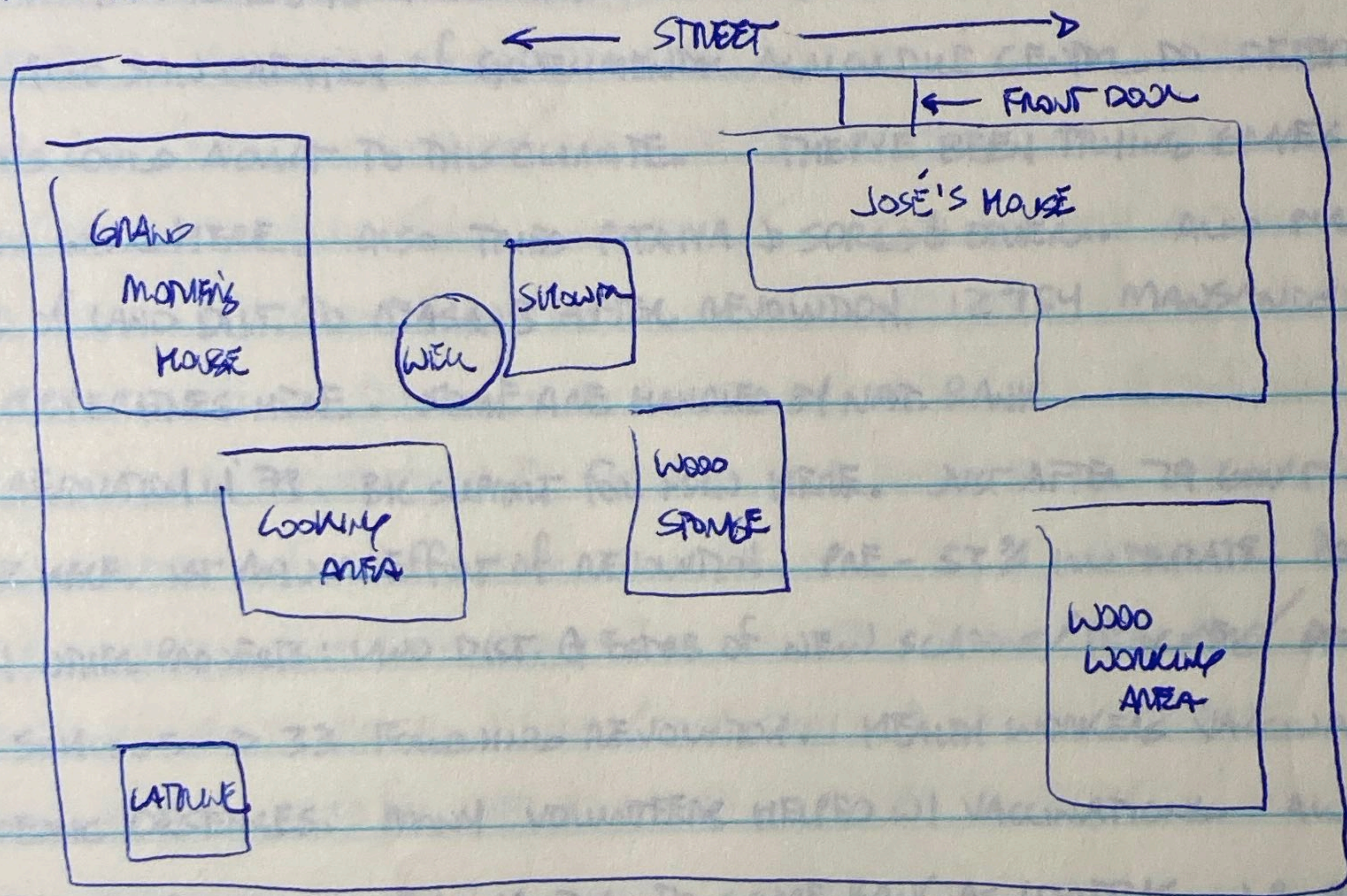
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- TO GO TO A MEETING WITH OUR GROUP AT THE PENSIONE THAT THE LONG TERMERS (LT)'S GARY, RITA, & SARA. THE ENTIRE PART OF LIMAY INCLUDING THE VINDEL RESIDENCE AND THE PENSION ARE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY. JOSÉ TOLD US SOMEONE HIT A POWER POLE WITH A CAR AND KILLED THE POWER TO A LARGE AREA. THE MEETING WAS HELD WITH CHAIRS IN A CIRCLE AND A CANDLE IN THE CENTER. WE EACH WENT AROUND AND WE SHARED ABOUT OUR NEW FAMILIES. IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO TRY AND RECORD ALL OF THIS HERE. SOME OF US WITH EVANGELISTS, SOME WITH TRADITIONAL CATHOLICS & SOME (LIKE GEORGE AND I) WITH CHRISTEN BASED COMMUNITY TYPES. I HAD TOLD JOSÉ & HIS WIFE THAT I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE IN THEIR HOUSE BECAUSE THEIR VIEWS WENT WELL WITH MY OWN. WITH GEORGE'S WORK FOR THE "CATHOLIC WORKER" I HAVE NO DOUBT THIS IS TRUE FOR HIM ALSO.
- AFTER WE SHARED WE DISCUSSED TOMMOROWS SCHEDULE & CHECKED OUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH STATES OUT. EXCEPT FOR CLAIR WHO IS ~~IS~~ CONSTIPATED, EVERYONE SEEMS FINE.
- GEORGE & I REALIZED FROM THE DISCUSSION THAT EVERYONE ELSE HAD EATEN WITH THEIR FAMILY EXCEPT US. SARA GOT US SOME CHEESE AND A FRIJOLE FROM THE PENSION'S KITCHEN & WE CONCLUDED IT MUST HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING.
- WITH A FEW ROUNDS OF "DOMI NOBIS PACEM" TO WARM US WE BROKE UP AND GEORGE & I WALKED BACK HERE. JOSÉ LET US IN AND HE AND HIS WIFE LAYED OUT A MAT WITH A COVER OVER IT. APPARENTLY THEY ONLY HAD ONE SO I LET GEORGE TAKE IT. I LIT A CANDLE OF MY OWN AND SAT DOWN TO WRITE THIS. GEORGE IS WORKING ON A REFLECTION FOR MORNING AND JOSÉ SAT UP WITH US FOR AWHILE. SO I'M GOING TO CLOSE HERE FOR THE NIGHT.
- LATER: GEORGE WENT OUTSIDE & SHOWED ME WHERE THE LATRINE WAS AND THEN, A BIT LATER, I WENT BACK MYSELF. BEAUTIFUL SKY! MILKY WAY HIGH-HIGH ABOVE FILLING THE SKY. NO MOON AND THUNDERSTORMS OUT OF SIGHT IN 2 DIRECTIONS FLASHING HUGE EXPLOSIONS OF LIGHT. THE WIND BLOWING AND MAKING THE TREES BEND AND TALK WAS WARM. THIS IS CENTRAL AMERICA.

ARMANDO - MATEL OF UMAT - US 9 MO.

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0645 WE WENT TO BED LAST NIGHT AT ABOUT 930P. I WAS AWAKE AGAIN AT 4A. ABOUT 5 IT BEGAN TO GET LIGHT AND THE CHICKENS & COWS BEGAN A SYMPHONY. I TASTED A SMALL AMOUNT OF IT. LATER THE PEOPLE OF THE HOUSE BEGAN TO STIR AND WE LEARNED THE MYSTERIES OF THE SHOWER AND SHAVING AND THE USE & DISCARDING OF WATER HERE. WENT WATER COMES FROM THE TAP INTO A SINK YOU CAN DRAW FROM THE SINK BUT NEVER PUT INTO IT. WHEN YOU ARE DONE WITH WATER YOU THROW IT ONTO THE GROUND. THE TOILET IS IN A SHACK BEHIND THE GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE.



- JOSE'S HOUSE IS MADE OF BRICK WITH A TILE ROOF OF THE SPANISH TYPE. THE WOODWORKING IS VERY NICE. THEY SEEM TO BE QUIET AND TACTFUL PEOPLE. INTELLIGENT TO TALK TO BUT QUIET AND SERIOUS W/ NOT CONVERSING.

ARMANDO - MAYOR OF UMAP - LAST 9 MO.

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I TAPED THIS



- MEETING WITH MAYOR OF SAN UMAP. BACKGROUND OF UMAP: POP 12,062. URBAN PART IS 3000+. 3 MAIN ROADS ESTER TO UMAP / UMAP TO PUEBLO NUEVO (NE) / UMAP TO SAN FRANCISCO DEL NORTE (NW). 35 PEASANT COMMUNITIES HERE. 48% ACCESSABLE BY TRUCK. SOIL QUALITY IS VERY GOOD. 3 TYPES OF LAND. UMAP IS MOSTLY TYPE A & B OF TYPES A/B/C. HOT CLIMATE RAIN FALL/YR 3 MM². NOT WELL DISTRIBUTED AND FALLS AT ONE (1) OF YR. REST IS DRY SEASON. 8 YRS WERE DRY. THIS ONE WAS WET. THEY'VE A'D TO CROPS THAT GROW IN DRIER CLIMATE. '83 TABACCO CAME HERE. '83 ALSO SAW CREATION OF EXPERIMENTAL AGRICULTURE CENTER TO DETERMINE WHICH CROPS COULD ADAPT TO THIS CLIMATE. THEY'VE BEEN TRYING ^{TYPES} ~~DIFFER~~ SEVERAL ^{TYPES} GROW WELL HERE. ALSO TRIED PITAYA & SORGO & OTHER. ALSO PLANTING TREES. LOTS OF LAND DIST. TO PEASANTS AFTER REVOLUTION. 12754 MANSANOS GIVEN. 33 COOPERATIVES HERE. SOME ARE HANDLED BY NAT. BANK.

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MANSANO.

- RE: REVOLUTION IN '79. BIG SUPPORT FOR FSLN HERE. JUST AFTER 79 GOV'T MT. CAMPAIGN CAME HERE. 1ST MAJOR EFFORT OF REVOLUTION. PRE - 52% LITERATE. POST A → 12.5%. THEN OTHER PROJECTS: LAND DIST. & ESTAB OF NEW SCHOOLS / TEACHERS / ~~ADULT~~ ADULT EDUCATION. 17 SCHOOLS → 33 FOLLOWING REVOLUTION. HEALTH WORKERS VACCINATED AGAINST MANY ENDEMIC DISEASES. MANY VOLUNTEERS HELPED W/ VACCINATIONS. ALL THESE ACTIONS BY IN FORMER ~~GUARDSMEN~~ GUARDSMEN WANTING TO COME BACK AS CONTRAS. I.E. 81-82-83. '84 WAS WORST YR OF CONTRA ATTACKS IN SAN UMAP & NICA. 42 PEOPLE DIED BY CONTRAS BUILDING/REPAIRING LOCAL ROADS. CONTRAS WANTED TO ISOLATE UMAP. '83 SAW START OF DRAFT. (SMP) NEC. TO FIGHT CONTRA. CLAIMS 15,000 INDUCTED IN '83. '86 SAW CONTRA ACTIVITY GO DOWN SO NEW PROJ. COULD BEGIN. CURRENTLY THINGS ARE PEACEFUL. 3 NEW HEALTH CENTERS SINCE '86. IN OUT LYING COMMUNITIES. RURAL AREAS CAN NOW HAVE MANY NEW PROJECTS. US KNOWS CONTRAS CANNOT DESTROY THE REVOLUTION ∴ US IS Δ'ING TO OTHER TACTICS. I.E. TO UNITE ALL THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. (LIC). 74M & DISTRIBUTED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THEY ARE ALSO CAUSING ^{ING} HONOURAS & NICA TO BECOME OPPONENTS. THIS TO JUSTIFY A FUTURE U.S. DIRECT INTERVENTION. NOW FOR QUESTIONS FROM US.

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EN TON. SEE?

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Q: YOUR TRAINING IN E. GERMANY & RUSSIA COMMENT? WOULD HAVE LIKED TO COME TO USA ALSO. MANY LIMITATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA. ONE WAY TO BETTER US IS TO ACCEPT HELP OF OTHERS W/ OFFERED. EAST OFFERED & WEST DID NOT. GOT GOOD TRAINING IN E. GERMANY. BUT A LOT HE LEARNED CAN'T WORK HERE BECAUSE OF PRIMITIVE NATURE OF NICARAGUAN SOCIETY. THEY WOULD ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. IF U.S. OFFERED THEY WOULD ACCEPT IMMEDIATELY.

Q: WHAT DOES JOB OF MAYOR INVOLVE? SO MANY JOBS THERE THAT I WOULD SAY ONLY A FEW. I OVERSEE ALL GOV'T PROJECTS IN THIS AREA. STREETS/LIGHTS/WATER/PROD. OF CROPS/HEALTH PROJ/EDUCATION PROJECTS/GARBAGE/SLAUGHTER HOUSE/TRANSPORT/SUPPLIES TO AREA/DEFENSE CIVILIAN/NAT. DISASTERS/ BECAUSE THEY ARE SO POOR THE LOCAL GOV'T LIVES OFF TAXES OF PEOPLE. NO \$ TO GIVE BACK. LACK OF \$ IS IN PROMOTES AND SLOW ACTION. TAXATION: SM BUSINESSES PAY 2%/MO OF PROFIT. → CITY.

Q: HOW DID HE BECOME MAYOR? MAYORS ARE APPOINTED NOW BY GOV'T UNTIL LAWS ARE COMPLETE TO (1989) ELECT MAYORS.

Q: MILITARY SERVICE & EVANGELICALS? LOCAL PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR CIVIL DEFENSE. CREATED HOUSES TO TAKE INJURED/SICK PEOPLE & BOMB SHELTERS. THIS WAS NOT JUST \$ OF WAR ALSO FOR NAT. DISASTER. ALL BY VOLUNTEERS. ALSO SET UP GUARDS AROUND THE TOWN TO PREVENT ASSASSINATIONS. A CONTINUA GOAL WAS TO CREATE TERRITORY BY KIMMO LEADERS OF PEOPLE. ALSO A LAW FOR MILITARY SERVICE FOR 2 YEARS FOR EVERYONE. OPPOSITION SAYS WHY AS IF NO OTHERS HAVE SUCH DRAFT. FOR WOMEN ITS VOLUNTARY. BIA TEWS CHRISTIANS THEY SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE. NOW EVANGELICAL LEADERS SAY TO PEOPLE "JOIN US AND WE'LL FREE YOU FROM MILITARY SERVICE". SO WHAT TO DO WITH EVANGELICALS? WE WILL SAY "IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CARRY ARMS THEN SERVE IN KITCHEN OR OTHERWISE". SO THEN EVANGELICALS SAY "IF I HAVE A UNIFORM BUT NO GUN, I AM IN DANGER BY ENEMIES". BIG PROBLEMS.

— NOW HE CAN QUESTION US...

TAPE STOPS

RESUME
TAPING ↓

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1120 - AFTER A BREAK, DURING WHICH I WENT HOME AND SHOWERED AND THEN GEORGE AND I WALKED, WE ARE NOW AT A GOV'T BUILDING W/ LUNCHES ARE PREPARED FOR THE CHILDREN. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH \$ SO THEY HAVE TO ASK THE PARENTS TO HELP. THE CENTER BUILT BY REV. GOV'T. FOOD MALNUTRITIONED CHILDREN 7 YRS AGO. BUILT FOR 200 BUT NOW 500+ ARE IN NEED. GOV'T SAYS THEY CANNOT NURSE CHILDREN. OF 257 THE 6VE TO 13 ARE MALNUTRITIONED. LACK OF \$ PREVENTS MORE ACTION. GOV'T WANTS TO LIVE BUT CANNOT. THEY ARE FROM RURAL & URBAN. NURSES LEAVE AT 5AM. THEY TALK TO PARENTS ABOUT CLEANING THEIR KIDS. THIS LADY IS TRAINED BY SOC. SECURITY ORGANIZATION AC TO NUTRITION SO SHE CAN BE EFFECTIVE. WE ARE GOING TO EAT HERE TODAY WITH THE CHILDREN.

TAPING HERE ↓

1230 - THE LAST HOUR HAS BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ANY SPEECH OR STATISTICS. HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN NEAR RAGS GETTING A SMALL PLATE OF RICE & SOME VEGTABLES. BROWN WARM EYES AND SKIN FROM TODDLERS TO NEAR TEENS.

- ANOTHER BREAK DURING WHICH WE 1ST PUMP WATER FOR THE GROUP FOR RITA AND THEN GO TO THE PENSION AND SIT AROUND AND SWEAT

1415 - DAISI BLANCO OF LIMAY'S PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER - ALSO PRES. OF HEALTH WORKERS UNIAL.

TAPING ↓

3 CENTROS & 17 WORKERS IN AREA. ALSO 1 AUXILIARY HEALTH CENTER. DO HEALTH FAMILY PLANNING AND GENERAL HEALTH CONSULTING. DO INJECTIONS. EVERYDAY 8-12/2-5. ALSO EMERGENCY 24HR/DAY. THEY WORK THE DAY & SOMEONE SLEEPS HERE EACH NITE. \$ FOR MEDICINE IS NOMINAL SO CORROAS. THERE IS NO OTHER CHANGE.

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DR. MARIA DEGADO. JUST 1 DOCTOR IN 8 CENTR + 8 NURSES. ALL MEDICAL PERSONEL ~~TRAINED~~ TRAINED HERE IN NICAR. DRs GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL IN LEON. THE BLOCAGE HURTS - ALWAYS A SHORTAGE OF MEDICINE. THE TOWN'S AMBULANCE IS A GIFT FROM THE BAITMORE SISTER CITY PROJECT.

THESE LADIES APPEAR 40-50.

WE TALK AND PLAY IN THE RAIN BEFORE THE MOTHERS COME. I TAKE A GOOD DEAL OF THE JOKING AROUND.

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- MEETING w/ MOTHERS of MEMOS & MARTINS / AT BALTIMORE SISTERCITY HOUSE

EACH MEMBER HAS LOST A HUSBAND AND/OR SON/S THAT HAVE FALLEN ~~BE~~ EITHER IN THE REV. OR TO THE CONTRAS. THEY WANT PEACE SO THEIR REMAINING LOVED ONES CAN RETURN. AS CHRISTIANS IT'S IMPORTANT TO PARDON THE ENEMY. SOMETIMES THOSE WHO KILL DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING OR WHY. AT THEIR MTGS THEY FOCUS ON WHAT THEY'VE FELT. SOMETIMES THEY WRITE REAGAN AND ASK FOR PEACE. THEY PRAY TO GOD FOR PEACE. THEY CONTINUE TO FEAR. ONE FEW THIS WEEK IN THE LIMAY ZONE. IT WOULD BE VERY BAD IF THE ~~WAR~~ ^{WAR} RETURNED WITH THE FORCE IT HAD A FEW YEARS AGO. THEY PRAY FOR PEACE AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN THE STRUGGLE. IF WAR RETURNED THE LIMAY AREA WOULD BE 1ST AFFECTED. WE ARE 20-25 MILES FROM MONDURAS HERE. THE CHILDREN OF THOSE WHO FELL HAVE NO ONE TO WORK FOR THEM.

- HER SON WAS A STUDENT. HE'D FATHERED A SON BUT DIDN'T TELL HIS MOTHER. THE MEN KILLED LEAVE WIVES AND CHILDREN BEHIND.

- THE OTHER WOMAN BEGINS TO TALK NOW. SHE ALSO LOST A SON. ITS SOMETHING YOU NEVER FORGET. THE WAY HE WAS DISAPPEARED. WHEN THEY MEET THEY WANT TO WRITE AND PROTEST TO REAGAN. THEY GO TO THE CURRENT FUNERALS TO SEE HOW THEY CAN HELP THE NEWLY GRIEVING MOTHERS. THEY FEEL SOLIDARITY WITH US BECAUSE WE'VE COME TO HEAR THEIR STORIES. 1ST LADY'S SON FELL IN '84. SHE THANKS US FOR NOT ABANDONING THEM AND FOR LISTENING TO THEIR STORIES. THEY DO NOT BLAME THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. - ITS THE GOV'T.

- WE ARE GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS NOW.

- Q: # IN LIMAY GROUP: MORE THAN 50 MOTHERS

- Q: THOSE KILLED FROM BOTH SIDES: NOT SIDE OF REVOLUTION: ~~THEY~~ LIMAY MOTHERS SON'S WERE ALL ON THE REVOLUTION SIDE. MOTHER GROUPS FOR CONTRA SIDE ALSO EXIST ALSO. MANY TEACHERS DIED DURING & AFTER THE LITERACY CAMPAIGN. HER SON WAS KILLED WHILE WORKING FOR LITERACY. HE WAS UNARMED.

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Q: HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE BEEN LEFT HEAD OF HOUSE & WHAT GOV'T HELP?

GOV'T GIVES \$ TO BUY 2 lb of SUGAR & 1 lb of SOAP/MO. I.E. 600 CORDOBAS/MO.

FOR ONE LADY WHO'S SON WAS MILITARY. ^{LT.} ~~400~~ ³⁰⁰ TO THE OTHER WHO'S SON WAS NOT. SHOES COST 1500 CORDOBA. 300 CORDOBA IS NOT WORTH THE BLOOD OF MY SON.

Q: HOW MANY LOST SONS IN AN NIEMAPUGA? THE GROUP KNOWS BUT SHE DOESN'T. MR. CASTRO IN MANAGUA SAID 75,000 HAVE FALLEN.

2115 - AFTER THE MOTHERS OF MARTYRS & HEROES LEFT THEN WE STAYED AROUND AT THE CASH BATHHOUSE. THE WEATHER WAS SO NICE. IT HAD RAINED JUST BEFORE THE MOTHERS CAME. THEIR PRESENTATION WAS LARGELY UNINTERRUPTED BY US. THEY DISCUSSED THE SADNESS AND SENSELESSNESS OF LOSING THEIR SONS TO WAR. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS THESE THINGS AND THESE ATTITUDES ARE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY CHRISTIANITY. THERE WAS SOME AIR OF RECITATION AS IF THEY HAD TOLD THESE STORIES MANY TIMES.

- AFTERWARDS WE ENJOYED THE WEATHER AND LAYED AROUND TALKING & JOKING. AT SOME POINT I TAPED A GOOD SECTION OF THIS. WE SANG THE LATIN SONG A NUMBER OF TIMES.

- WE BROKE UP AND I WALKED WITH RITA TO THE PENSION TO GET MORE WATER AND THEN HOME TO THE VINDEL'S. NOT SPEAKING MUCH SPANISH I JUST SAT WITH JOSE AND TWO OF HIS KIDS AND A FRIEND UNTIL THE SENORA CALLED ME FOR COMIDA. GEORGE ARRIVED AS I BEGAN AND WE TOLD SENORA VINDEL WE WOULD TRY TO BE MORE PREDICTABLE WITH OUR MEALTIME ARRIVALS.

- AFTER DINNER JOSE INVITED US TO THE LOCAL CINEMA WHERE HE WORKS SOME NIGHTS. WE WEREN'T SURE. THERE WAS A TENTATIVE MEETING AT THE PENSION AT 8PM W/ THE MOVIE RAN AT 730P. JOSE LEFT AND GEORGE AND I SAT AND READ AND PLAYED WITH THE KIDS AND TALKED WITH ~~THE~~ SENORA VINDEL AND HER NEIBOR WHO CAME A LITTLE LATER. WE ASKED ~~THE~~ SENORA VINDEL ABOUT THE MAYOR SEEMING SO YOUNG.

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I GUESSED HIM AT 25 TO 27. SHE SAID HE WAS VERY GOOD MAN ^A AND HE WAS MORE LIKE 38! THE CHILDREN & I PLAYED WHERE THEY WOULD TEACH ME SPANISH & I THEM ENGLISH BY SHOWING BODY PARTS ON DRAWING PICTURES.

- AT 7PM WE WALKED TO THE PENSION TO HANG AROUND THERE AND FOUND OUT THERE WOULD NOT BE AN 8PM MOVIE BUT THAT EVERYONE WAS GOING TO THE MOVIES. SO... WE WENT. IT WAS A GRADE 'B' MOVIE FROM THE LATE 60'S. BIG ON MACHO & HIPPI DRESS AND HIGH POWERED CAR CHASE ~~SCENES~~ SCENES. THE FILM WAS SPLICED A LOT AND OBVIOUSLY VERY OLD. THE THEATER WAS MOSTLY FUN. IT WAS AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. I FOUND MYSELF WONDERING IF THE GOV'T ALLOWED IT TO EMPHASIZE THE CORRUPTION OF YANKI CULTURE OR BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO SHOW BECAUSE OF THE EMBARBO & OUR RURAL LOCATION.
- AFTER THE MOVIE WE CAME HOME AND READ A BIT & TURNED IN.

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- OVER BREAKFAST TODAY GEORGE & I TALKED ABOUT ICELAND & MY IDEA OF BIKING AROUND IT.

0800 - BEGIN ALL DAY SESSION ON LIBERATION THEOLOGY. OUR SPEAKER'S NAME TRUNKI UNO

BEFORE WORKING W/ THE CHURCH HE SAYS HE WAS AN IGNORANT CAMPESINO. WORKING WITH THE CHURCH HE GAINED LIBERATING KNOWLEDGE. THIS AT TIME OF SOMBA. THIS KNOWLEDGE INTEGRATED THEM. THE GUARDIA OPPRESSED THEM STRONGLY. ~~FOR~~ FOR US THE WORD OF GOD WAS AN AWAKENING W/ THE GUARD DIDN'T WANT. IT BLOCKED THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE W/OUT A PERMIT. THE GUARD BEGAN TO CALL THEM COMMUNISTS FOR TRYING TO LIVE THE WORD OF GOD & MANY WENT TO PRISON. '77-'78 MANY CHRISTIANS SUPPORTED THE REVOLUTION AS A Δ FOR THE COMMON GOOD. AFTER THE TRIUMPH THEY COULD STUDY FREELY & THEY FOUND TO BE CHRISTIAN MEANS TO SUPPORT CHANGE IF IT IS FOR THE COMMON GOOD. THEY FOUND THAT THEY (SANDANISTA) AND CHRISTIANS) HAD A LOT IN COMMON. HE WAS BEATEN BY THE GUARDIA & ~~TO~~ TWO OF HIS SONS WERE TAKEN. THEY HE CAME TO SAN JUAN DE LIMA. AFTER A YEAR THEY CAME AND TOOK A 3RD SON. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY WORD FOR ANY OF THEM.

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THEY WERE TAKEN BECAUSE HE IS AN ACTIVE CHRISTIAN. THIS HAS NOT STOPPED HIM IN HIS WORK TO CREATE SOCIAL STRUCTURES WITH MORE JUSTICE. THEY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT LIFE & JUSTICE AND CONTINUE TO BE PUT DOWN. THE WORD OF GOD MEANS MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO FOR THE CAPITALISTS. THE WORD MEANS AN "AWAKENING" HOWEVER FOR THE POOR. THEY DISCOVER THAT THE WORD OF GOD HAS A LESSON FOR EVERY REALITY THEY ENCOUNTER TODAY. THESE THEY ALSO SPEAK ALSO & ONLY OF THE EXPLOITERS & THE EXPLOITED. [EXODUS CHAP 5 V 7-9]

(WE DO A BIBLE READING HERE). GOD LIVES WHERE THE SUFFERING IS. HE DISCUSSES WHAT THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PASSAGE IS FOR THEM. I.E. THAT GOD IS WITH THE POOR AND SUPPORTS THEIR STRUGGLE FOR A BETTER REALITY. IN '72 THEY BEGAN DISCUSSING THE OPPRESSION. AT THAT TIME CERTAIN PRIESTS BEGAN TO PUSH FOR THE FORMATION OF CHRISTIAN GROUPS TO STUDY THESE MATTERS. STUDYING THESE TEXTS MADE THEM BEGIN TO REALIZE HOW POOR THEIR SOCIETY TODAY WAS RELATIVE TO HEALTH CARE / EDUCATION / INTELLECTUAL OPPRESSION. IN BIBLE STUDY THEY ANALYSE THE TEXT AND THEN SEE ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT HISTORICAL CONTEXT. THEY REALIZED THAT IT WAS THEIR WORK TO BRING ABOUT THE CHANGES GOD PROMISED.

[EXODUS 5 V 10-13]: WE SPEND SOME TIME REFLECTING ON THESE TEXTS AND HOW THEY RELATE TO NICARAGUA TODAY. WHO'S ASLEEP / WHOSE AWAKE / WHOSE ON THE FENCE / WHOSE DECIDED. WE DEBATE SEVERAL VIEWS.

TO DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD: SEE IT AS PAST / PRESENT / FUTURE. PAST AS WHEN THE PASSAGES WERE WRITTEN. WHAT TO MAKE OF IT NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE. 15 YEARS AGO ONLY PRIESTS COULD UNDERSTAND & INTERPRET THE WORD OF GOD TO THE PEOPLE HERE IN LATIN AMERICA. HERE NOW, THE PEOPLE ARE COMING TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE. THEY BEGIN TO GET 'CLEAR' THAT THEY'VE BEEN A VICTIM OF CAPITALISM FOR 140 YEARS. U.S. CONTROLLED SOMOZA WHO CONTROLLED THE ELITE CLASSES WHO OPPRESSED THE POOR. THE PEOPLE WORKED AND WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AND HAD NO RIGHTS TO HEALTH CARE & ETC. THE NAT. RESOURCES WERE PLUNDERED AWAY. THE WORKERS HAD NO ACCESS TO ANY MEANS OF SOCIAL DIALOGUE. ALL MEANS OF PRODUCTION WERE IN THE HANDS OF THE CAPITALISTS. PAY THE PEOPLE LOW AND THEN CHARGE THEM HIGH. ALL THESE REALITIES MADE WHAT THEY SAW IN GOD'S WORD

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ALL THE MORE PRESSING (AS FOR ACTION). [EXODUS 7 v 7-13]: AGAIN WE ARE REFLECTING ON THE PASSAGE. A SMALL DISCUSSION OF BEING JUSTIFIED BY THE WORD OF GOD AND HOW MANY WAYS THIS MIRROR CAN BE TURNED. A STORY HERE BY _____ ABOUT CONDITIONS IN ATLANTIC COAST GOLD MINES UNDER SOMOZA. THEY WERE UNDERWARE INTO THE MINES AND WERE IMPRISONED IF THEY RESTED. ONE MAN WAS THROWN INTO THE COMMON WATER SUPPLY AND THIS MADE THE COMMUNITY SICK THE WEEK AFTER FOR STEALING A SMALL PIECE OF GOLD. ALL THIS WHEN NORTH AMERICANS RAN THE MINES. BEFORE THE REV. THE \$ FROM THE MINE WENT TO THE N. AMERICANS & THE RICH. AFTER IT GOES TO THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE. AGRICULTURAL WORKERS & MINERS NOW WORK A REASONABLE PACE. THE RESULTS GO TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE. LANDS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED INTO COOPERATIVES SO THAT PEOPLE NO LONG WORK FOR OTHERS. COOP \$ GO BACK INTO COOPS. THOSE WHO RUN COOPERATIVES & ETC. THEY TRY TO KEEP RAISING THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS SO THAT THINGS DO NOT STAGNATE. ONLY THOSE W/ RELIGIOUS OR IDEOLOGICAL FAITH PERSEVERE IN THE MIST OF THE EXTERNAL ABUSION AND THE INTERNAL IGNORANCE. THE FACT THAT THE FRUITS OF THE LABOR BELONG TO US SHOULD GIVE US STRENGTH.

LIKE SOVIET
IDEALOGICAL
THINKING*

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SO FAR WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE BEGINNING OF EXODUS. & WE BEGAN HERE TO ESTAB A BASIS FOR COMPARISON OF THE EXPERIENCES OF THE ISRAELITES & NICA OF TODAY. THRU SUCH REFLECTION WE W/ BETTER UNDERSTAND NICA [EXODUS 14 v 10-14]: THIS RELATES TO CONTEMP. NICA W/ MOSE TOOK ISRAELITES TO THE DESERT & THERE WAS A PERSECUTION W/ COMPARES TO POST SOMOZA U.S. PERSECUTION W/ IS LIKE A DESERT. LET US READ: ~ MANY NICA'S TODAY SEE THEMSELVES IN A POST REVOLUTION DESERT SIMILAR TO THE ISRAELITES WHEN PHAROH WAS COMING TO SLAY THEM IN THE DESERT AFTER THEY MARCHED FROM EGYPT. - ESPECIALLY US AS N. AMERICANS COMING HERE FROM COMFORT IT MUST BE HARD TO SEE NICA AS AN EXAMPLE.

~~THIS TO BE THE~~
GUY SHOOTING
FRAMEWORKS
HERE

[1ST PETER 3 v 13-17]: (PERIOD IN PRIMITIVE CHURCH W/ APOCLES ARE REFORMING THINGS.) WE REFLECT ON THIS TEXT. GARY COMMENTS ON BEING IMPRESSED BY THE COMPASSION & PATIENCE OF SOVIET PEOPLE AND POLICE & MILITARY IN EXPLAINING THINGS TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND TO US N. AMERICANS.

WE ARE SCRIBBLING 2 CUPS OF TRUTH FROM ONE BANNED CUP FRUIT. THE BEST COMES FROM WHERE?
DAILY REFLECTIONS ON BIBLICAL PASSAGES WHEN THE REFLECTORS KNOW THE INTENDED DIRECTION IS A POWERFUL WAY TO CULTURE A COMMUNITY CONSCIOUSNESS.

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SHEILA SAYS THE WILLINGNESS TO DIE FOR THEIR FAITH AND DOING THIS FROM A PLACE OF DEEP COMPASSION & COMMITMENT HAS IMPRESSED HER DEEPLY WITH THE SALVADOREAN & NICA PEOPLE. BARRY WORRIES ~~THAT~~ THAT A GOV'T W/ TAKES POWER BY FORCE MAY GET TOO ENAMORED OF ITS OWN ~~THE~~ VIRTUE AND LOOSE ITS SELF CRITICAL ABILITY. (THE POWER OF THE CHRISTIAN SECTOR HERE IS THE FORCE W/ W/ HOPEFULLY KEEP THE GOV'T INTEGRITY TO TRUTH & VALID PROGRESS ON TRACK). GEORGE SAYS THAT NO MATTER HOW MIGHT WE ARE WHEN WE TAKE UP ARMS WE WILL NEC TRANSFER SOME PAIN AND MISERY ONTO THOSE WHO OPPRESSED US AND THIS CANNOT BUT TAKE AWAY FROM THE ORIG TRUTH SOMEWHAT. (I MAKE SOME COMMENTS HERE THAT SEV. IN THE GROUP DISAVOW AS BEING THE GROUP VIEW.) / SARA SAYS (LATEL) THAT AFTE 4 MOS HERE (AND SOME TIME IN '85) THAT HER VIEW OF THE PROCESS IS CONFUSED MUCH LIKE THE PEOPLE'S: SOME ARE DISCOURAGED AND SHE HEARS SOME STORIES OF CORRUPTION AND SHE'S UNABLE TO FOCUS THE PICTURE TO A CLEAN RESOLUTION. HE SAYS THEY HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL NON-VIOLENT MEANS TO CORRECT THE INJUSTICE. THEY HAVE TRIED HARD TO CLEAVE TO NON-VIOLENCE. BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE THEIR ARMS & THUS THEIR RIGHT TO DEFEND THEIR REVOLUTION. THE ROLE OF THE CHRISTIAN IS TO RAISE PEOPLE'S CONSCIOUSNESS AND CRITICIZE THE REVOLUTION TO STAY TRUE. HE SAYS THAT THE FRUIT PROVES THE VALUE OF THE TREE. MUCH AS WHEN JONW SENT PEOPLE TO ASK JESUS IF HE WAS THE MESSIAH AND HE BID THEM TO GO BACK AND SAY WHAT THEY'D SEEN; THE BLIND SEE, THE LAME WALK ... (SEE ALSO MATTHEW 25). THE PEOPLE HERE STILL HAVE ARMS TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHT. THE CONTRAS ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE NEW SOCIAL STRUCTURES AT ALL LEVELS. THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES DEFEND THESE THINGS. THE ARMS ARE NOT JUST IN THE HANDS OF THE ARMY. IF THERE ARE ABUSES ITS BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL BEING BORN AND THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS STILL CATCHING UP. THE PROCESS ITSELF WILL HELP RAISE THE NEC. EDUC. LEVEL. THOSE WHO LEAVE ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO WORK WITH THE PROCESS. THIS IS A NATURAL WEEDING-OUT PROCESS. (WE CAN LEARN MUCH BY STUDYING THE SUCCESSES & FAILURES OF THE PREVIOUS SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONS).

COMPUTER IDEA
"CAN GET THERE FROM HERE"
- OPENNESS
- KINNE
- ABSOLUTE NATURE OF PHYSICAL WORLD.

—THE TRADE EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED IN 1985—

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WE ARE SQUEEZING 2 CUPS OF TRUTH FROM A ONE ~~CUP~~ CUP FRUIT. THE MEAT COMES FROM WHERE?

DOING REFLECTIONS ON BIBLICAL PASSAGES WHEN THE REFLECTORS KNOW THE INTENDED DIRECTION IS A POWERFUL WAY TO CREATE A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS.

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SARA SAYS ITS SCARY THAT SHE SEES SO MANY PEOPLE GIVING UP. HE SAYS THAT THOSE WHO LEAVE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO EXPRESS THEIR CAPITALISTIC AMBITIONS AND CANNOT IN NICA'S CONTROLLED MARKET.

LUNCH BREAK →

LUKE 1 v 68-79: A SECTION W/ ZACHARIAH, FATHER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, IS SINGING A SONG OF PRAISE AFTER HE BELIEVES HE WILL BE GRANTED A SON (JOHN). WE, AS A GROUP, HAVE FEW REFLECTIONS ON THIS STORY. HE TELLS US THAT THE BIRTH OF CAPITALISM IS REALLY THE BIRTH OF A SYSTEM OF DEATH. WE CAN SEE THE HAND OF GOD IN THE EVENTS GOING ON AROUND US.

(THE INTERPRETATION OF THIS SECTION IS LEAVING ME COLD. THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE TEXT AND CURRENT REALITY SEEMS LESS ~~GERMAN~~ GERMAN THAN IT DID THIS MORNING).

(AS A WORKSHOP ON LIBERATION THEOLOGY I THINK WE'VE GONE FAR OFF THE TRACK.

THE BASIC IDEA STANDS ON ITS OWN MERIT. TRYING TO ALSO SUPPORT IT WITH THESE PASSAGES TO ME SEEM TO BE REACHING AN UNNECESSARILY) SAYS THE U.S. HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CRUSH NICA. BECAUSE GOD IS W/ NICA? THE U.S. IS AFRAID OF NICA BUT NOT THE REVERSE (TRUE, BUT I'M STILL NOT SURE WHY). U.S. IS ALSO AFRAID OF LIBERATION THEOLOGY.

— HE ASKS US TO SAY HOW ^{NICA/MEXICAN} RELIGION IS SEEN IN THE U.S. I RESPOND WITH THE VIEW FROM THE POPULAR PRESS W/ IS OBVIOUSLY SIMPULIC & FOCUSED ON COMMUNISM AND LACK OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION. RICHARD FOLLOWS AND SAYS THAT MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IF PEOPLE WANT IT.

— HE'S STRESSING THAT JESUS W/ THE & W/ THE BIBLE BEGAN TO BE FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE. DISCUSSING INTEL-CURIAL POLITICS. TRADITIONAL ^{CHURCHES} ~~CHURCHES~~ CAN BE THE CBC'S ^{THE} MARXIST CHURCH OR THE COMMUNIST CHURCH. HE CITES EXAMPLES OF ASSASSINATIONS & EXPULSIONS OF LT PRIESTS. (I.E. ROMERO). THE IMPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH ARE TO SUPPRESS THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE AS THEY WISH AND AS IT SAYS THEY HAVE THE RIGHT. THE ROOT OF THIS PROBLEM IS ~~THE~~ ^{THE} POPE BUT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ALIGNED WITH THE CAPITALISTS. OSANRO Y BRAVO JUST REMAINS SILENT. THE HIGH LEVEL OF THE CHURCH FORGETS ITS ESSENTIAL COMMITMENT TO THE POOR AND THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO WORK FOR CHANGE IN THEIR SOCIETY

Q: ARE EVANGELICALS KNOWING SO WELL BECAUSE OF SPLIT W CATHOLIC? THEY (EVANG) DEPEND ON U.S. & THEY WANT TO PUT PEOPLE TO SLEEP. THEY USE HIGH-TECH TO GAIN

END
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"SEOBUNO"
"TENAMOS"
"NOSOTROS"

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MORE LEVERAGE. (SOUNDS LIKE HE'S SAYING THAT THE EVANGELICALS ~~ARE~~ ARE TOTALLY USE PUPPETS.) JUST ANOTHER PART OF MEGAN'S PLOT.

~~EXPERIENCE~~ [1ST JOHN 4 V 7-19]: SOME PEOPLE SAY NICA IS ATHEISTIC DUE TO THE SOCIALISM. (THE REASON HERE). THE EVANGELICALS WORSHIP GOD OUT THERE (I.E. JESUS IS COMING) WHILE THE CRC'S FEEL GOD IS IN U.S.

- HE'S DONE. NOW HE WANTS TO REFLECTION ON LAST MEETING.

- GEORGE COMMENTS THAT THIS VIEW NEGATES THE EVANGELICALS W/ GEORGE FEELS THEY MAY NOT BE AOT \equiv LEVEL BUT THAT THEY ARE SINCERE. MIA SAYS THAT EVANGELICALS ARE

STILL SAYING THE REWARD IS IN HEAVEN. PRIOR TO THE '60'S THE CATHOLICS W/

SAYING THE SAME. RICHARD SAYS THAT REV. FURER IN PASADENA (LARGEST EVANGELICAL IN U.S.)

GRADUATES MANY WHO STUDY AND EMBRACE LIBERATION THEOLOGY.

- NOW WE DO THE EVALUATION -

2130 - TONIGHT I AM GOING TO WRITE ABOUT SOMETHING THAT WAS THE REASON I CAME HERE.

AND IT IS THE SAME THING THAT I HOPED I WOULD NOT FIND. BUT I HAVE, SO I WILL

RECORD IT. TONIGHT, AFTER GEORGE AND I ~~WAS~~ HAD SPENT SOME TIME TALKING TO

JOSE MIA'S WIFE ABOUT HER TEACHING AND HOW SHE LOVES CHILDREN SHE BEGAN

TO TALK OF SOME OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED HERE.

- THE 1ST STORY WAS ABOUT HER OWN BROTHER WHO WAS KILLED A YEAR AGO LAST

FEB. HE WAS IN THE MILITARY IN ^{THE} MINOTEGA AREA. WHEN HE WAS FOUND IT

WAS OBVIOUS HE'D BEEN TORTURED AND MUTILATED. ONE OF HIS TESTICLES HAD

BEEN CRUSHED AND HIS STOMACH HAD BEEN RIPPED OPEN SPILLING HIS BUTS.

AND HIS FINGERS HAD BEEN CUT OFF.

- I'M NOT SURE WHAT OTHER SHE TOLD US THE OTHER STORIES W/ BUT I'LL TELL THE

ONE THAT STICKS WITH ME THE MOST. MANY TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED

FOR TRYING TO TAKE EDUCATION INTO THE CAMPO BUT JUST SAYING THAT DOESN'T

DO IT JUSTICE. CONSIDER: THIS WOMAN WHO WAS A TEACHER AND HER HUSBAND

WERE TEACHING IN A SMALL VILLAGE ~~OR~~ OR JUST SETTING UP A SCHOOL WHEN

THEY WERE STOPPED AND KIDNAPPED. THEY CUT THE MAN'S PENIS OFF AND

STUFFED IT IN HIS MOUTH AND KILLED HIM. THE WOMAN WAS RAPED

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SAYS - WIFE FROGS HOLDING INTO THE HOUSE TO NIGHT.

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THE GIRL'S MOTHER LIVES 3 BLOCKS FROM HERE IN UMMY.

AND THEN THEY CUT HER OPEN AT THE VADIMA AND SPIT HER LEGS APART.

THIS IS HOW THEY WERE FOUND 3 DAYS LATER HALF BURNED IN DIRT.

- A LOCAL MAN, I THINK A LOCAL MILITIA OR MILITARY, WAS CAUGHT OUT HERE BY UMMY. HE HAD SOME GOLD IN HIS DEFT IN THE FRONT. THEY WERE PUNED OUT BY FORCE AS WELL AS HIS FINGERNAILS BEING REMOVED.

THEY COULD NOT TELL IF HE WAS DEAD WHEN THESE THINGS OCCURRED.

- A WOMAN WHOSE ^{SON} ~~SON~~ CAME HOME TO VISIT HER ^{FROM THE ARMY} WATCHED THE CONTRAS SHOOT HIM IN FRONT OF HER.

- A YOUNG WOMAN WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HERE IN UMMY. WHEN SHE WAS NEXT SEEN TWO YEARS LATER SHE HAD A CHILD AND WAS PREGNANT WITH ANOTHER. PEOPLE SAID SHE ACTED VERY STRANGE AS IF SHE WAS ON DRUGS.

- ON THE ATLANTIC COAST WI THERE WAS A STORM THE CHILDREN WERE BEING EVACUATED FROM A ~~COASTAL~~ COMMUNITY IN AN AIRPLANE. THE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE CONTRAS KIWIMP 75 KIDS.

- ALL THIS WAS TRANSLATED FOR ME BY GEORGE. THIS WAS JUST AFTER WE HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT A PICTURE SHE'D USED TO TEACH 1ST GRADERS WITH AND HOW ~~PRECIOUS~~ PRECIOUS THE CHILDREN OF THE CAMPESINOS WERE, EVEN MORE SO THAN THOSE OF THE TOWNS FOLK BECAUSE THEY HAVE EVEN LESS.

SHE'D TAUGHT UP UNTIL SHE'D GOTTEN SICK AND THE KIDS DIDN'T WANT TO

LET HER GO SO SHE STAYED OVER 2 OR 3 DAYS BECAUSE THEY KEPT

FOLLOWING HER. SHE HADN'T GONE BACK TO TEACHING WHEN SHE WAS

WELL EVEN THOUGH SHE'D BEEN OFFERED A POST (WI WOULD HAVE REQ'D HER TO RISE AT 4 AM TO WALK THERE) BECAUSE JOSE WIS SAID 'NO'.

I'D ASKED HER WOULDN'T IT BE DANGEROUS AND SHE'D REPLIED THAT

~~THE~~ WHAT IT MEANT TO THE CHILDREN MADE IT WORTH IT. THEN SHE

BEGAN ABOUT HER BROTHER.

- SHE SAID THAT VIRTUALLY EVERY FAMILY IN THE COUNTRY HAS LOST A MEMBER TO THE CONTRAS WAR ON NICARAGUA.

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CULTURE IN MANNING

SAPOS - LARGE FLOES MOUND INTO THE
HOUSE TONIGHT.

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- TONIGHT AFTER MEL STORIES, GEORGE & I WENT OFF TO MEET THE GROUP AND ATTEND THE MOVIES. THE MOVIE WAS "THE SAILOR WHO FELL FROM GRACE WITH THE SEA". LAST NIGHT IT WAS ANOTHER BIZZARE AMERICAN FILM. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THE GOV'T IS THINKING OF SHOWING SUCH CRAP. IT DOESN'T RUN THE CAPITALIST U.S. WORLD DOWN BUT ITS OTHER COST ON YOUNG ISOLATED MINDS HAS GOT TO BE WORSE AND OUTWEIGHT AND U.S. BASHING BENEFIT. IN A NATION PLAGUED WITH SUCH VIOLENCE SUCH MOVIES THROW FUEL ON AN IMPRESSIONABLE FIRE. SOMEONE IN GOV'T HASN'T REALIZED THE OPPORTUNITY OR THE DANGERS. LISTENING TO THE HOWLS OF THE YOUNG GUYS IN THIS SMALL TOWN THEATRE I THINK SOMEONE SHOULD WAKE UP.

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- AT THE MORNING MTS WE TALK ABOUT OUR HOSTS. CLAIR'S FAMILY IS ANTI-PROGRESS. RICHARD'S MAYOR IS SOME E. GERMANY & THE USSR AS WORKERS' PARADISES.

- OUR REFLECTION IS A READING - A DRAMATIC READ OF ^{INB} ~~2~~ TWO WOMEN'S ONE RICH & ONE POOR. 6:00 - I SHOULD GET A COPY. I TELL THE GROUP ABOUT THE CONVERSATION W/ DWA LAST NIGHT.

- THE MINE

- THE CAMPASINO SERVICE

- THE RIVER ~~1900~~

- THE COUNCIL

- THE CULT

- TALKING/PRESENTS

1900 TORAH WILL BE OUT-OF-ORDER WE ARE NOW AT THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH AT 1900.

HAVE JUST BEEN THROUGH A NICE WELCOMING CEREMONY IN A CHURCH FULL OF PEOPLE.

NOW WE'VE GONE OFF INTO ANOTHER ANNEX & ARE MTS W/ AND ASKING QUESTIONS.

I TAPED SOME OF THIS SMALLER MEETING. IT'S BASICALLY A PITCH FOR \$ ON MATERIALS.

WUENE A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE

NEEDS: #1 A VEHICLE TO CONNECT THE PARISHES W/OUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

#2 THEY WANT 4 CEILING FANS BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS SO SMALL AND HOT.

#3 AN INDEPENDANT POWER GENERATOR SO THEY CAN HAVE 'CULTS' EVEN IF POWER'S LOST.

#4 THEY WANT TO BUILD A CLASS ROOM TO ADD TO LOCAL SCHOOL ROOMS.

#5 CENTER FOR ORPHANS AND MOTHERS W/ TOO MANY KIDS

- I'M TAPING OUR Q/A'S CAUSE I'M LAZY.

ITS POURING NOW
OUTSIDE & THE
HUMIDITY IS HIGH

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- WE WALKED TO THE ^{GOLD} MINE, ABOUT A 30-40 MIN. WALK. SOME MINERS MET US THERE AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS & SHOWED THE MINE & EQUIPMENT TO US. THE MINE IS CURRENTLY SHUT DOWN BECAUSE THE SHAFTS FLOODED DURING THE RAINY SEASON AND ONE OF THE PARTIALLY CAVED IN. THIS MINE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN AROUND SINCE COLONIAL TIMES. I TOOK A SMALL STONE WITH SOME SPARKLES IN IT TO PUT IN CHRIS' ROCK POUCHES. THEN WE WENT TO A CBC SERVICE BY CAMPASINDO. VERY PRIMITIVE BUILDING AND THE PEOPLE VERY POOR. I TAPED US SIMPLY TO THEM & THEY TO US. I WAS REALLY TIRED AT THIS POINT. AFTER LUNCH AT THE PENSION & A MEETING OF THE ~~GROUP~~ GROUP THAT I WAS ALMOST COMATOSE FOR SEVERAL OF US WENT TO THE LOCAL RIVER. IT WAS FUN. MY WATCH SAID THE WATER TEMP WAS 81°F. WE (GARY, STEVE, TAMMY, CLAIR & MYSELF) SAT ON THE ROCK BED AND LET THE WATER RUSH OVER US W/ THE HUMIDITY & RAIN CLOUDS GATHERED. IT ~~RAINED~~ RAINED. KIDS JUMPED NAKED FROM THE ~~BRIDGE~~ BRIDGE INTO THE RIVER AND STOOD AND STARED AT THE GRINGA WOMEN. WE CHANGED IN THE BUSHES AND THREW ROCKS IN THE RIVER. I WENT HOME THEN & SPEND AND MOUSE LAUGHING AND TRYING TO TALK TO DOÑA VINDEU & JOSÉ'S WIFE, DINA, AND THE KIDS. WITH MANY REFERENCES TO SHARON'S (MY FRIEND) SPANISH/ENGLISH DICTIONARY. I DRANK A CUP OF COFFEE AND THEN GEORGE CAME ~~HOME~~ HOME FROM THE SECOND SHIFT AT THE RIVER. ~~WHILE~~ WHILE I SAT TALKING I GAVE THE NINOS 3 TOYS FROM MY SON CHRISTOPHER. THEY WERE ESTATIC AND RAN LAUGHING WITH THEM AROUND THE YARD. WE ATE DINNER AND THEN MET THE GROUP AT THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH 2 BLOCKS UP. I TAPED GOOD PORTIONS OF THIS. IT WAS (FOR ME) A REAL HOLY ROLLER SERVICE. THE PASTOR BEGAN WITH SONGS & A BIBLE READING AND THEN INTRODUCED US AND WE EACH STOOD AND SAID OUR NAME, CITY & RELIGION FOR THE CONGREGATION. THEN WE WENT TO A PRIVATE MTG W/ THE CHURCH HIERARCHY AND THEY (MUCH TO ALL OF OUR SURPRISE) HAS A MAJOR PITCH FOR MATERIAL AID W/ WE ASKED QUESTIONS OF OUR OWN. I TAPED THE Q/A.
- AFTER THE SERVICE W/ DID GET QUITE INTENSE. GEORGE & I WENT HOME AND SAT TALKING TO THE VINDEUS TIL 10 PM (LATE FOR ME). I GAVE THEM SOME PRESENTS TO SAY THANKS. FOR JOSÉ LUIS I GAVE HIM THE POCKET KNIFE & MULTI-TOOL THAT JOHN GAVE ME. FOR DINA I GAVE HER THE FOLDING SCISSORS AND TWO PACKS OF VELCROW.

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0920 - WERE SEVERAL MINES OUTSIDE SAN JUAN DE LIMAY AT A TOBACCO COOP WAITING FOR MEETING TO BEGIN. / BREAKFAST @ THE VINDEN'S WAS UNEVENTFUL BUT IT WAS SAD TO SAY ADIOS.

I'm writing w/ YESTERDAY'S NOTES ON THE PREVIOUS PAGES.

1000 - OUR MTG w/ THE AGRICULTURAL COOP BEGINS. "LA GRECIA COOP"

A CAMPESINO STANDS AND GREET^{IS} US. MANY FRIENDLY PEOPLE HAVE COME TO VISIT US SINCE THE REV. SHEU STANDS AND GIVES THEM OUR GREETING. WE EACH PRESENT OURSELVES. NOW THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES. MOST OF THOSE WHO SPEAK WERE BORN RIGHT HERE IN THIS COOP AREA. NOW WE BEGIN OUR TALK. AS I SIT WRITING KIDS ARE CROWDING AROUND US.

Q: MIST/ORG OF COOP - BEGUN '83 - 23 WORKERS THEN. - '85/'86 ↑ TO 30. - MANY DIFFICULT TIMES. HERE LAND BELONGS TO GROUPS OF SMALL/POOR PEASANTS. ~~THEY ASSIGNED A PIECE OF LAND~~ REV. BROUGHT AGRARIAN REFORM. 1ST STEPS OF REFORM W/ TO GIVE LARGE LANDOWNER'S ABANDONED LAND OUT TO PEASANTS. THEY GAVE CREDIT TO CAMPESINOS TO BUY OXEN & ETC. ONCE THIS WAS ARRANGED THEY COULD BEGIN TO WORK & MAKE EARNINGS. THE LAND HAS SUFFERED FROM THE WAR AND THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO. MAJOR PROB. IS LACK OF TRANSPORT FOR THEIR PRODUCTS. ALWAYS FIGHTING TO WORK. PRICE OF GAS HAS JUST GONE UP. THIS IS THE KIND OF COMMUNITY THAT THE CONTRAS SINGLE OUT TO ATTACK. 3500 MONSANA'S AREA. 34 FAMILIES. TOBACCO & SOME BASIC GRAINS. ALSO CATTLE.

Q: CAN THEY REPAIR THEIR TRUCKS - NOT HERE BUT IN LIMAY.

Q: CONTRA ATTACKS HERE? CLOSE BY THEY'VE SEEN THE VICTIMS BUT NO ONE FROM THIS COOPERATIVE. THEY'VE LOST CATTLE. AND THEY'VE LOST MEN TO MILITARY MOBILIZATION. THEY ARE READY TO DEFEND THEIR LAND.

Q: WHY NO TOBACCO IN LAST TWO YEARS? BEGAN GROWING IN 85, 86, 87. LAST 2 YEARS ITS BEEN TOO DRY.

Q: WHY DO CONTRAS ATTACK COOPERATIVES? THEIR IDEAL IS TO HAVE THEIR FAMILY & THEIR LIFE HERE AND THEY HAVE TO DEFEND IT. CONTRAS DON'T CARE WHO THEY ATTACK. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE ARMS ~~THEY~~ WE WOULD BE MORE VULNERABLE. STATE OF WAR LAST 8-9 YRS MAYBE WE AS N. AMERICANOS MAYBE COULD A REAGAN'S POLICIES.

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BECAUSE OF THE HELP OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES THEY HAVE SURVIVED.

Q: WHO OWNED THIS LAND BEFORE THE REVOLUTION? DIVIDED AMONG PRIVATE LANDOWNERS NOW GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES OF SANDINO.

Q: COULD THEY SET UP IRRIGATION TO OFFSET DRY SEASONS? THEY HAVE 40 MONSANSOS IRRIGATED ~~BY~~ BUT EVEN THIS AREA W/ ITS DRY IT FAILS. THEY NEED WEIRS.

Q: WHAT IS THE REGION OF COOP PEOPLE? SCHOOLS, HEALTH CARE? 2 HEALTH CENTERS NEARBY. ONE IN UMMY & IN PLANENAVES (2 KM). SM. SCHOOL HERE TO 5TH GRADE THEN TO UMMY OR PLANENAVES. REGION: NO CHURCH HERE. THEY ARE CATHOLICS / EVANGELICALS / AND ADVENTS & GO TO UMMY FOR SERVICES.

Q: HOW DID THEY LEARN ABOUT COOP ORGANIZATION? BEFORE REV. THE ~~LAND WAS~~ ^{LAND WAS} OWNED BY MICHONANES LANDOWNERS. THE REV. W/ BROUGHT THE IDEA OF ORGANIZATION WHICH THEY UNDERSTOOD IMMED. 1ST ORGANIZATION WAS UNION OF RURAL AGRICULTURE & RANCH WORKERS. THE NATIONAL BANK SUPPORTS THEM WITH LOANS.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS NO CROP? 87/88 W/ NO TOBACCO THEY PLANTED PANTED CORN & DEPENDS ON THEIR CATTLE.

Q: WHERE IS THE PREVIOUS LANDOWNER? HE'S 45 KM AWAY IN ESTELI. HE'S WELL AND INVOLVED WITH C.I.A. THEY WILL NOT SAY HIS NAME.

Q: WHAT THEY GROW - WHERE DO THEY SELL IT? MUCH WE USE, SOME GOES FOR THE MILITARY MOBILIZATION. ~~THE~~ GRAINS GOES IN TRUCKS TO UMMY & SELL IT TO "NADBUS" NATIONAL GOV'T BUYER. NOT REQUIRED BUT THEY SELL TO THEM BECAUSE IT IS PATRIOTIC.

Q: DON'T PEOPLE HAVE SM PRIVATE GARDENS? HERE THEY ~~ARE~~ ^{LACK} HAVE A ~~LOT~~ OF SEEDS. IN ESTELI IT IS EASIER.

Q: HOW ELSE DOES GOV'T HELP? THEY GIVE MANY WAYS. TECHNICIANS, TEACHERS, DOCTORS, NURSERY SCHOOLS, ADULT EDUCATION. YES. HE POINTS TO A TEACHER WHO WILL TALK ABOUT HOW SHE WAS TRAINED. 1ST YOU TAKE 2-3 DAYS EACH IN UMMY & THEN CHOOSE WHICH GRADE YOU WILL TEACH. UN-EXPERIENCED TEACHERS MUST STUDY ON SATURDAY AND THEN TAKE EXAMINES. THAT'S 3 YRS OF SATURDAY STUDY TO GET CERTIFICATE.

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SHE WENT TO CUBA FOR THE 1ST PART OF HER TRAINING AND THEN INTO ESTELI FOR THE SATURDAY STUDY. CUBAN SCHOLARSHIP. SHE'S TAUGHT HERE FOR 4 YEARS NOW. 2 TEACHERS HERE AND SOME 25 KIDS.

Q: HOW IS SOMEONE SELECTED TO BE A TEACHER? AN INDIVIDUAL DECIDES FOR THEMSELVES

Q: DO THEY HAVE ANY CRITICISM OF SANDANISMAS? THE SITUATION IS GETTING WORSE BUT THEY STILL UNDERSTAND. PRE-REV. IF YOU HAD THE MONEY YOU COULD BUY ANYTHING BUT NOW ITS MORE FAIR EVEN WITH THE RATIONING.

1110 - Q: WHAT % OF 5TH GRADERS GO ON? BECAUSE OF LACK OF \$ VERY FEW GO ON. ~~TE~~
ITS ALL FREE TO 5TH GRADE'S END.

- NOW THEY ASK US QUESTIONS.

- THE TEACHER ASKS IF WE KNOW HOW DONATIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED. THEY'VE GOTTEN SOME BUT ARE CONFUSED AT HOW THE DECISIONS ARE MADE.

- WHAT BRINGS US DOWN HERE / OUR IDEOLOGY. CLAIR RESPONDS. RICHARD RESPONDS.

- WHAT ABOUT THE ELECTION COMING. WILL IT CONTINUE IN THE SAME DIRECTION? RICHARD RESPONDS.

- ARE WE COMFORTABLE HERE? WHAT ABOUT THE DISINFORMATION? DENNIS RESPONDS
EDITH RESPONDS DON RESPONDS

- HE SAYS THEY ARE ALSO BADLY INFORMED DOWN HERE BUT WILL IT BE HARD FOR US TO GO BACK AND TALK ABOUT THINGS - ARE WE REPRESSION. - SHEM RESPONDS / RICHARD RESPONDS

GARY SAYS WE DO HAVE A FORM OF REPRESSION W/ OUTSIDE PEOPLE W/ DISSENTING VIEWS ARE PREVENTED FROM ENTERING AND SPEAKING. EDITH RESPONDS

- CAN WE VOTE FOR WHO WE WANT? RICHARD RESPONDS.

- ~~CAN~~ ^{IS} THE PRESIDENTIAL WINNER VOTED IN BY POPULAR ELECTION? NOTE THAT CONTRA AID GOES THRU EVEN THOUGH ITS KNOWN THAT THE MAJORITY OF U.S. IS AGAINST IT? CLARA RESPONDS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND OR AGREE W/ HOW WE DO SUCH THINGS IN THE U.S. HOW CAN WE HOPE TO EXPLAIN IT TO THESE PEOPLE?

1215 - A LAST QUESTION: WHAT HAVE WE SEEN THAT IS POSITIVE? COMPARING THE CITY WORKERS AND THE COUNTRY WORKERS.

THESE PEOPLE WERE SAT PATIENT FOR A LONG TIME WITH HIGH INTEREST.

- AFTER THIS IS WORTH. I GIVE MY SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE SCHOOL AT THE COOP.

THEN WE GO ON A COOP TOUR & SEE THE TABACCO DRYING BUILDING.

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1945 - AT THE EXPERIMENTAL GRAPE COOPERATIVE.

- PEDRO JOAQUIN CRUZ - RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CNTR - OVERSEAS GEN (P) OF CNTR. HE IS A CATTLE RAISING TECHNICIAN.
- MANCIO BETANCO - TECHNICIAN IN GRAPE GROWING. - RESP. FOR GRAPES IN 3 REGION. - SUPERIOR TECHNICIAN IN AGRICULTURE.
- RICHARD INTRODUCES US WITH SOME HUMOR. THESE 2 TECHNICIANS SEEM TO HAVE SOME EDUCATION AND SEEM A BIT SERIOUS. HE'S GOING TO SPEAK OF HIST. OF EXPERIMENTAL CNTR. BEGAN IN '82 TO STUDY HOW TO BEST USE THIS DRY ZONE. FOR BASIC GRAINS, CORN/BEAN/MUCA/SORGHUM/... GRAPES/PAPAYO/TAMARINDO/.... ALSO HAVE DEPT. INVOLVED WITH CATTLE & MEAT NUTRITION. THEY ALSO DEAL WITH NATIVE LEGUMES. TOO EXPENSIVE TO IMPORT LEGUMES. COTTON WOULD BE GOOD TO GROW HERE.
- RE: GRAPES. '82 BEGINNING. GRAPES FROM CALIF & FRANCE. FINANCING BY SWISS GOVERNMENT. SOME CROPS & TECHNIQUES INTRODUCED HERE. THEY EVAL. TYPES OF CROPS & FERTILIZATION TECHNIQUES. WANT FARMERS TO GROW GRAPES. NOW 11.5 MOUSANOS PLANTED & U.S ARE PRODUCING. MORE FARMERS HAVE REQUESTED TO DO SO. EQUIP BY SWISS / SUPERVISION BY AGRICULTURAL REFORM PART OF NICA GOV'T. ALSO SOME COUDECA & ? NOW ALSO GROW GRAPES & HAVE \approx CLIMATE. CLIMATE: 2800^{METERS} ABOVE SEA / MEAN TEMP 26°C / RAIN 800-1200 mm³ / THIS IS IDEAL FOR GRAPES & EXCEPT FOR RECENT FLOODS IT'S DONE QUITE WELL. THEY ALSO RAISE SOME SPECIAL CROPS LIKE CACTUS FRUITS. OBJECTIVES: USE LOCAL MATERIALS AND WORKING SEMI-COMMERCIAL (LOCAL USE AND SOME SALES TO REMOTE AREAS). THEY ARE IN THE 1ST STAGES OF WINE PRODUCTION NOW. DOING HOME LEVEL WINE SINCE THEY DON'T HAVE LARGE SCALE PROD. EQUIPMENT. EXPERIMENTING WITH RAISINS ALSO. CURRENTLY MOST OF CROP IS SOLD AS FRESH FRUIT. VARIETIES ARE: ^{FOR FRUIT:} ITALIAN / MOSCATEL / HAMBURG / CARINAL ^{FOR WINE:} BLACK GRANACO / GREEN MOND. SWISS HAVE OTHER PROJ: MILK / REFORESTATION / DRINKABLE H₂O PROJECTS / PROTECTION OF WATERWAYS.
- Q: GARY ASKS IF THERE IS WINE WE COULD SAMPLE. YES, THEY'LL GIVE US A BOTTLE BUT IT'S NOT TOO GOOD DUE TO THEIR NOVICES.

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Q ANY PROBLE W/ CONTINUS (S ANY PROFITS BACK TO GOV'T? NO PROFITS YET BUT THEY EXPECT A GOOD CROP NEXT YEAR. U.S. WANTS TO RUIN NICA ECONOMY AND SINCE GOV'T HAS LOTS OF GOV'T INVESTMENT HERE HENCE CONTINUS WANT TO DESTROY THE LOOP. IN '85 CONTINUS CAME CLOSE BUT THE ARMY CRUSHED THEM AWAY. SWISS & ARE NOT LOANS BUT GIFTS OF SOLIDARITY.

- WE EAT DINNER AND THEN HAVE A MEETING WHERE WE DISCUSS THE EVANGELISTIC MTS THE PREVIOUS EVENING.

1-14 Oct 88/0820 - BREAKFAST AND THEN A MTD W/ PEDRO CRUZ. PEDRO WANTS US TO TELL HIM ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCES HERE AND SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN NICARAGUA

- CLARA SAYS THAT A FARM LIKE THIS IS PART OF THE PROMISE OF THIS REVOLUTION FOR THE 3RD WORLD. I AGREE.

- PEDRO BRINGS A BOTTLE OF THEIR ^{LOCAL} WINE AND AT 0845 WE DOWN IT AMONG MANY TOASTS.

- I LEAD A REFLECTION BY READING CHEIF SEATTLE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT PIERCE (1851) FROM MY BOOK "THE PEACE READER". GARY TRANSLATES FOR PEDRO SO I GO SLOW. I OPEN W/ COMMENTS ON HOW WHITE MEN FROM EUROPE HAVE VIOLENCELY CONQUERED THE WORLD AND, FOLLOWING THE READING, I CLOSE WITH COMMENTS ON HOW ABSTRACT POLITICAL IDEAS RUIN MANY LIVES OF SIMPLE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD.

- WE DINE TO ESTELI & SHERI/TAMMY/BARRY/DON/EDITH/AND JANE. SHERI, DON & BARRY REGAL US WITH PEACE SONGS & MONTY PYTHON.

- IN ESTELI SARA ADMINES MY BOOK & I GIVE IT TO HER.

1210 - WE ARE NOW AT AN EL SALVADOREAN RESTAURANT NAMED CASA DE AMISTAD. LOTS OF GREAT LIBERATION/REVOLUTION POSTERS HERE. I'VE SHOT ~~SOME~~ SOME.

1250 - AFTER WORK SESSION W/ PEOPLE AT RESTAURANT RE: WHAT THEY ARE ABOUT. THEY ARE A.C.R.E.S. & HAVE NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION. REFUGES BEGAN ARRIVING IN '80-'81 & SAW NEED FOR AN ORGANIZATION. ^{OFFICES} ~~OFFICES~~ IN SEVERAL CITIES W/ ~~ARE~~ EACH WORK COOPERATIVES. A.C.R.E.S. IS TO ORG & RETAIN ~~THE~~ SENSE OF BEING SALVADOREANS. THEY WANT TO NOT DEPEND ON LOAD NICA GOV'T. THEY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL TO NOW.

ES = EL SALVADOR.
LT = LIBERATION THEOLOGY.

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TRYING TO COLLECT AID TO GIVE TO THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO RETURN TO RURAL AREAS IN SALVADOR. IDENTIFY A LOT W/ CHURCH IN (ES) BECAUSE IT PUSHES FOR A SOLUTION TO THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS. 5 COOKS IN ESTELI. 3 IN THIS BUILDING'S RESTAURANT / SEWING / CLOTHING SALES. ELSEWHERE IS CARPENTRY SHOP AND AGRICULTURAL COOP. THEY ARE TRYING TO BUILD RESOURCES & SEE HOW TO HELP THOSE IN ES. 24300 SALVADOREANS THEN 1200 HAVE RETURNED TO ES TO ABANDONED RURAL AREAS. THIS WAS W/ EUROPEAN OBSERVERS W/ NOT ALLOWED TO GO ALONG. Q: DOES ^{FMLM} NEVI HAVE A LOT OF POPULAR SUPPORT? YES, ATTACKS HAVE EVEN HIT CAPITAL. SOME AREAS ARE TOTALLY UNDER ^{FMLM} CONTROL. THERE ARE EVEN POPULAR PEOPLES MILITIAS W/ SPONTANEOUSLY W/ IN CITIES & RURAL AREAS IN ADDITION TO THE GUERRILLAS. INDIANS ARE NOT A FACTOR BECAUSE IN 1932 30,000 WERE MASSACRED EFFECTIVELY ENDING INDIGENOUS POPULATION. REPRESSION HAS BEEN NEARLY CONSTANT IN SALVADOR SINCE 1900. Q: EVANGELISMS? DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THESE CHURCHES. Q: CIBC'S IN ES? YES. DEFINITELY SINCE '65 CALLED 'PNECAS'. DIST. THE IDEA OF LT & G WAS WIDE-SPREAD SLAUGHTER OF PRIESTS FOR HAVING LIBERAL IDEAS.

1470 - ~~MADE~~ ROBERTO GUERRERO GAVE US PLANT TOUR.

1530 - THE PLANT TOUR WAS INTERESTING. SUPPOSEDLY THE LARGEST FACILITY OF ITS KIND IN CENTRO AMERICA & POSSIBLE ALL OF LATIN AMERICA. MOST SUCH FOOD PRODUCTION PLANTS ARE SINGLE FOOD STUFF PRODUCTION LINES W/ THE MULTIPLE LINES AND IS CAPABLE OF SIGNIFICANT PARALLEL PRODUCTION. ITS A LARGE COMPLEX OF BUILDINGS SOME 50 OR SO MILES NORTH OF MANAGUA.

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- AT OUR MORNING REFLECTION MICHAEL BRINGS UP A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH LUIS DRAWING YESTERDAY. LUIS IS DISCOURAGED BY THE REVOLUTION & CLAIMS ITS CORRUPTION. I SAY IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW THEY RUN THEIR REVOLUTION - WE NEED TO GET HYPOCRACY OUT OF OUR GOV'T.

0935 - WE'RE TOURING THE CITY IN A BUS. SO FAR WE'VE SEEN

- BEN LINCOLN PARK
- DOWNTOWN MANAGUA ('72 QUAKE DESTROYED MOST OF IT)
- THE CATHEDRAL & NATIONAL PALACE (NOW TREASURY)
- THE "RAMBO" ~~STATE~~ STATE
- THEN WE SPEND AN HOUR OR MORE AT MANAGUA'S MINT MARKET. I WALK AROUND & LOOK A LOT BUT BUY NOTHING. THE REVOLUTIONARY MUSEUM IS NEARBY SO I GO TO SEE IT TOO.
- THEN BACK ON THE BUS TO WORK AT THE WFT HOUSE. AFTER I WASH SOME CLOTHES IN THE COMMUNITY POOL.

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1335 - WFP'S CAM PANEL - MEDIA F/T PERSON (TAPING)

LARGER PAPERS HAVE REPORTERS IN MANAGUA

1435 - I TAPED CARY'S TALK & THE ANSWERS.

1500 - JULIO MALDONADO - EXILE GROUPS & MEDICAL WORKER

- A HONOURMAN WHO WILL TALK ABOUT HONDURAS

AGAIN, I'M TAPING CAUSE MY PEN'S DUMB

1700 - GOOD DISCUSSION BUT THIS GUY 'NEARLY' DEVELOPS A THOUGHT!

0750 1-16 OCT 88

- LAST NIGHT WE HAD A SIMO ALONG OUT HERE ON THE PORCH. ONE OF THE 2 HONOURMAN LEAD MOST OF IT. I LEFT AFTER MOST OF IT AND SAT IN BED & THOUGHT ABOUT THINGS. ITS BEGINNING TO COME TO ME THAT JOAN WON'T BE WAITING FOR ME WHEN I GET HOME AND THAT THESE NEXT MONTHS WILL BE FULL OF CHANGES. I WROTE A RATHER SAD POEM.

- THIS MORNING GARY / SHELI / EDITH & MYSELF GOT UP TO WALK TO THE TOP OF 'ESNL' HILL. WE GOT ABOUT 2/3 OF THE WAY UP BEFORE WE POODLED OUT. BEAUTIFUL VIEW. I ASKED GARY TO SUM UP HIS EXPERIENCE HERE & WAS HAPPY TO SEE I WASN'T TOO FAR OFF.

0800 - WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN REFLECTION. PASS IT FROM "MOM'S ENNUI" GOOD POEMS BY A NICA POET ABOUT WOMAN & THE LIVES & THEIR OPPRESSION. GOOD DISCUSSION OF WOMAN'S RIGHTS FOLLOWS.

0840 - DAVID DYE ON NICA ECONOMY - CAME IN '82 @ INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL & ECONOMIC STUDIES. GETTING PhD @ STANFORD. NOW. ∴ OVER THESE YEARS HE'S GOTTEN A GRIP ON THE NICA ECONOMY. 2 PART SPEECH ① CURRENT STATE OF ECONOMY ② DETAILS OF MIXED ECONOMY. MIXED ECONOMY (ME) IS NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD IN U.S.A.

- CAN = PERIOD SINCE '79: 1ST 3/4 YRS THERE WAS PARTIAL RECOVERY FROM NEW DAMAGE. WORKERS & PEASANTS GOT GOOD GAINS. APROX '82, HOWEVER, THERE BEGAN A PROCESS OF STEADY DECLINE. GNP OF NICA FALLEN 25% FROM 80 TO 87. MANY POOR PEOPLE HAVE SEEN 40% LOSS IN 1984 INFLATION ↑ 40%.

85 WAS 300% / 87 WAS 1300% / 88 IS EVEN WORSE. 1ST 6 MO STROGS 1100% . HIGHEST IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE. ∴ WAS GOV'T INTRODUCED

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WE SAW THE LOGBOOK

PEOPLE ARE REQ'D TO REGISTER TO VOTE BUT NOT TO VOTE

COFFEE IS MAIN EXPORT & IS DECREASING BECAUSE ITS LABOR INTENSIVE & LABOR IS SHORT. REASON: WORKERS -> MILITARY.

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STRONG CONTROLS. EXPORTS '86 225M\$. '81 450M\$ '77 670M\$

THIS ECON. IS DEPENDANT ON FOREIGN TRADE. CAPACITY OF FLO TO GEN. EXPORTS SUFFICIENT TO GEN \$ TO PAY FOR IMPORTS IS ↓ LIKE A ROCK.

- GOV'T DEFICIT CALC AS % OF GNP IS ~~APRX~~ APX 20%. TO COMPARE AT US'S ~~WORST~~ IS 5-6% OF GNP. THIS IS A BADLY OUT OF BALANCE ECONOMY. ABOVE AND BEYOND BASIC POVERTY OF SOCIETY.

- SOME GROUPS HAVE GOTTEN BETTER I.E. SOME PEASANT COOPS. ALSO SOME WHO HAD REG JOBS & HAVE NOW GONE INTO SMALL MERCHANT BUSINESS AND SPECULATING.

OVERALL IS SOME OF THOSE REG. WANTED TO ↑ HAVE FAILED BADLY.

REV.'S BASE OF POLITICAL SUPPORT IS BEING ERODED BY NEAGAN'S POLICY. THIS MEANS NEXT ELECTION THE FSLN MAY NOT WIN SO BIG. OR MANY JUST WON'T VOTE (OPPOSITION IS WEAK/CONFUSED).

- NICA GOV BLAMES ALL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ON US. IT DOES ADMIT SOME SMALL MISTAKES. COSEP (MIGRANT COUNCIL OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE) SAYS PROBLEMS ARE C'S OF SANDANISTA ECONOMIC ~~AND~~ MISMANAGEMENT & THESE ARE THE C'S OF GOV'T'S ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE SOCIALISM. DAVID SAYS HE GIVES A LOT TO OPPOSITION'S SIDE OF THE DEBATE. SAYS THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER 1ST:

① IMPACT OF WAR ON ECONOMY ARE DIVERSE. DIRECT & INDIRECT. DIRECT: DISRUPTION OF COOPS. MILITARY ACTIVITIES DISRUPT FOOD PLANTING IN NORTH. INDIRECT: 80,000 DRAFTES + PROFESSIONALS MILITARY IS DRAWN ON CIVILIAN LABOR POOL W/ C'S W ↓ IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CAPABILITY. ALSO GOV'T HAS GIVEN ⁵⁰ % OF BUDGET TO DEFENSE SECTOR. TAX INCOME CAN FUND ABOUT 1/2 OF WHAT IT SPENDS & IT PRINTS MONEY TO COVER THE REST. ⇒ IS INFLATION.

② NICA'S ECON. INTERLUDE TO WORLD ECONOMY - I.E. WORLD MARKETS HAVE HAD A ~~DEEP~~ RECESSION IN THE PRODUCTS NICA EXPORTS. ~~END~~ OF EXPORTS EXPORT VALUES ↓ W/ COST OF IMPORTS ↑. A LOSE-LOSE SITUATION. REAL PURCHASING POWER HAS DROPPED BY 1/3 AS C'S OF THIS AND IS NO FAULT OF NICA GOV'T.

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- ③ LEGACY OF PAST ATTEMPTS AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS (I.E. SOMOZA'S POLICY ON DEVELOPMENT). AT ONE POINT COTTON THEN LATER BEEF EXPORT. MAJOR IMPACT ON ECOLOGICAL BASE OF SOCIETY W/ LATER C'S IN ECON. PROBS. I.E. BUILDUP OF PESTICIDES ~~FOR~~ 40 YRS OF TRY TO GROW ~~THE~~ COTTON IN TROPICS. BUGS ↑ RESISTANCE. AS MANY AS 30 SPRAYINGS / PER SEASON. BY MID 80'S ITS GOTTEN UNPROFITABLE TO ~~KEEP~~ KEEP GROWING. ON BALANCE THIS STUFF IS A NET NEGATIVE. THESE ARE OTHER EXAMPLES. OVERGRAZING / DEFORESTATION / LAKE POISONING. ALL THESE MAKE PRESENT GOV'TS PROBLEM TOUCHER.
- SUMMING UP ALREADY SUFFICIENT REASONS FOR PROBLEMS W/OUT GOV'T POLICY INTERVENS. BUT GOV'T POLICYS HAVE AGGRAVATED THE PROBLEMS.
 - NICA MAD POLICY UNTIL LAST YEAR W/ SUBSIDIZED CROP PRICES. YOU WERE REQUIRED TO SELL CROPS TO ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~ W-E-V.A AGENCY. PEASANTS SAW THAT GOV'TS PRICES WERE NOT RISING BUT BLACK MARKET OFFERED 2 OR 3 TIMES MORE. GRADUALLY MANY SWITCHED OVER TO BLACK MARKET OR THEY JUST BEGAN TO GROW WHAT THEY NEEDED THEMSELV. GOV FINALLY WOKE UP TO COST OF ITS POLICY. BOTH ECO. & POLITICAL. PEASANTS GETTING ALIENATED. LAST YR THEY Δ'D TO FREE-TRADE SYSTEM. SHORT RUN ~~IS~~ WAS CONSUMER PRICES IN CITY ↑ BUT PEASANT MOTIVATION ↑'D ALSO. CLIMATE PROBLEMS LAST 2 YRS HAVE BEEN UNFORTUNATE BUT POLICY IS SOUND. DRIFT OF GOV Δ'S ~~IS~~ IS TO MORE & MORE ALLOW FREE MARKET.
 - NAME OF MIXED ECONOMY LOTS OF CONFUSION. VAGUE TERM. STATE OWNS 12% OF LAND. 20-25% HELD BY COOPS (C'S OF A GUARANTEE REFORM) 25-30% OF PRIVATE (COSEP). REST HELD BY PRIVATE PEASANT FARMERS. OVERARCHING ALL THIS IS A SYSTEM. ITS (F) IS TO ↑ ECON. DEV. OF SOCIETY AND TO REDISTRIBUTE \$ FROM TOP TO BOTTOM OF SOCIETY WHERE POSSIBLE. THESE ARE DIFFICULT TO DO AT E TIME. CUBA IS ONLY CLEAR SUCCESS. MOST COUNTRIES GROW BUT RICH/POOR SPLIT WIDENS.

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- HOW THEY W/ ATTEMPT TO DO IT:

① BANKING SYSTEM IS NATIONALIZED. GOV KNOWS WHO HAS CAPITAL AND WHAT'S ITS USE IS. GOV CAN NOW FINANCE PEASANT PROJECTS. MANY PEASANTS DON'T REPAY. POLICY IS NOW A'ING AS $\text{\$}$ OF LACK OF REPAYMENT W/ \uparrow 'S INFLATION.

② XFER INCOME OF RICH TO HELPING POOR - I.E. OFFICIAL EXPORT MONOPOLYS COFFEE EXPORTERS NEQ'D TO SELL TO GOV W/ THEN SELL PRODUCT. GOV PAYS GROWERS SM. AMT IN CORDOBAS AND KEEPS MAJORITY OF PROFIT FOR SOCIAL GOOD. GROWERS ARE HOSTILE TO REVOLUTION.

③ PROPERTY REDISTRIBUTION LAWS (AGRIARIAN REFORM LAWS). IT HAS NO UPPER LIMIT ON HOW MUCH LAND YOU CAN OWN. IF YOU PRODUCE LESS THAN SOME $\text{\$}$ LEVEL GOV CAN TAKE YOUR LAND W/OUT COMPENSATION AND REDISTRIBUTE IT. GOV CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE LAND IDLE. GROWERS LEFT LAND IDLE $\text{\$}$ AS A POLITICAL STATEMENT.

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- THESE 3 ARE HEART OF MIXED ECONOMY SYSTEM.

- HE SAYS MEDIUM $\text{\$}$ SM. PRIVATE FARMERS/RANCHERS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT. THEY ARE SWITCHING FROM COSEP TO UNAG (UNION OF FARMERS/RANCHERS). THE VERY RICH ARE RESISTING. THE OVERALL NEG PICTURE IS BAD OBSCURING THE FACT THAT THE MIXED ECONOMY CONVERSION IS WORKING WELL W/ SM $\text{\$}$ MED. SIZED PRIVATE SECTOR.

DAVID SAYS REAL REASON FOR REAGAN POLICY IS FEAR OF LARGE CAPITALISTS THAT OTHER LATIN COUNTRIES W/ FOLLOW NICA $\text{\$}$ $\text{\$}$ W/ BE $\text{\$}$ LOSS OF FREEDOM OF OPERATION OF MULTINATIONALS.

- INFLOW OF EASTERN BLOC $\text{\$}$ IS WHAT ALLOWS NICA TO DEAL W/ IMBALANCE OF IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE. ASSOC. IS $\text{\$}$ USSR 'RUNNING' NICA? WHAT'S USSR'S MOTIVE. THEY THINK IF REAGAN IS ALLOWED TO SINK NICA THEN REAGAN W/ GO AFTER CUBA. SOVIET AID TO NICA IS ABS. MIN TO KEEP IT AFLOAT.

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1100 - WE'VE DRIVEN ACROSS TOWN TO THE MASS AT THE CHURCH OF OBANDO Y BRAVO. (OB)
BEAUTIFUL WELL KEPT BUILDING. THE PEOPLE ARE CLEAN AND AFFLUENT. I FEEL
OUT OF PLACE IN MY TEE-SHIRT W/ I SAYS "THIS VERY BODY THE BUDDHA". OPS.

1200 - THEY'VE BEGUN THE CEMENTARY WHERE THE PEOPLE STAND IN LINE AND GET SMALL WAFERS OF
BREAD & A BIT OF WINE. I'VE WALKED OUTSIDE TO MAKE SOME NOTES. OBANDO-Y-BRAVO
TALKED 30-40 MINUTES AND I KNOW GOOD PORTIONS OF IT WERE POLITICAL FROM
VARIOUS WORDS I HEARD GO BY BUT MY SPANISH IS FAR FROM BEING ABLE TO
FOLLOW. I THINK WE'RE DUE FOR A CONDENSED TRANSLATION THIS AFTERNOON.
I REMEMBERED A SECTION OF THE BOOK, "THE MAN WHO MISTOOK HIS WIFE
FOR A HAT", WHICH DEALT WITH PEOPLE WHO CANNOT "GET" ABSTRACT ~~VERBAL~~
VERBAL STUFF. THEY STILL FOLLOW A LOT AND CAN TELL MUCH ABOUT A PERSON
BY EMPATHY AND BODY-ENGUSH. I WATCHED OB TO SEE WHAT I COULD GET.

- ~~WE~~ DRIVE BACK TO LUNCH.

1310 - DO POST-MORTEM OF SERVICE W/ KATE.

- CHURCH IS HERE TO SERVE PEOPLE.

- THOSE WHO WANT POWER OVER PEOPLE W/ BE BROUGHT DOWN.

- CHURCH WAS HERE TO SERVE.

- RE: CANS. THERE ARE 25 CANS. MEN CAN'T GET THE CANS OUT BECAUSE THE GOV IS GOING
TO TAX THEM.

WHILE OTHERS GO TO THE LAKE JANE & I GO TO THE CAMPASIMO FLEA MARKET W/
BUDDY & HIS WIFE. THEN WE HAVE MILKSHAKES AND COME BACK & I WASH CLOTHES.

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1730 - WE ARE AT A CBC CHURCH AND IT'S FANTASTICALLY PAINTED. BUDDY SAID THAT THE MASS WE WILL SEE HERE IS AS REVOLUTIONARY TO TRADITIONAL MASS AS THE ORIGINAL MASSES WERE TO THE ROMANS.

- THE WALLS ARE COVERED W/ MIXED RELIGIOUS & POLITICAL IMAGES AND THE MUSIC IS LIVELY AND INTERESTING. THE ROOM IS CIRCULAR AND THE PRIEST STANDS AT A TABLE NEAR THE MIDDLE. NOW HE HAS SIMPLY COME OUT IN FRONT OF THE TABLE AND SIMPLY SET A CHAIR DOWN & BEGAN TALKING INTO A MICROPHONE. THE CEILING ABOVE IS ALSO PAINTED WITH WILD FLOWING RELIGIOUS IMAGES - SOME OF THE PAINTINGS ARE IMAGES OF THE SPANISH ARRIVAL AND THE INDIANS IN OLD DRESS. SOME ARE PICTURES OF SPECIFIC MEN WHO I THINK MAY HAVE TAKEN IN THE REVOLUTION, SOME APPEAR TO BE CAMPASINO WOMEN HOLDING PORTRAITS OF FEMALES THEIR 'DISAPPEARED' SONS, SOME PEOPLE ARE PICTURED AS CARRYING A CROSS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF SUCH IMAGES. MORE OF THE IMAGERY IS OF PEOPLE DOING A ~~SURREALISTIC HARVEST~~ SURREALISTIC HARVEST AND PUTTING THE FOOD INTO A BOAT. THE PRIEST IS STILL READING. I SEE SEVERAL EUROPEAN TYPES AROUND THE ROOM BESIDES US.

7:30 - BUDDY TELLS US THIS IS A CAMPASINO CHURCH AND HERE THE IDEA IS THAT JESUS IS JUST LIKE A CAMPASINO. HE LABORS, HE SWEARS, HE GOES TO THE ~~PARK~~ ^{PARK} AND BUYS ICE CREAM.

- HE HAS FINISHED & HAS GONE BACK AND MUSIC PLAYS. THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO THE CENTER & DROPPING & INTO 2 BASKETS.

- SO HE IS JUST LIKE US - THIS JESUS. WHEN THE MASS AND MUSIC ARE DONE EVERYONE STANDS AND EMBRACES OR PATS-ARMS. THEN HE SPEAKS A MOMENT MORE AND THE MUSIC STARTS - HE EATS THE BREAD AND DRINKS THE WINE - WIPES HIS MOUTH AND WALKS TO THE FRONT OF THE TABLE WHERE HE AND AN ASSISTANT GIVE COMMUNION TO A LINE WHICH FORMS. MUSIC WITH A LATIN BEAT PLAYS. I SEE MORE CACASIANS AMID THE CROWD. THE MUSIC STOPS - HE DRAINS THE WINE.

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- HE SPEAKS A MOMENT MORE WISHING US TO GO IN PEACE AND THEN WE GO.
- I CONTINUE TO WATCH. HE SMILES AND IS WITHOUT POMP AS HE TAKES OFF THE COLORED SASH FROM HIS WHITE NOSE AND FOLDS IT. A BOY OF 10 ALSO COMES TO GET IT AND HE GIVES THE BOY A VERY NATURAL HUG.
- BEHIND ME NOW I SEE THE FINANCIAL MURAL. SANDINO AND FONSECA HOLDING THE NICARAGUAN AND FSLN FLAGS.
- THIS PLACE IS THE URBAN VERSION OF THE CBC WE SAW IN THE CAMP.
- THE "MISA CAMPESINA" IS ~~THEIR~~ ^{THEIR} MUSIC.

* SUMMARY: POWERFUL & MOVING.

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2000 - MITG TO DEV. FINAL SOUND - TAMMY CONTINUING - DENNIS RECORDING.

- (BEING WAGED ON)
- ① THE WAR IS WEARING THE NICA PEOPLE DOWN. ECONOMICALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND IS WEARING THEIR POLITICAL COMMITMENT DOWN (BEING DISTRUCTIVE TO IT.) MENTION LOW INTENSITY WAR. ~~BEING~~ ~~OBJECTIVE~~ INTERFERING w/ MENT TO SELF DETERMINATION.
- ② WHAT/WHAT/WHERE:
 - INTEGRATE ITINERARY INTO STORY.
 - MENTION SPEAKERS.
 - MENTION CITIES
 - DATES IN TITLE
 - SENTENCE GIVING GEN. BREADTH OF WHERE WE WENT.
- ③ OPPOSITION PARTYS IN NICA ARE WEAK AND DISORGANIZED.
 - SET ASIDE UNTIL POST COSAP.

- ③ LIC - DESTABILIZE ECONOMY. ↑ INFLATION.
 - LACK OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
 - LACK OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES.
 - NO TRUCK AT COOP.
 - NO VEG BUT NO SEEDS.
 - SOCIAL FOOD PROGRAM IN TOO LITTLE \$.
 - % OF GNP → DEFENSE % OF POP IN MILITARY ↓ PROD CAPACITY.
 - INFLATION % ↑ EACH.
- COMMON PEOPLE EXTREMES. } PART OF DEVIATION OF LIC

GROSS ROADS
LBC

- WE SAW
- RELIGION WAS OPENLY PRACTICED AND WIDESPREAD
 - ~~INSTEAD OF RELIGIOUS EXTREMES~~ WE HAVE THINGS
 - ~~SECTIONS OF~~ CHURCH WITHIN INTRINSIC TO REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS
 - DIVERSITY OF RELIGION.
 - CONTROVERSY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN
 - WE VISITED ...
 - ~~CHURCH IN NCA AIDS A NEW INNOVATION EXPERIMENT IN ECONOMIC INNOVATION~~
 - ~~IN PRODUCTION PROCESS AT A GROSS ROADS LEVEL~~
 - ~~THIS IS PART OF THE CAMBODIAN CHURCH~~
 - LBC COMMUNITIES ARE INTRINSIC PART OF PROCESS
- TO END TO REFUTE CLAIM OF VIOLATION OF RELIGION FREEDOM

- ⑤. NCA GOV HAS DEMONSTRATED GREAT CONCERN FOR HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION BUT THESE APPEAR TO BE PRIMARY VICTIMS OF LIC. AND WOMEN DEATH SQUARES
- MOST TARGETED BY CONTINGENTS: HEALTH CARE WORKERS, LITERACY CAMP WORKERS
- SAVIDS AS EXAMPLE - NAME ON CONTINGENT RADIO.
- USING LITERACY RATE IS NOW BEING ACTIVE.
- FIGURES / FACTS.
- INCREASE IN PROSTHETIC LIMBS (ESPECIALLY CHILDREN) - EXAMPLE 14 YR GIRL
- LOSS OF PROSTHESIS DUE TO SACRILEGE
- FACTS / FIGURES
- INCREASING THERE ARE HUNGRY KIDS AND BEGGING ON STREETS
- FOOD WITHIN UNMAY.

Law of Demand: As price of a good falls, the quantity demanded of that good increases.

Factors affecting demand: Income, Price of related goods, Tastes and preferences, Expectations, Number of buyers.

Shifts in Demand: An increase in income shifts the demand curve to the right. A decrease in income shifts it to the left.

Shifts in Demand: A change in the price of a related good shifts the demand curve. An increase in the price of a substitute shifts it to the right.

Shifts in Demand: A change in tastes and preferences shifts the demand curve. An increase in preferences shifts it to the right.

Shifts in Demand: A change in expectations shifts the demand curve. An increase in expectations shifts it to the right.

Shifts in Demand: A change in the number of buyers shifts the demand curve. An increase in the number of buyers shifts it to the right.

Shifts in Demand: A change in the price of a good shifts the demand curve. An increase in the price of a good shifts it to the right.

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- WORKED ON PAPER OUTLINE LAST NIGHT

BY EUROPEANS

65 HOURS WORKS - 10 DESTROYED

- WORKED ON PAPER AFTER BREAKFAST "FERNANDO PEREZ PEÑA"

OPIS - BEGIN OUR MORNING WITH OUR SPEAKER "FERNANDO".

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TAPING
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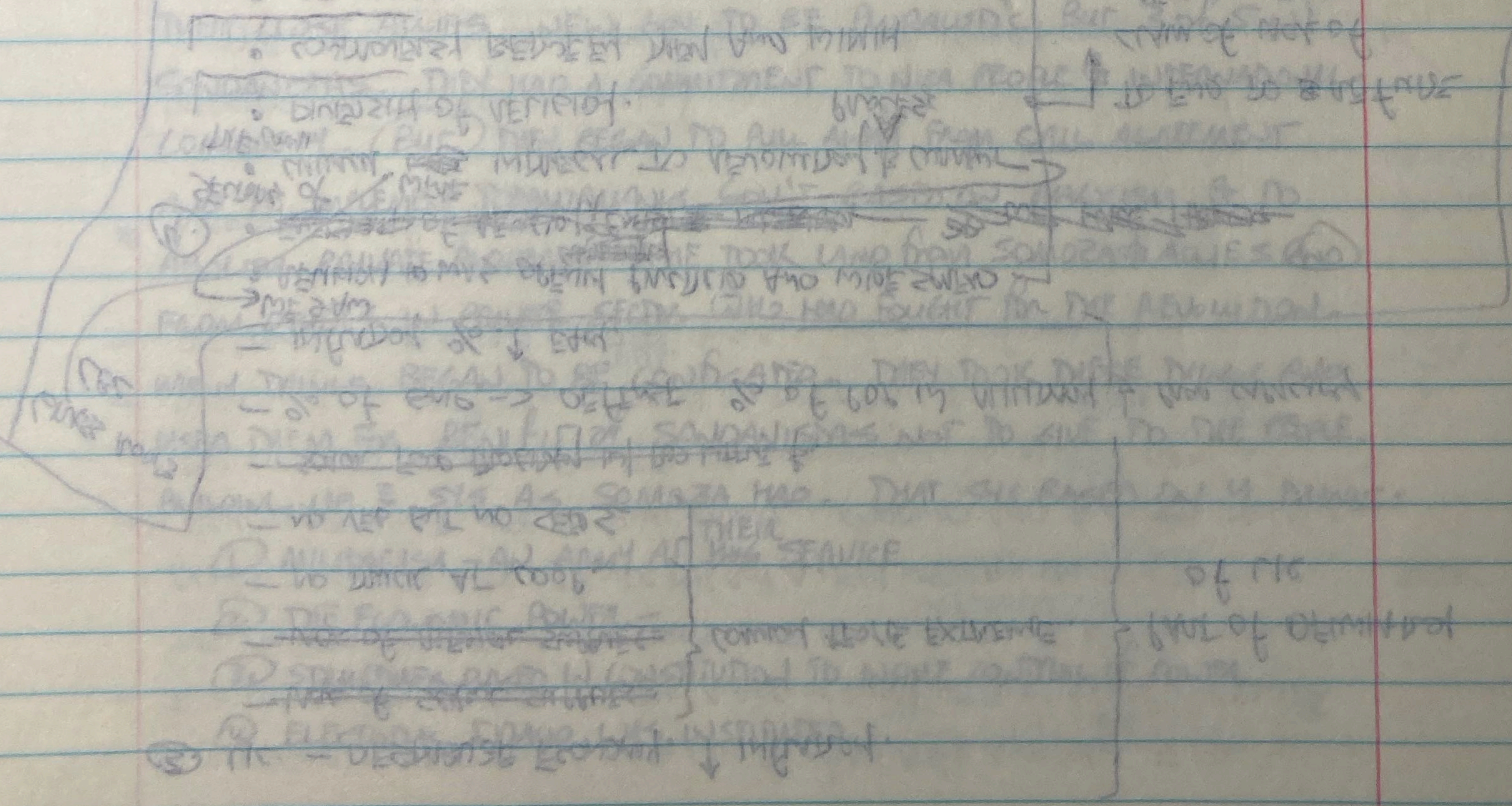
BORN IN CUBA - STUDIED SPANISH LT. IN NEW YORK. TAUGHT 3 YEARS IN CUBA
POST REVOLUTION (EARLY 60'S). WAS BLACKLISTED. STUDIED LAW IN U.A.
THEN PRACTICED 17 YRS IN SEATTLE. 2 YRS AGO ~~ARRIVED~~ CAME TO NICA
AND IS WORKING WITH NICA SUPREME COURT. WRITING DIGEST OF NICA
LAW BACK TO 1800'S. DOING IT ON COMPUTER. PROBABLY A 10 YR JOB.

PROBABLY ONLY FOREIGNER W/ MEMBERSHIP IN NICA BAR.

Q: MARXIST? YES! LIKES ECONOMY W/ FULL NEEDS NOT PROFITS

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CLOSE: I TALK W/ HIM ABOUT COMPANIES & HE SAYS HE WANTS/NEEDS A

386 + 40MB + 2MB FOR LAW SMT



SUPREMA COUNCIL OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

MADE OF 6 CHAMBERS

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I.E. INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, PROFESSIONALS, CONSTRUCTION
AGRICULTURE, INSTITUTE FOR DEV.

1055 - AT COSEP OFFICES.

- GENTEL MAN WHO TALKS TO US IS NICHOLAS BOLANOS. MEMBER OF ONE OF

THE ~~PREVIOUS~~ ~~CHAMBERS~~ - CHAMBERS

(ACRONYMS)

(EXISTED)
60 YRS

NOT
TAPING
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COSEP

- INDUSTRY
- COMMERCE
- PROFESSIONAL - CONAPRO
- CONSTRUCTION -
- AGRICULTURAL - UPANIC
- INST. FOR DEV - INDE

30 YRS - 50 YRS

6 CHAMBERS + BOARD OF DIRECTORS + PRES = COSEP.

- ROLE IN 78/79 REV: IMPORTANT. MEMBERS HAVE ≠ POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

BUT ALL PARTICIPATED IN ANTI SOMOZA REVOLUTION. AS C OF THIS THE NEW
GOV (JUN '79) IN SAN JOSE/COSMAMA WAS WRITTEN THE PLAN OF GOV'T TO
BE DEMOCRATIC W/ 5 MEMBER JUNTA & COUNCIL OF STATE W/ APPROX 33 SEATS.

6 SEATS → COSEP (1/CHAMBER). ONE OF NEW D'S W/ AGRARIAN REFORM

THE LAND THAT WAS TO BE DIST WAS TO BE TAKEN FROM SOMOZA FAMILY &
THEIR CLOSE ALLIES. NEW GOV TO BE PURSUANT BUT 3 OF 5 W/

SANDANISTAS. THEY HAD A COMMITMENT TO NICA PEOPLE & INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY. (BUT) THEY BEGAN TO PULL AWAY FROM ORIG AGREEMENT

AND TO IMPLEMENT TOTALITARIAN GOV'T BASED ON MARXISM. & TO
ABOLISH PRIVATE PROPERTY. THEY TOOK LAND FROM SOMOZA & ALLIES (AND)

FROM OTHERS IN PRIVATE SECTOR WHO HAD FIGHT FOR THE REVOLUTION.

MANY THINGS BEGAN TO BE CONFISCATED. THEY TOOK THESE THINGS AND
USED THEM FOR BENEFIT OF SANDANISTAS NOT TO GIVE TO THE PEOPLE.

BUILDING UP 3 SYS AS SOMOZA HAD. THAT SYS BASED ON 4 THINGS:

① MILITARISM - AN ARMY AT ~~THEIR~~ SERVICE

② THE ECONOMIC POWER -

③ STRUCTURES BASED IN CONSTITUTION TO INSURE CONTROL OF POWER

④ ELECTORAL FRAUD WAS INSTITUTED.

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TO HIT THEM IN: ARE THEY AN EFFECT OF OR PART OF PROBLEM

COMMUNIST FREEDOM OF NEUROLOGY, CONCLUSION

ASSAULTS (NEAGAN'S MOTIVES)

STOP AID - (NEAGAN'S MOTIVES)

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INTRODUCTION

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- UNDER SOMOZA ALL MILITARY WAS VOLUNTEER. SOME OF THEM FOUGHT (THEY THOUGHT) AGAINST COMMUNISM. THOSE WHO STAYED UNTIL THE END AND SURRENDERED WERE PROMISED JUSTICE. THEY WERE ALL SENTENCED TO 30 YRS. NEW SANDANISTA ARMY MADE OF PRO-SANDANISTAS & WERE ADVISED BY PANAMA / VENEZUELA / CUBA / E. GERMANY / BULGARIA. AFTER A WHILE ONLY EASTERN BLOCK ADVISORS STAYED. DEC '79 LAW: ANY ORG. THAT CARRIES NAME 'SANDANISTA' BELONGS TO PARTY. ∴ ARMY BECOMES TO THE PARTY AS DO POLICE. 50-60K IN ARMY W/ SERVICE BY DRAFT. UNLIKE 8K OR SO UNDER SOMOZA. 24HS REG'S SERVICE & FROM 25-40 THEY ARE SEMI-ACTIVE SERVICE. ONCE IN ARMY THEY ARE SANDANISTA MEMBERS & GIVEN POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION.

• ECONOMIC POWER: WEAKEN ECONOMIC POSITION OF OPPOSITION. MANY LEFT NICA. AT 1ST THOSE LEAVING HAD LOST PROPERTY. LATER AS MANY AS 500K HAVE GONE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. DON'T WANT KIDS TO JOIN ARMY. EDUCATION IS MARXIST BIASED. LAWS PASSED LIMITING PRIVATE INITIATIVE IN 1ST MONTHS. I.E. BANKING NATIONALIZED. (2 MAIN NAT. BANKS ⊕ FOREIGN BANKS HERE.) FOREIGNERS DRIVEN OUT. ALSO NATIONALIZED FOREIGN EXPORT SYS. SO NOW PRODUCERS MUST SELL TO GOV'T W/ OUT NEGOTIATION. GOV'T PAYS WHAT IT WANTS. IT PAYS LOW. ∴ IS PRODUCTION ↓. ALSO NATIONALIZED IMPORTING OF GOODS LIKE TRACTORS / CHEMICALS / ETC. ALSO THEY CONTROL WAGES AND SALARIES NOW. NOT A MINIMUM WAGE BUT FIXED. CANNOT PAY MORE OR LESS. ITS SO BAD PEOPLE CANNOT MAKE A LIVING & LEAVE. PRIVATE SECTOR'S FINANCING COMES FROM GOV'T. AGRARIAN REFORM LAW IS LIKE A HATCHET - I.E. IF A FARM IS DEEMED INEFFICIENT THEY CAN CONFISCATE. THEY'VE DONE THIS TO PUNISH PERSONS IN THE

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- OPPOSITION. NO GUARANTEES ON PROPERTY/HOMES/POSSESSIONS.
LARGEST SUGAR MILL IN COUNTRY WAS TAKEN NEAR CUINANDEGA
FOR NO REASON EXCEPT TO DO AWAY WITH PRIVATE OPPOSITION.
SOME OPPOSITION LEFT/SOME KILLED/SOME IN JAIL/.
- MENTIONS PHOTO ON WALL OF MAN KILLED IN '80. JORGE SALAZAR WAS HIS NAME.
 - MENTIONS PAMPHLET ABOUT '81. W/ LOSEP WAS TRYING TO GET ORTEGA TO A BACK TO ORIGINAL PLAN. LETTER MEN TO ORTEGA. ONLY THIS ONE OF THOUSANDS SENT GOT A RESPONSE AND THE RESPONSE WAS THAT 3 OF 6 DIRECTORS SPENT SOME MONTHS IN JAIL. "GUILLERMO QUANT" CHINESE IN CA TAKEN BY SANDANISTAS AND ACCUSED OF BEING CIA. HE WORKED HERE. WAS GIVEN 30 YEARS IN PRISON. LATER THEY SAID NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE ABOUT CIA. ∴ G'D SENTENCE FROM 30-22 YRS. "MANUEL ALLEGRIA" DIRECTOR OF LOSEP'S INISESEP INSTITUTE. GOT ~~16~~¹⁶ YRS FOR GATHERING INFORMATION ON ECONOMICS HERE. FINANCED BY GERMAN INSTITUTE (CONRAD ADENAUER). DATA OBTAINED FROM GOV'T PUBLICATIONS. ACCUSED OF GIVING SECRET INFO TO U.S. EMBASSY PEOPLE. CLAIMED HE WAS CIA PRISON. JULY 10 OF '88 THE COORDINORA DEMOCRATICA - GROUP OF POLITICAL PARTIES OF OPPOSITION W/ HAS EXISTED SINCE '80. THEY ORGANIZED SEV. DEMONSTRATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PLAN ORTEGA SIGNED (EQUIPAS). EACH DEMONSTRATION GOT BIGGER & BIGGER. THEN 4TH MARCH @ NA-DI-ME. THIS IS WHERE SANDANISTAS BUSTED HEADS. 30 PEOPLE CAPTURED. SOME LATER IN HOMES DAYS LATER IN OTHER CITIES. POLITICAL PRISONERS. ONE IS A LADY POLITICAL LEADER. AT 1ST GMD JAIL POLICE SENTENCES. LATER G'D TO BEING TRIED ^{ELSEWHERE} AND MAY RECEIVE EVEN LONGER SENTENCES. BEING ILL-TREATED IN JAIL W/ COMMON CRIMINALS. BAD FOOD GETTING SICK. BECAUSE OF SANDANISTAS THEY'VE SEEN CLANDESTINE JAILS.

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SOME CLAIM OVER 10,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS. A FRIEND WAS HELD 2 WEEKS LOST 18 LB AND WAS NERVOUS WRECK & LEFT COUNTRY.

SAYS HE COULD BE ACCUSED OF BEING CIA. HIS PROPERTY WAS ALL CONFISCATED WITH HIS BROTHERS 3 YRS AGO. THEY BROUGHT NO JUDGE OR PAPERS OR ANYTHING. THEY CAME WITH GUNS AND TOOK IT. NOW CALLED THE CAMINO OMEGA NOW.

- \rightarrow IS PRODUCTION \downarrow FROM 6⁵ DOM \$ / 78/79 IN 78/79 AVG INCOME WAS \$260/YR.
- 9 YRS LATER \$60/PERSON INCOME.
- MANY FOREIGNERS THINK ITS ALL NEGAN'S FAULT. IN 1950 THEY BEGAN COFFEE. BEFORE WAS ONLY COFFEE. NOW THEY MAKE ONLY 1/2 OF 1978 COFFEE EXPORTS. SAYS PEOPLE W/ BETTER OFF MEN.
- SAYS ITS HARD TO BELIEVE. IF WE COULD FIND PEOPLE ON THE STREET WHO COULD TALK WITHOUT FEAR THEY WOULD SAY THE SAME.
- READS US A LETTER SUPPORTING HIM FROM AN EX SANDANISTA SOLDIER.
- CONSTITUTION SAYS EVERYONE HAS TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION. OMEGA SAID IN 81-82 THAT ITS A MARXIST REVOLUTION. WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE TO DEFEND IT?
- 2 SYS: ^{USA} CAPITALISTIC (US IS EXCESSES PROP... FREEDOMS OF IT...) _{USSR} COMMUNISTIC
- A COMPETITION BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS USING NICA AS A PAWN. IN 78 THEY SAID "ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN SOMOZA". NOW SANDANISTA GOV'T HAS MANY SOMOZA PEOPLE IN IT. AND MANY REGRET THEIR WORDS. THEY KNOW HOW TO RECOGNIZE DICTATORS SO WE SHOULD BELIEVE THEM W/ THEY SAY THIS IS A DICTATORSHIP.
- EDUCATION IS PUSHING MARXIST/ADVISIST IDEOLOGY PUT INTO MEN'S HEADS. DIVORCE HERE IS VERY EASY COMPARED TO STATES. FEMALE DECIDES TO DIVORCE THEM IT'S DONE. THEY ATTACK CARDINAL OBANDO Y BRAVO AND ATTACK RELIGION. JEWISH SYNAGOG IN

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MANAGUA WAS CONFISCATED. COMMUNISM & CHRISTIANISM CANNOT ULTIMATELY BE RECONCILED. WE FORGET 'REAL' MEANING OF COMMUNISM. THEY SAY THEY ARE MAKING A NEW SOCIETY. IT WILL HAVE NO GOD / NO MORALS / AT SERVICE OF COMMANDANTES. CONSTITUTION SAYS SOURCE OF ALL POWER IS MAN NOT GOD. HOW CAN ATHEISTS BE SPIRITUAL LEADERS OF COUNTRY? IN '79 AT STEPS OF CATEDRAL (DESTROYED IN '72) THEY PUT IMAGES OF MARX & LENIN. THEN INSIDE A WHITE CIRCLE INTENDED TO BE CHRIST THEY PUT SANDINO. SAYS THEY'RE SUBSTITUTING SANDINO FOR CHRIST. ~~HE'S SEEN~~

1215 - WE STOP & SWITCH TO Q/A.

TAPING

- WE RETURN FROM COSEP & EAT LUNCH. FATHER DAN DRUSCOLL CAME BY TO VISIT WHILE WE WERE EATING. THEN WE TOOK OFF TO THE CAV BOOKSTORE W/ I BOUGHT 3 TAPES & 2 PHOTOS W/ LOTS OF HELP FROM SHEN & SARA.

1500 - NOW WE'RE BACK AND ABOUT TO START A DEBATE MTG. THIS IS A 3 HOUR PROCESS.

① REVIEW OF TRAINING.

② STATE SIDE QUESTION

③ EMOTIONAL UNWINDING

- BUDDIES GOING TO FACILITATE.

- I DISCUSS GETTING MY TAPES -> CASSETTE RYU FOR DISSEMINATION

- I " " " NOTE -> WORDPROCESSOR.

- I'M GOING TO PICK UP PEACEJET FOR WFP - LA

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ROUGH DRAFT OF WFP GROUP STATEMENT
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DELEGATION
OCTOBER 4 TO 18 - 1988

A LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT (LIC) IS BEING WAGED

AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA BY THE U.S.

THIS WAR AND THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO ARE ERODING THE POLITICAL,

EMOTIONAL, AND ECONOMIC WILL OF A PEOPLE WHO'S ONLY APPARENT

CRIME IS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION.

OUR GROUP HAS SPENT TWO WEEKS IN NICARAGUA TRAVELING

AND DOCUMENTING THE SITUATION AND IT IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT THE

SITUATION IS GRAVE.

THE EFFECTS OF THE LIC ON NICARAGUA CAN BE SEEN IN

VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR SOCIETY. THEIR ECONOMY IS IN

A VICIOUS DOWNWARD SPINAL. WITH GREATER THAN 50% OF

THEIR BUDGET GOING TO DEFENSE AND A LARGE PROPORTION OF

THEIR POPULATION MOBILIZED, FIELDS ARE FALLOW AND STORE SHELVES

EMPTY. INFLATION IS RUNNING ABOVE 1000% PER YEAR AND

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WITHIN THE LAST YEAR BEGGERS HAVE REAPPEARED ON THE STREETS FOR

THE 1ST TIME SINCE THE TRIUMPH OF THE REVOLUTION. PEOPLE SAY

THEY WANT TO PLANT BUT THEY CAN NEITHER FIND NOR AFFORD THE SEEDS.

THEY SAY THEY WANT TO PRODUCE BUT THE LACK OF RAW MATERIALS

AND SPARE PARTS INCREASINGLY CRIPPLES THEIR INDUSTRY.

BUT WORSE TO OUR SENSIBILITIES THAN THE ECONOMIC

CHAOS IS THE EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE DONE BY

THE CONTRAS WHO ATTEMPT TO SUBVERT THE REVOLUTION BY

TERROREZING THE POPULACE. RATHER THAN ATTACKING THE

GOVERNMENT OR ITS MILITARY FORCES FRONTALLY, IT TARGETS THOSE

PARTS OF THE REVOLUTION WHICH MOST BENEFIT THE COMMON PEOPLE.

WORKERS ATTEMPTING TO SETUP HEALTH CARE CENTERS OR LITERACY

PROJECTS FOR THE POOR ARE MURDERED FOR THEIR EFFORTS. FARMERS

AND RANCHERS WHO ORGANIZE CO-OPS FOR THEIR COMMON GOOD

RISK HAVING THEIR CHILDREN KIDNAPPED AND THOSE WHO RISE TO

11 = REVOLUTION THEORICAL
12 = ECONOMIC

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POSTS OF PUBLIC LEADERSHIP FACE ASSASSINATION.

ONE NICARAGUAN WHO TRAVELED WITH US FOR SEVERAL DAYS

KEEPS HIS IDENTITY AND WHEREABOUTS QUIET SINCE HE WAS MARKED

FOR DEATH ON THE CONTRA RADIO. HIS OFFENCE SEEMS TO BE THAT

HE WORKS IN THE ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND THE NATIONAL

LITERACY CAMPAIGNS.

STORIES OF KIDNAPPING, TORTURE, RAPE, SEXUAL

MUTILATION AND ~~BRUTAL~~ DEATH BY THE CONTRAS ARE WIDESPREAD,

COMMON AND WEL DOCUMENTED THROUGHOUT NICARAGUA.

THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION ASSENTS THAT NICARAGUA

IS A TOTALITARIAN STATE WHICH DENIES POLITICAL ~~MOVEMENTS~~ AND

~~PERSONAL~~ FREEDOMS TO ITS CITIZENS. ARMED WITH THESE

CHARGES IT BACKS A CONFLICT WHICH IS SLOWLY DESTROYING

THE FABRIC OF NICARAGUAN SOCIETY.

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT NONE OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS

ASSERTIONS ARE WARRANTED BY THE FACTS. DURING OUR TOUR WE MET WITH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LEADERS, WITH PEASANTS AT WORKING RURAL CO-OPS, WITH URBAN INTELLECTUALS, WITH THE FAMILIES WE STAYED WITH AND WITH VARIOUS CHURCH GROUPS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.

WITH RESPECT TO THEIR POLITICS, NICARAGUANS ENJOY A PLURALISTIC POLITICAL SYSTEM. OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE PERMITTED TO OPERATE ~~FREE~~ AND THE ELECTION HELD IN 1984 WAS DEEMED BY MOST INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS AS FAIR. THE SANDANISTA PARTY WON BY A LARGE MAJORITY. THE OPPOSITION PARTIES APPEAR TO BE FRAGMENTED AND INEFFECTUAL AT THIS TIME THOUGH THEY DO HOLD SEATS IN THE LEGISLATURE AND THEIR ADVERTISING APPEARS

EVERYWHERE WE WENT PEOPLE SEEMED TO FEEL FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR POLITICAL OPINIONS AND DID SO WITH A WIDE AMOUNT OF DIVERSITY, INTERMITTANTLY AROUND MANAGUA.

THE SECOND ASSERTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION IS THAT RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS ~~DOES NOT~~ ~~ARE~~ SUPPRESSED IN

NICARAGUA. THE VAST MAJORITY OF NICARAGUANS WE SPOKE TO

FIND THIS A WIDICUS IDEA. IF ANYTHING, NICARAGUAN SOCIETY

SEEMS OVERWUN WITH COMPETING RELIGIONS. WE VISITED WITH

THE THREE LARGEST RELIGIOUS GROUPS. THE TRADITIONAL CATHOLICS

SEEM TO SUPPORT THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE OF NICARAGUAN POLITICS AND

ARE GENERALLY AGAINST THE SANDALISTAS AND THEIR REVOLUTION.

THE CHRISTIAN BASED COMMUNITIES ARE ~~DERIVED~~ ^{DERIVED} FROM CATHOLICISM

AND ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO REALIZING THE VISIONS OF LIBERATION

THEOLOGY. THIS GROUP STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE REVOLUTIONARY

PROCESS. THE LAST GROUP IS THE EVANGELICALS WHO CHOOSE

TO BE APOITICAL AND FOCUS PRIMARILY ON SPIRITUAL MATTERS.

IN SUMMARY, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL U.S. FUNDING AND

SUPPORT FOR THE LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT, THE CONTRA FORCES, AND

THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED. SUCH SUPPORT HAS

BEEN BASED ON CLAIMS ABOUT NICARAGUA WHICH WE HAVE FOUND TO

BE PATENTLY UNTRUE. THAT NICARAGUANS IT IS OUR OPINION
 THAT THE NICARAGUANS HAVE FREELY AND KNOWLEDGABLY CHOSEN THE
 POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MODELS USED IN THEIR SOCIETY AND THAT
 NEITHER THE U.S. NOR ANY OTHER NATION HAS ~~THE~~ ANY RIGHT OR
 JUSTIFICATION TO INTERFERE IN ~~THEIR~~ ^{THEIR} ~~OWN~~ ~~INTERNAL~~ ~~AFFAIRS~~ ~~OR~~ ~~THEIR~~ ~~SELF~~
 DETERMINATION.

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1-19 OCT 88 HOTEL COROBICI IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

0920 - SITING UNDER AN OVERTHANGING ROOF IN ONE OF THE HOTEL'S RESTAURANTS NEXT TO THE POOL. IT'S RAINING PRETTY HARD AND MAKING A BIG PACKET ON THE MEME ABOVE ME.

- DAVE MET ME AT THE AIRPORT. ~~THE~~ CUSTOMS & ALL THAT WERE EASY. THE ~~FEEL~~ AIRPORT @ MANAGUA WAS A BIT OF A WAIT. NO ONE SPOKE ENGLISH SO IT WAS FUN FIGURING OUT WHERE TO GO / WHAT TO DO / AND WHEN. I BOUGHT TWO BOOKS IN ENGLISH. ONE ABOUT THE SANDANISTA REVOLUTION AND THE OTHER ABOUT THE PINY CONTRA WAR. I'VE READ MORE THAN HALF OF THE LATTER AT THIS POINT.

- COSTA RICA IS A DEFINITE CULTURE SHOCK AFTER NICARAGUA. IT'S A LOT LIKE THE U.S. (AS JULIETTA SAID) EXCEPT EVERYTHING IS WRITTEN IN SPANISH. COMPARED TO WHERE I'VE BEEN THESE TWO WEEKS THIS IS MASSIVE ~~OB~~ COMPLIANCE. BY U.S. BUSINESS STANDARDS THIS IS A NICE MODEL.

- DAVE & I WENT OUT TO DINNER LAST NIGHT. I HAD A SPEAK WITH MUSLIMONS (BUENO). THEN WE HIT SEVERAL BARS & FINALLY ENDED AT "KEY LARGO" WHICH IS FULL OF PROSTITUTES. THAT WAS FUN. DAVE HAD BEEN BEFORE. THE GIRLS AND THE MOST ~~AMAZING~~ WAS TO MAKE THEIR APPROACHES. WE WEREN'T GOING TO TAKE THEM UP ON THEM OFFERS BUT IT WAS FUN MAKING & JOCKING.

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2130 - AT THE BAR / HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA

DAVE LEFT TODAY. AT THIS HOUR HE MAY BE SITTING AT LAX WAITING TO GET A PLANE TO SACRAMENTO. WE CAUGHT A CAB TO KEY LARCO & TOOK A PHOTO THERE. WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME THERE THIS WEEK. THE GIRL HE MET THERE, AUDI, HAS BECOME SPECIAL TO HIM I THINK. WE WENT ON AND THE CAB DROPPED ME AT THE LOROBICI WHERE I TRUCKED DOWN SOME ERRANDT CLOTHES WHILE HE WENT ON TO THE AIRPORT. I GOT MY STUFF AND WAUCED BACK.

- I WAUCED AND WHEN I BEGAN TO GET INTO THE MORE POPULATED AREAS I GOT UNCOMFORTABLE AND STOPPED AT A PARK AND SAT ON A BENCH. SOME OF IT WAS THE ALIEN & ALONE FEELING YOU CAN EASILY GET IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND SOME OF IT WAS JOAN & MY FUTURE. PROBABLY THE 1ST TIME I'VE NEARLY HAD A LONE SINCE I BEGAN AT LAX W/ THE WFF GROUP.

- WHAT'S JOAN GOING TO DO WHEN I GET BACK? WHAT'S SHE DECIDED? WHAT'S SHE DONE? WHAT DO I WANT? WHAT IF SHE WANTED ME LIKE I WANT HER TO? WOULD IT BE ENOUGH? THAT OLD EMPTY & ALONE FEELING JUST ABOUT SWALLOWED ME ON THE BENCH. THE MAN ON THE BENCH ACROSS FROM ME WAS ABOUT 10 YEARS OLDER. HE LOOKED VERY ALONE AND HOPELESS. THE COUPLES WALKING BY SPOKE SOME SECRET LANGUAGE. WITH DAVE GONE I REALIZED THERE WASN'T A SOUL THAT KNEW ME IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

- IF JOAN'S JUST SITTING STILL ON MOVS AND DIDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAID THE WEEKEND I LEFT THEN I'M NEARLY IN A QUANDRY WHEN I RETURN. LOGICALLY / INTELLECTUALLY I UNDERSTAND AND MEAN WHAT I SAID (WHY SHOULD WE PROLONG A RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS DEEP, MONOGAMOUS AND TRUSTING WHEN WE BOTH SEE ITS DOOMED NO MATTER HOW GOOD IT IS FROM DAY TO DAY). THE PROBLEM IS EMOTIONALLY. ITS HARD TO TERMINATE WHEN SHE WANTS TO CONTINUE (IF SHE STILL

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2150 DOSS). ITS WILLFULLY BRUMMING PAIN & LOSS ON MYSELF. ITS PUSHING AWAY SOMEONE I LOVE AND WHO LOVES ME. IF SHE'S NOT DECIDED MY HEART AND MIND WILL BE IN A BATTLE I'D HOPE TO AVOID WHEN I LEFT.

- IF SHE'S MOVED ON AND/OR DECIDED OUR SPURT IS BEST ITS GOING TO HURT. THINGS DON'T JUST FADE AFTER 2 1/2 YEARS.

- AND SHARON. IVE TALKED A LOT TO DAVE ABOUT SHARON. A TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL BUT NOT A LOT OF FEELING YET. BUT ITS A NATURAL.

2250 - JUST GOT BACK FROM THE BAR. TALKED TO 'KERMIT' WHO WORKS FOR THE US EMBASSY ON "VOICE OF AMERICA". TOLD HIM I'D BEEN 2 WEEKS IN NICARAGUA & MY CONCLUSIONS TO PROVOKE SOME POLITICAL INTERCHANGE (BETWEEN GUSSES OF WINE & #4). LOTS OF MIXED RESPONSE. ON ONE HAND HE SAYS HE WOULDN'T DO WHAT HE DOES EXCEPT THAT HE BELIEVES VOA XMITTS NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. REFERRED ME TO "MERCEDES LAYCAYO" IN COSTA MARIAN TOWN OF "CANIAS" NORTH OF SAN JOSE. RUNS MOTEL ACROSS FROM ONLY GAS STATION. WAS PART OF SOMOZA WORLD & CAN TALK/ARGUE PRO-SOMOZA/ANTI-SANDANISTA VERY WELL. ON THE OTHER HAND HE CONCURS THAT U.S. SHOULD LET NICARAGUA ALONE. I REFERRED TO CONTRA ATROCITIES BY/BC AND HE DID NOT DISAGREE BUT RATHER AGREED AND INTIMATED THERE WAS MORE HE COULD TELL ME EXCEPT CLEARANCES PREVENTED HIM. SAYS HE KNOWS JOHN HULL PERSONALLY. SAYS HULLS STATUS W/ THE EMBASSY IS A VERY OH AGAIN & OH AGAIN THING. SAYS HULL IS A GOOD GUY BUT THAT HE HAS A BIT OF A ~~SO~~ SOLDIER OF FORTUNE COMPLEX. TALKED ABOUT A LADY WHO WORKS W/ EMBASSY (US INFO AGENCY?) WHO'S PARENTS WERE "UNITED FRUIT COMPANY". & SAYS THAT THIS COMPANY IS A LOT OF THE REASON WHY U.S. HAS PROBLEMS DOWN HERE. WE GO OFF INTO WHY RAPACIOUS CAPITALISM SEEMS TO

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1330 - TODAY I HAD LUNCH W/ ANNABEL. SHE IS A TICA W/ WORKS AS RECEPTION AT THE COSTA RICAN CENTRAL BANK. A VERY NICE LADY. SHE SPOKE VERY LITTLE ENGLISH & I LITTLE SPANISH BUT I FOUND OUT A LOT. SHE WAS MARRIED AND HER HUSBAND DIED BY DROWNING AT THE BEACH 2 YRS AGO. SHE HAS A CHILD ⁴ YRS OLD. A GIRL I THINK. SHE WAS MARRIED TO AN ITALIAN AND LIVED IN ITALY FOR A YEAR AND IN YUGOSLAVIA FOR 3 MONTHS. SPEAKS SPANISH & ITALIAN WELL & ENGLISH A BIT. HAS 3 OR 4 BROTHERS & SISTERS. 1 BROTHER LIVES IN GERMANY. AN AMERICAN GIRL LIVES W/ HER & SHE DRIVES A 'NEVA' W/ IS A RUSSIAN CAR. A 'RUSSO' AS THEY SAY. SHE HAS 2 DIFF PHONE #'S AT HER HOUSE. SHE'S BLOND. ABOUT 5'10" AND LOOKS NICE. AGE. MY GUESS APPROX 30. WARNED ME TO BE CAREFUL OF PEOPLE ON CENTRO W/ W/ COME RIGHT UP AND PULL GOLD CHAINS OFF YOUR NECK. IT HAPPENED TO HER TWICE. SHOWED ME PICTURES OF HER CHILD AND HER SISTERS KIDS. OUR LANGUAGE WAS TOO POOR TO DISCUSS ANYTHING COMPLEX LIKE POLITICS. WE EXCHANGED ADDRESSES & SHE SUGGESTED WE COULD WRITE. I AGREED. I LIKE HER. SHE'S WARM & FRIENDLY & RELAXED.

- IN A FEW MIN. I'M TO MEET ANA & ASTORGIA IN FRONT OF ANCORANUS.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE'LL DO. MAYBE THE MUSEUM OR UNIVERSITY.

- HE'S DONE W/ THE MAPS TO REFLECTION ON THE BEACH.

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"MORNING"
"LUNCH"
"AFTERNOON"

27 OCT 88 MANAMA

I'VE NEVER MET PEOPLE WHO IMPRESSED ME LIKE THE WFL LONG TERMERS HERE IN MANAMA DO. SIMPLE IDEALISM IN ACTION DOESN'T BEGIN TO DESCRIBE IT. VOLUNTARY POVERTY ~~IS~~ WITHOUT RELIGIOUS VOWS WHILE JOHN BARR'S VOICE FLOATS OVER HIS HOUSE. UNOIL GARDENS AND COTTON CLOTHING MADE ON STUMPS BETWEEN THE AFTERNOON DOWN POURS AND PILES OF UICE AND BEANS. THEY HIDE MIKE INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH NOTHING BUT A CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND A NOTEBOOK AND THE RAGGED ~~STITCHED~~ ~~WOUND~~ AND CHILDREN AND POTTED DIRT POTS. THE ARMY CONVOYS AND THE HEFT AND RAIN SURROUNDS THEM ON THEIR WAY TO HUBS WITH DIRT ROADS AND THE CHILDREN WHO PAY ~~THEIR~~ ~~STICKS~~ BAREFOOT WITH STICKS. WHEN WORD COMES OF KIDNAPS OR KIDNAPPING THEY PICKUP THEIR NOTEBOOKS AND GO. AND THEREAFTER ~~THEY~~ ~~SEEK~~ ~~AND~~ ~~SEEK~~ THEY FIND BODIES AND PEOPLE IN GRIEF AND AGONY AND THEY ASK THEM QUESTIONS AND FILE THEIR REPORTS. MEMBS OF CLINICS BURNED, WOMEN RAPED, PEOPLE MUTILATED, CIVILIANS MACHINE GUNNED ON PUBLIC ROADS. THEY WALK OF THESE DUMPS AMID DUST AND UNSURVEYABLE POVERTY. AMID TEARS AND SIMPLE PEOPLE PROBABLY BORN WITHIN A MILE OF THEIR HOUSE. SIMPLE PEOPLE WHO LABOR ALL DAY AND OFTEN PRAY AND SLEEP INTO THE EVENING AND ARE PROUD IF THEY CAN WRITE THEIR NAME. SO WHO ARE THESE LONG TERMERS? THEY'RE NOT FANATICS. THEY'RE NOT IDEOLOGUES. THEY'RE NOT ~~RADIO~~ ^{RADIO} SOLDIERS FOR A CAUSE. THEY LOOK AT THE END RESULTS OF THE U.S. ADVANCE IN NICA, AND THEY SEE POVERTY AND SUFFERING AND DEATH. THEY SEE THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY IDEALISM WITHHELD UNDER A NEUTRAL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ATTACKS. THEY ARE HERE AND THEY SEE THE BEAUTY THE NICA'S LIVE AND IT SIMPLY MOVES THEM. THROUGH THEIR COMPASSION AND THEIR EMPATHY AND THEIR SENSE OF WHAT IS FAIR. WHAT COULD SPEAK & MOVE ENOUGHTY TO ME THAN THEIR WITNESSING.

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