## Group Material, Photography, and the Cold War Building Global Solidarity with Central America at P.S.1

by Erina Duganne







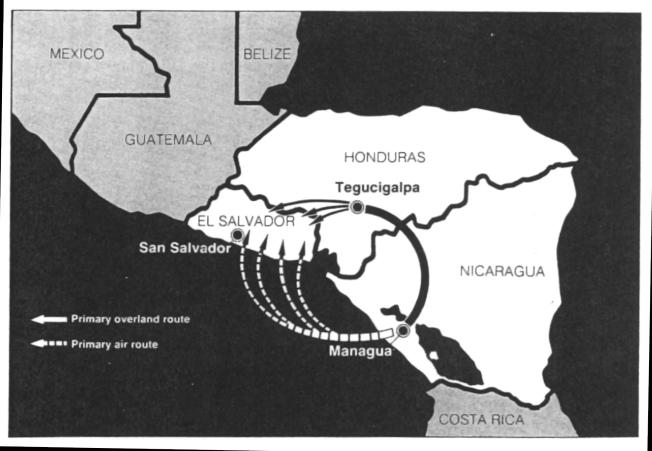
# Communist Interference in El Salvador/

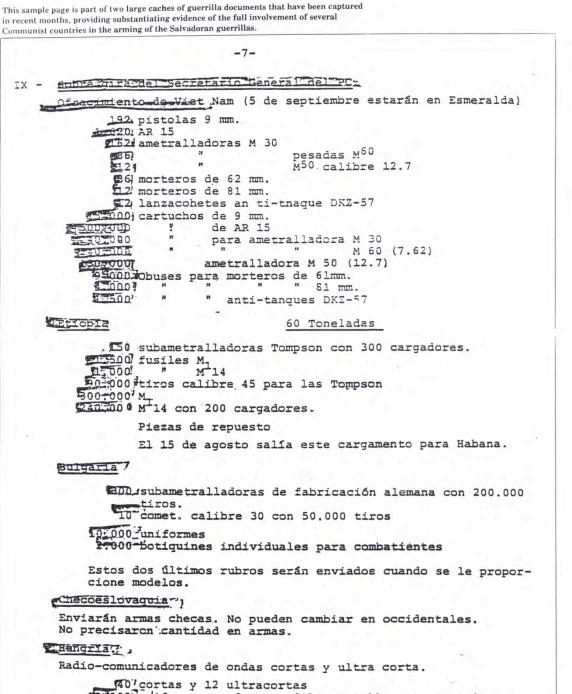
DOCUMENTS DEMONSTRATING COMMUNIST SUPPORT OF THE SALVADORAN INSURGENCY

February 23, 1981

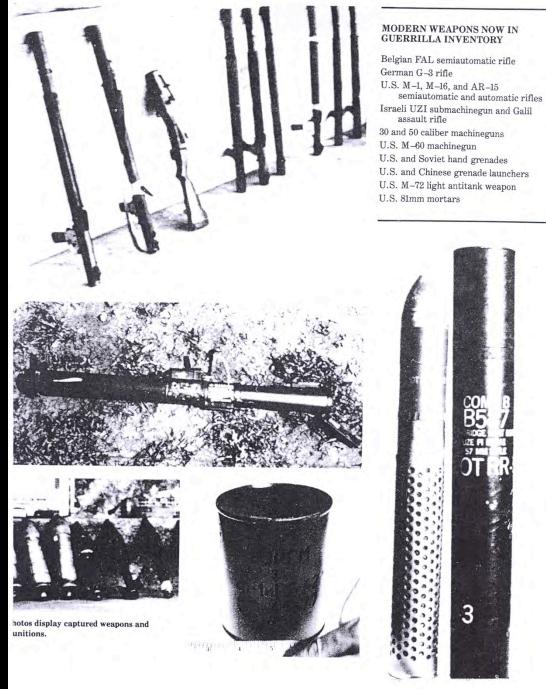
United States Department of State

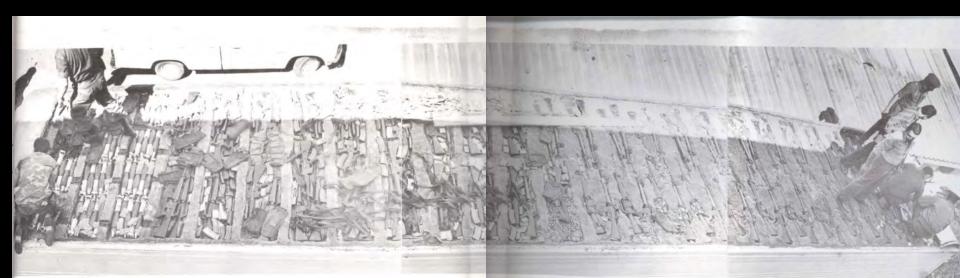
Arms flow into El Salvador.





101000 uniformes. conforme modelos y talla que se envien





Top view of truck

In late January, Honduran authorities seized a refrigerated trailer truck which was being used to smuggle arms to the Salvadoran guerrillas, Approximately 100 M-16 rifles, some of which were traceable to Vietnam, along with a large cache of ammunition and mortar rounds, were discovered in the hollowed-out insulation on the top of the truck. The truck also contained extra sets of license plates from the Central American area as well as quantities of Communist propaganda materials.



Rear view of truck



Hughes points out a military installation: Longer and louder alarms about communist meddling in America's backyard

## Newsweek

# Taking Aim at Nicaragua

The lights dimmed, the projector beamed and the screen filled with blown-up aerial photographs that conjured up an earlier time of confrontation. Before a packed house of reporters, John Hughes, the photo-intelligence expert who presented the evidence in the Cuban missile crisis twenty years ago, took a pointer last week and made the Reagan Administration's case against Nicaragua. Flipping through the grainy photographs, Hughes said the Sandinistas have built 36 new military installations in just two years. He pointed to new airfields, lengthened runways and a dramatic array of Soviet-made tanks, truckdrawn howitzers, helicopters and amphibious ferries. He showed Nicaraguan troops in training and put the total number of men under arms at 70,000-the biggest and most threatening army in Central America. "Who is helping the Sandinistas do this?" he asked. "The fingerprint we find, in every case . . . [belongs to] the Cubans."

The carefully orchestrated show-and-tell session was the most successful element in a ragged propagnada blitz last week. The offensive seemed to reflect the Administration's growing frustration over the limits of its ability to act in Central America. Neither Congress nor the public seems inclined to accept Reagan's warnings about communist meddling in the region. The public mood has all but ruled out direct military intervention. As a result, the Administration has found itself with few alternatives other than sounding ever longer and louder alarms.

It was hard to say what the alarm bells foretold. Washington seemed to be playing a high-stakes game of psychological warfare designed to keep the Nicaraguans, Cubans and Soviets guessing about Reagan's ultimate intentions. One possibility was that the Administration was hoping to use its evi-

## The Administration launches a frenetic propaganda campaign that leaves troubling questions unanswered.

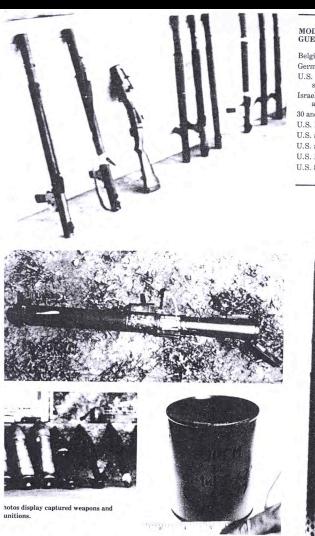
dence to enlist other Latin American nations to help cut the flow of arms to Salvadoran leftists. Looming behind it all was the prospect of a darker plan: a CIA proposal to help paramilitary groups cut the flow of arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador.

There was no doubt about the earnestness of the Administration's concern, but its media campaign raised as many questions as it answered. While the photo evidence demonstrated that the Sandinistas had been far from candid about the size of their military buildup, nothing in the declassified material showed a direct conduit of arms into El Salvador. "I think most people were ready to believe that the Nicaraguans are building up their army," said one U.S. official, "but that was never the problem."

SPECIAL REPORT

The Administration hoped to make the Nicaragua-Salvador connection with a parade of witnesses from the front-but the first step went disastrously awry. The State Department invited six reporters to interview Orlando José Tardencillas Espinosa, 19, a Nicaraguan captured in El Salvador. Tardencillas had "confessed" earlier that he had been sent to the war zone by the Sandinistas. But when the tape recorders started rolling, he stunned the reporters-and U.S. officials-by suddenly taking back everything he had said. He described himself as a free-lance revolutionary and said he had been tortured and beaten into collaborating with El Salvador and Washington. "The day before I came, an officer from the U.S. Embassy told me what I should say," he said. "He told me they needed to demonstrate the presence of Cubans in El Salvador. I was given a choice. I could come here and do what I'm doing-or face certain death."

Tardencillas's bizarre turnabout left the Administration in a bind. For weeks officials had been hinting that they had topsecret intelligence data on the Sandinistas'



### MODERN WEAPONS NOW IN GUERRILLA INVENTORY

Belgian FAL semiautomatic rifle German G-3 rifle

- U.S. M-1, M-16, and AR-15 semiautomatic and automatic rifles Israeli UZI submachinegun and Galil
- assault rifle
- 30 and 50 caliber machineguns
- U.S. M-60 machinegun
- U.S. and Soviet hand grenades U.S. and Chinese grenade launchers
- U.S. M-72 light antitank weapon
- U.S. 81mm mortars





Hughes points out a military installation: Longer and louder alarms about communist meddling in America's backyard

## Newsweek

## Taking Aim at Nicaragua

The lights dimmed, the projector beamed and the screen filled with blown-up aerial photographs that conjured up an earlier time of confrontation. Before a packed house of reporters, John Hughes, the photo-intelligence expert who presented the evidence in the Cuban missile crisis twenty years ago, took a pointer last week and made the Reagan Administration's case against Nicaragua. Flipping through the grainy photographs, Hughes said the Sandinistas have built 36 new military installations in just two years. He pointed to new airfields, lengthened runways and a dramatic array of Soviet-made tanks, truckdrawn howitzers, helicopters and amphibious ferries. He showed Nicaraguan troops in training and put the total number of men under arms at 70,000-the biggest and most threatening army in Central America. "Who is helping the Sandinistas do this?" he asked. "The fingerprint we find, in every

case . . . [belongs to] the Cubans." The carefully orchestrated show-and-tell session was the most successful element in a ragged propaganda blitz last week. The of-

ragged propaganda blitz last week. The offensive seemed to reflect the Administration's growing frustration over the limits of itsability to act in Central America. Neither Congress nor the public seems inclined to accept Reagan's warnings about communist meddling in the region. The public mood has albut ruled out direct military intervention.

As a result, the Administration has found itself with few alternatives other than sounding ever longer and louder alarms.

It was hard to say what the alarm bells foretold. Washington seemed to be playing a high-stakes game of psychological warfare designed to keep the Nicaraguans, Cubans and Soviets guessing about Reagan's ultimate intentions. One possibility was that the Administration was hoping to use its evi-

The Administration launches a frenetic propaganda campaign that leaves troubling questions unanswered.

dence to enlist other Latin American nations to help cut the flow of arms to Salvadoran leftists. Looming behind it all was the prospect of a darker plan: a CIA proposal to help paramilitary groups cut the flow of arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador.

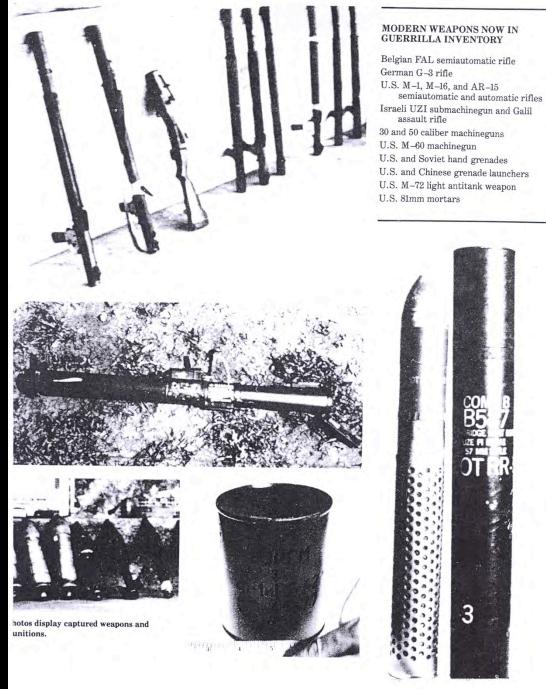
There was no doubt about the earnestness of the Administration's concern, but its media campaign raised as many questions as it answered. While the photo evidence demonstrated that the Sandinistas had been far

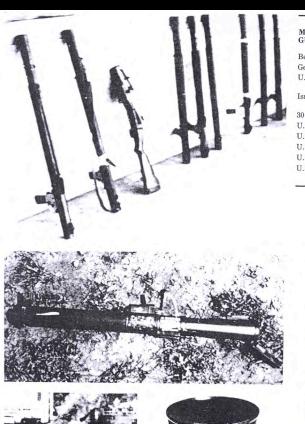
from candid about the size of their military buildup, nothing in the declassified material showed a direct conduit of arms into El Salvador. "I think most people were ready to believe that he Nicaraguans are building up their army," said one U.S. official, "but that was never the problem."

SPECIAL REPORT

The Administration hoped to make the Nicaragua-Salvador connection with a parade of witnesses from the front-but the first step went disastrously awry. The State Department invited six reporters to interview Orlando José Tardencillas Espinosa, 19, a Nicaraguan captured in El Salvador. Tardencillas had "confessed" earlier that he had been sent to the war zone by the Sandinistas. But when the tape recorders started rolling, he stunned the reporters-and U.S. officials-by suddenly taking back everything he had said. He described himself as a free-lance revolutionary and said he had been tortured and beaten into collaborating with El Salvador and Washington. "The day before I came, an officer from the U.S. Embassy told me what I should say," he said. "He told me they needed to demonstrate the presence of Cubans in El Salvador. I was given a choice. I could come here and do what I'm doing-or face certain death.'

Tardencillas's bizarre turnabout left the Administration in a bind. For weeks officials had been hinting that they had topsecret intelligence data on the Sandinistas'





#### MODERN WEAPONS NOW IN **GUERRILLA INVENTORY**

Belgian FAL semiautomatic rifle German G-3 rifle

- U.S. M-1, M-16, and AR-15 semiautomatic and automatic rifles
- Israeli UZI submachinegun and Galil assault rifle
- 30 and 50 caliber machineguns
- U.S. M-60 machinegun
- U.S. and Soviet hand grenades
- U.S. and Chinese grenade launchers
- U.S. M-72 light antitank weapon U.S. 81mm mortars

## INTERNATIONAL

## EL SALVADOR **The Missionary Murders**

last week, and this time the dead included four American women. From San Salvador, NEWSWEEK'S Beth Nissen filed this report:

L eftist groups had promised a gathering that would "show the world our great revolutionary force." But only a few thousand Salvadorans-most of them curious, rather than committed-gathered in front of San Salvador's cathedral last week for the funeral of six assassinated leftist leaders. The ceremony went off quietly, and leftist gunmen-most of them teen-agers-were

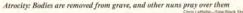
There was more violence in El Salvador transparently disappointed by the small turnout and the lack of confrontation with the right. "This funeral was not meant to put the dead to rest, it was meant to shock the living to action," said one restless 15-year-old carrying a well-oiled but idle M-16. "But in this country, funerals aren't too shocking anymore."

About 25 miles southeast of the cathedral, in the dusty farm town of Santiago Nonualco, a more shocking funeral was taking place. As a local justice of the peace and a half dozen armed National Guardsmen stood by, local campesinos were

pressed into service to secretly bury four American womenthree nuns and a lay volunteer-whose bodies had been found along a country road. The Catholic women had disappeared two nights before on their way home from the country's isolated new International Airport. Government officials found their fire-gutted van the next day on a deserted road 3 miles from the airport. News photographers discovered the common grave the following morning, dug deep into the side of a cow pasture. The dead women were Ita

Ford, 40, and Maura Clarke, 46, both Maryknoll sisters from New. York City; Dorothy Kazel, 40, a nun from the Ursuline Order, in Cleveland, Ohio, and Jean Donovan, a 27-year-old accountant, also from Cleveland, who volunteered for missionary work in El Salvador a year ago. All four women had been shot in the head, and there was evidence that at least two had been raped. The four women were the first known American victims of the political violence that has claimed nearly 8,500 lives since the overthrow of President Carlos Humberto Romero fourteen months ago. "Jean used to joke that blue-eyed blondes were the safest people in Salvador, because they were so American-looking and no one would kill Americans," recalled Sister Christine Rody, as she stood a tearful watch over the dirt-caked bodies at the grave site. "I guess she was wrong."

Complicity: No political group claimed to have committed the murders. Several government officials argued that agents provocateurs of the extreme left had committed the crime, hoping to bolster sagging public support of the left by pinning the murders on the army. Many people did hold the army accountable, if not for the actual murders, then at least for complicity in the clandestine burial. El Salvador's Archbishop Arturo Rivera Damas blamed "circles close to the government" for the death of the Americans. And Robert White, the American ambassador, said angrily, "We are convinced the government could do a great deal to control the violence and instill some discipline in its security forces." But many others blamed the extreme

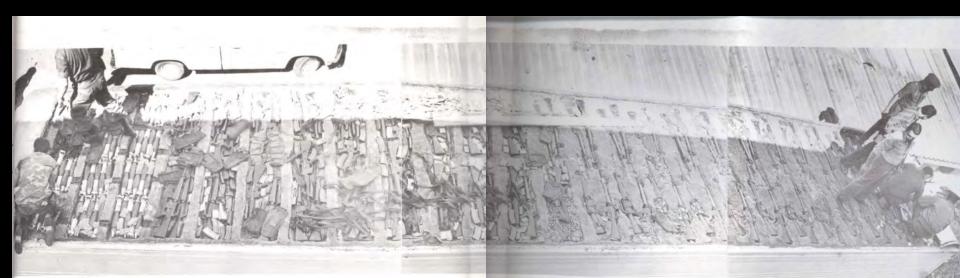




notos display captured weapons and unitions







Top view of truck

In late January, Honduran authorities seized a refrigerated trailer truck which was being used to smuggle arms to the Salvadoran guerrillas, Approximately 100 M-16 rifles, some of which were traceable to Vietnam, along with a large cache of ammunition and mortar rounds, were discovered in the hollowed-out insulation on the top of the truck. The truck also contained extra sets of license plates from the Central American area as well as quantities of Communist propaganda materials.



Rear view of truck



Hughes points out a military installation: Longer and louder alarms about communist meddling in America's backyard

## Newsweek

# Taking Aim at Nicaragua

The lights dimmed, the projector beamed and the screen filled with blown-up aerial photographs that conjured up an earlier time of confrontation. Before a packed house of reporters, John Hughes, the photo-intelligence expert who presented the evidence in the Cuban missile crisis twenty years ago, took a pointer last week and made the Reagan Administration's case against Nicaragua. Flipping through the grainy photographs, Hughes said the Sandinistas have built 36 new military installations in just two years. He pointed to new airfields, lengthened runways and a dramatic array of Soviet-made tanks, truckdrawn howitzers, helicopters and amphibious ferries. He showed Nicaraguan troops in training and put the total number of men under arms at 70,000-the biggest and most threatening army in Central America. "Who is helping the Sandinistas do this?" he asked. "The fingerprint we find, in every case . . . [belongs to] the Cubans."

The carefully orchestrated show-and-tell session was the most successful element in a ragged propagnada blitz last week. The offensive seemed to reflect the Administration's growing frustration over the limits of its ability to act in Central America. Neither Congress nor the public seems inclined to accept Reagan's warnings about communist meddling in the region. The public mood has all but ruled out direct military intervention. As a result, the Administration has found itself with few alternatives other than sounding ever longer and louder alarms.

It was hard to say what the alarm bells foretold. Washington seemed to be playing a high-stakes game of psychological warfare designed to keep the Nicaraguans, Cubans and Soviets guessing about Reagan's ultimate intentions. One possibility was that the Administration was hoping to use its evi-

## The Administration launches a frenetic propaganda campaign that leaves troubling questions unanswered.

dence to enlist other Latin American nations to help cut the flow of arms to Salvadoran leftists. Looming behind it all was the prospect of a darker plan: a CIA proposal to help paramilitary groups cut the flow of arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador.

There was no doubt about the earnestness of the Administration's concern, but its media campaign raised as many questions as it answered. While the photo evidence demonstrated that the Sandinistas had been far from candid about the size of their military buildup, nothing in the declassified material showed a direct conduit of arms into El Salvador. "I think most people were ready to believe that the Nicaraguans are building up their army," said one U.S. official, "but that was never the problem."

SPECIAL REPORT

The Administration hoped to make the Nicaragua-Salvador connection with a parade of witnesses from the front-but the first step went disastrously awry. The State Department invited six reporters to interview Orlando José Tardencillas Espinosa, 19, a Nicaraguan captured in El Salvador. Tardencillas had "confessed" earlier that he had been sent to the war zone by the Sandinistas. But when the tape recorders started rolling, he stunned the reporters-and U.S. officials-by suddenly taking back everything he had said. He described himself as a free-lance revolutionary and said he had been tortured and beaten into collaborating with El Salvador and Washington. "The day before I came, an officer from the U.S. Embassy told me what I should say," he said. "He told me they needed to demonstrate the presence of Cubans in El Salvador. I was given a choice. I could come here and do what I'm doing-or face certain death."

Tardencillas's bizarre turnabout left the Administration in a bind. For weeks officials had been hinting that they had topsecret intelligence data on the Sandinistas'



EVIDENCE JUST RELEASED BY SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG INCLUDES THIS ACTUAL. UNRETOUCHED PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY SPY SATELLITE SHOWING GROUP OF NICARAGUANS DIRECTING GUERRILLA WAR IN EL SALVADOR.

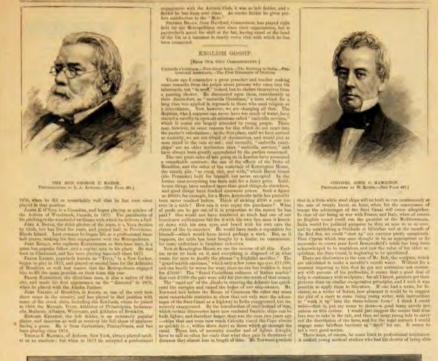


John H. Lyord, P. Thomas E. Mansell, C. F. Charins Reipschlager, C. J. E. O'Neil, P. Prank Larkin, M R. John Nelson, 8, 8. Thomas E. Mansell, C. F.

THE METROPOLITAN BASE-BALL NINE-FROM & PHOTOGRAPH BY SARONY.

#### AUGUST & INSI.

#### HARPERS WEEKLY.



requirement with the Astrony Unit, is was as both fielding, and a field to have been were stress. As emitter fielder the given particular to the "Res.". Therement Rescarse from the "Res." The stress Rescarse from the "Res." Therement Rescarse from the "Res." between the stress restance with the rest rest of the rest

### ENGLISH GOSSIP. [Raine Ora Only Commentar.]

Untrinsite Christiang, - True Grant Sales, - The Postware to India, - Pro-Invisional Architecture, - The First Directory of Distance,





Asta B. Lyoch, C. Ellarite Respectively, C. J. & O'Nel, F. Brand Konnely, L. F. J. E. Lingey, C. J. & Depter, F. Frenk Handsana, S. R. Breyker Bridy, E. J. Tormar K. Nasani, S. F. Frenk Lindson, S. R. Done, S. K. Jahn Berry, 1st R. THE NETROPOLITAN RESERVED. NINE-Face a Procession of Samory.



EVIDENCE JUST RELEASED BY SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG INCLUDES THIS ACTUAL. UNRETOUCHED PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY SPY SATELLITE SHOWING GROUP OF NICARAGUANS DIRECTING GUERRILLA WAR IN EL SALVADOR.



# ARTISTS CALL AGAINST U.S. INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

If HE CAN SHIPLY WITHEST THE DESTRUCTION OF ANDERSE CALTURE, HE ARE SACHINGS Our own north to wave calture, whythe were not size presence induces can anywere sound consider the responsibility to during the calture and regard of the carrier instrume project.

THE ARTS AND THEN BY OWN DEVELOPMENT AS EVENTSEED OF CHEATHER FREEDOM, AND THE LARK OF CHEATURE A A BOHNCHAST, AT THE SAME THM, THE MARAM ADMINISTRATION DONES THE PROPER AN EXTERNAL AMERICA THE REALT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO INVESTIGATE.

IT IS OF THE ATMENT IMPORTANCE THAT THE PEOPLE OF MARTIN AMERICA COPIESS MORE DURING CONCERN FOR PRINCE AND FREEMON IN CONTERL AMERICA, WHERE THE SATURATION INCOMES MORE CONTERL, LACK BAY,

THE USE CONTINUENT CONTINUES TO ANY UT HIS MULTIARY PRESENCE IN THE RELEASE, AND IN THE CASE OF INCLUDENT, TO INVESTIGATION CONTINUE SALECTING THAT THERE USE ONE ANDREED THE IS MUNICIPALLY ADMINISTRATION OF ADMINISTRATION OF A CONTINUE MULTIARY TAKE, THE ONESTIG EXECUTE OF CASESWORK, MULTIARY DATE, THE ONE MULTIARY TAKE, THE ONESTIG EXECUTE OF CASESWORK, MULTIARY MULTIARY TAKE, THE ONESTIG EXECUTE OF CASESWORK, MULTIARY MULTIARY TAKE, THE ONESTIG EXECUTE OF CASESWORK, MULTIARY MULTIARY TAKE, THE ONESTIG AND A CASES TO ADMINISTRATIONS MULTIARY TAKE, THE ONESTIG AND A CASES TO ADMINISTRATION OF CASES MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASESWORK, MULTIARY MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASESWORK, MULTIARY MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASES TO MULTIARY ADDING MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASES TO MULTIARY ADDING MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASES TO MULTIARY ADDING MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASES TO MULTIARY ADDING MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASES TO MULTIARY ADDING MULTIARY TAKES, THE CONTENT OF CASES TO MULTIARY ADDING MULTIARY TAKES, TO ADDING TO A OF THE MULTIARY ADDING TO MULTIARY ADDING MULTIARY TAKES TO ADDING.

ACCERDING TO A ROMAT SUBMITTED OF ANY SYNTEXALTONIA, TO THE COMMUTER ON THE AS DETERMINENT REPORTS AND NEEDED LIVER AS DATIONAL TO THE COMMUTER, ON DEMONSTRY, AND AND THE SUME THAT AND ANY SUBJECT AS AN ADDRESS, SAVE TO A ADDRESS THE ANY TO MATCHING SALE OF THE LAWS, SHE ALL OPPORTUNELY RECORDERS THE REACT OF MATCHINGS, SALE OF THE SAME THE, SAVENT DATA SERVICES AND ADDRESS AND ADDRESS THE LAWS, SHE ALL OPPORTUNELY RECORDERS THE REACT OF MATCHINGS, SALE OF THE SAME THE, SAVENT DATA SERVICES AND ADDRESS AND ADDRESS THE SAME THE,

WE CALL SPIRE THE MARKER ADMINISTRATION TO ANY WALTERY AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT To the generowers of all largender and economics, to stop the walfaret doctory in homology and to class support of the contract in walfared.

-

INTERVENTION OF THE LS, CONVENIENCE INFORMATION READERST CONSULTATION REGISTERIC CONVENTIONAL DE LE DEVENTION AU DEVENSION DE CONSULA REGISTERIST, DECUTION, HE CALL DEVE DE REGISTA ADMINISTRATION AND DE REL CONSECTION RECORD DE REGISTO DE REGISTA ADMINISTRATION AND DE RECONSECTION DE DE DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTA ADMINISTRATION AND DE ADVENSIONALISME AND DE DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTA ADMINISTRATION AND DE RECONSECTIONES DE DE DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION AND DE ADVENSIONALISME AND DE DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION ADVENSIONALISME ADVENTIONALISME A DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION ADVENSIONALISME ADVENTIONES REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION ADVENSIONALISME ADVENTIONES DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION ADVENTIONES DE REGISTRATION A DE REGISTRATION ADVENTIONNE DE REGISTRATION A DE REGI

ATTERE GALE ADARET EL INTERNENTION IN CANTAR, MERICA S A MATHEMPER MUNICIPATION DE ATTERES DESAMINES DE LE MERICE TORI CETA A UNE SUBJECT CONSTRUME AND PORTON PARTI DE CONTRA MUNICIPATION D'A UNE SUBJECT ADMINISTRATO D'A DEL NOTACIONE DI LE SANADON MUNICIPATIONE DI LE MEDIANE, ON MUNICIPATIONE DI LE DESAMINES DE LE SANADON MUNICIPATIONE DI LE MEDIANE, ON MUNICIPATIONE DI LE DESAMINE DI LE SANADON MUNICIPATIONE DI LE MEDIANE ADMINISTRATO DI LE DESAMINE DI LE SANADON MUNICIPATIONE DI LE MEDIANE ADMINISTRATO DI LE DESAMINE ALTERES DI LE ADMINISTRA MUNICIPATIONE DI LE CONTRATIONE MUNICIPATIONE DI LE DESAMINATA DESTICATIONE DI LE MEDIANE MUNICIPATIONE MUNICIPATIONE DI LE DESAMINATA DESTICATIONE DI LE MEDIANE MUNICIPATIONE MUNICIPATIONE DI LE DESAMINATA DESTICATIONE DI LE MEDIANE MUNICIPATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE DESAMINATA DESTICATIONE DI LE MEDIANE MUNICIPATIONE MUNICIPATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE CONTRATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE MUNICIPATICA MEL DISTICI STANITITATI DI CLI ATTERES DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE MEDIANE DI LE MENDICIPATIONE DI LE DESAMINATI DE LE DESTICATIONE MUNICIPATICA DI LE DESTICA DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE MUNICIPATICA MEL DISTICI STANITITATI DI CLI ATTERES DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE MENDICIPATI DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE ATTERES DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE MENDICIPATI DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE ATTERES DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE MENDICIPATI DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE ATTERES DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE MENDICIPATI DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE ATTERES DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE DI LE MENDICATIONE DI LE DESTICATIONE DESTICATIO

### series and many presses (second time













- **1868:** U.S. troops intervene in Uruguay.
- 1868: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia.
- 1873: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia.
- **1885:** U.S. troops intervene in Panama.
- 1888: U.S. troops intervene in Haiti.
- 1891: U.S. troops intervene in Chile.
- **1894:** U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua.
- 1895: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia.
- 1896: U.S. Marines invade Honduras.
- 1896: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua.
- 1898: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua.
- 1898: Battleship Maine sunk. U.S. initiates Spanish-American War.
- **1898:** U.S. troops invade Puerto Rico to 'liberate' it from Spain.
- 1899: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua.
- 1901: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia.
- 1902: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia.
- 1903: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras
- **1903:** U.S. troops intervene in Dominican Republic.
- **1903:** U.S. troops intervene in Panama.
- **1904:** U.S. troops intervene in Dominican Republic.
- 1904: U.S. troops intervene in Panama.
- 1907: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras.
- 1910: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua.
- 1911: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras.
- 1912: U.S. troops intervene in Cuba.
- 1913: U.S. troops intervene in Mexico.
- 1914: U.S. troops intervene in Haiti.
- 1915: Marines land in Haiti and occupy it until 1934.

- 1919: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras.
- 1920: U.S. troops intervene in Guatemala
- **1924:** U.S. troops intervene in Honduras
- 1925: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras.
- 1925: U.S. troops intervene in Panama.
- 1926: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua.
- **1928:** Banana workers strike in Colombia against United Fruit Co., 1000 killed.
- 1932: 3 U.S. and 2 Canadian warships arrive in El Salvador.
- **1932:** Salvadoran peasants begin mass insurrection; military retaliates massacring 30,000.
- **1954:** CIA overthrows Arbenz government in Guatemala.
- **1958:** Panama declares state of seige after 6 are killed in anti-U.S. riots.
- **1959:** John Foster Dulles approves "thorough consideration be given to the elimination of Fidel Castro."
- 1961: CIA defeated in Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.
- 1962: U.S. naval blockade of Cuba initiated.
- **1964:** U.S. troops kill student protesters in Panama Canal Zone.
- 1965: U.S. invades Dominican Republic.
- 1973: U.S.-sponsored coup in Chile overthrows Popular Unity government; Allende murdered.
- **1975:** 40 students killed at University of El Salvador demonstrating against U.S. intervention.
- 1983: U.S. Marines invade Grenada.











U.S. troops intervene in Colombia. 1868: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia. 1873: 1885: U.S. troops intervene in Panama. 1888: U.S. troops intervene in Haiti. 1891: U.S. troops intervene in Chile. 1894: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua. 1895: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia. 1896: U.S. Marines invade Honduras. 1896: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua. 1898: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua. 1898: Battleship Maine sunk. U.S. initiates Spanish-American War. 1898: U.S. troops invade Puerto Rico to 'liberate' it from Spain. 1899: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua. 1901: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia. 1902: U.S. troops intervene in Colombia. 1903: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras 1903: U.S. troops intervene in Dominican Republic. 1903: U.S. troops intervene in Panama. 1904: U.S. troops intervene in Dominican Republic. 1904: U.S. troops intervene in Panama. 1907: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras. 1910: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua. 1911: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras. 1912: U.S. troops intervene in Cuba. 1913: U.S. troops intervene in Mexico. 1914: U.S. troops intervene in Haiti. 1915: Marines land in Haiti and occupy it until 1934.

1868: U.S. troops intervene in Uruguay.

- 1919: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras.
- 1920: U.S. troops intervene in Guatemala
- 1924: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras
- 1925: U.S. troops intervene in Honduras.
- 1925: U.S. troops intervene in Panama.
- 1926: U.S. troops intervene in Nicaragua.
- 1928: Banana workers strike in Colombia against United Fruit Co., 1000 killed.
- 1932: 3 U.S. and 2 Canadian warships arrive in El Salvador.
- 1932: Salvadoran peasants begin mass insurrection; military retaliates massacring 30,000.
- 1954: CIA overthrows Arbenz government in Guatemala.
- **1958:** Panama declares state of seige after 6 are killed in anti-U.S. riots.
- 1959: John Foster Dulles approves "thorough consideration be given to the elimination of Fidel Castro."
- **1961:** CIA defeated in Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.
- 1962: U.S. naval blockade of Cuba initiated.
- **1964:** U.S. troops kill student protesters in Panama Canal Zone.
- 1965: U.S. invades Dominican Republic.
- 1973: U.S.-sponsored coup in Chile overthrows Popular Unity government; Allende murdered.
- 1975: 40 students killed at University of El Salvador demonstrating against U.S. intervention.
- 1983: U.S. Marines invade Grenada.













