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To: Pete Vaky

Subject: Anti-Somoza Congressional Letter

House liberals are trying to collect signatures to a letter to the Department on Nicaragua. Naturally, the letter is anti-GOM and opposes any help to Somoza. The Nicaraguan situation is described as a key test for Carter's Latin American policy. Obviously, this letter is designed to be a counter to the conservatives' recent letter, signed by 78 Members. So far, 37 signatures have been obtained. The liberals plan to go down to the House floor next week to collect signatures, the way Charlie Wilson did on the earlier letter. If the liberals do not get more than 78 they plan to drop the idea. They hope for over 100.

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