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Honduras: Reins Reception

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June 15, 1984

To: Elliott Abrams

Subject: Honduras: Reins Reception

Last evening I attended the reception for Jorge Arturo Reins given by the Commission on United States-Central American Relations (ref. attached) in the latter's office, one floor directly below Poland Watch. There was a good Movement turnout.

I had a candid talk with Reins. Three members of the Nicaraguan Embassy were all over the place and stared at us from across the room. I told Reins I thought the meeting with you had gone very well, and I agreed with him that it was unfortunate there had been no session with the ARA front office. Reins said he had understated his comments about Negroponte and asked whether the latter could not be transferred. I emphasized the importance of Reins's dialogue with the USG and I urged that he make a major sustained effort to understand this strange and complicated country, people and Government. I also provided him with a copy of the attached Radio Venceremos broadcast to Honduras, which you have already seen. At one point I introduced Reins to a friend as "a good democrat from Honduras". Reins later expressed his gratitude for that compliment.

Bob White came in after I did and joined our conversation before I left. We are old friends.

I picked up the attached Commission brochure on El Salvador. Melinda Rorick remarked to me that she did not think it was very good. After reading it I agree with Melinda. There sure are a lot of important things it does not say. Please read it.

I came away feeling that my attached March 28 memorandum was right.

George Lister

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cc: Bob Snyder

March 28, 1984

To: Elliott Abrams

Subject: Commission on United States-Central American Relations

I would agree with your attached comment if you were in any way endorsing the Commission on United States-Central American Relations. But you are not; you are simply developing a friendly dialogue with them. That could prove to be very useful. The Movement sees the Department with a human face. They are undoubtedly influenced by our views to some extent. And they see Reins responding favorably to his conversation with you. All to the good.

When I met Reins in Montreal I encouraged him to come in and see you. I thought the discussion went very well. More importantly, Reins thought so. I see him as about the equivalent of Zamora and Ungo in Honduras. But he has not yet joined with the far left (and Zamora and Ungo would not have done so if our Central American policy had not been so stupid). How useful Reins would be to Havana and Moscow! And now he is calling you. Excellent.

George Lister

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FYI.

(Looking at the Center's
people (on review of
lit.) it's a strange
group for me to be
associating with!

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United States-Central American Relations

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March 27, 1984

Elliott Abrams
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Dear Mr. Abrams,

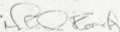
Unfortunately, Dr. Jorge Arturo Reina had to leave for Honduras this past weekend. He requested that I relay to you his appreciation for a very productive meeting at the Department of State. He left a note for you, which I am enclosing.

I know Dr. Reina welcomed your offer to arrange a meeting with Mr. Michaels. Dr. Reina anticipates returning to Washington for a brief period at the end of April and at that time he would be very interested in such a meeting. We will contact Mr. Lister with the exact dates.

We encouraged Dr. Reina to quickly write an 'op-ed' piece based on his presentation at the ALDAS conference in Montreal. We'll send you a copy of it as soon as it is available to us.

If there is any way we at the Commission can be of help please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Melinda Borick
International Liaison
International Section-CUSCAR

Incl: note from Reina

cc: Lister
Reina