

Miskito

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Subject: Norman Bent

EA - I would like to give a copy of this note to Jim Buchanan, in INR.

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To: Elliott Abrams

Subject: Norman Bent

One of the best informed people I have met with respect to the Miskitos is Norman Bent, Norwegian pastor from Nicaragua's Atlantic coast and partly Miskito himself. His wife is 100% Miskito.

Bent is a good friend of mine. He supports the Sandinista Government but disagrees with their handling of the Miskito problem. In January of this year he was flown to Managua for a talk with Borge and spent five days in jail waiting for a conversation which never took place. He remains banished from the Atlantic coast, his house has been searched, etc. My experience to date has been that he is devoted to the interests of the Miskitos and conducts himself with quiet integrity. I arranged a meeting with him with INR about a year ago, and it went very well. You will note he is quoted in the attached article.

Bent is expected here next week and I am almost sure he will ask to speak with you. I hope you can see him.

George Lister

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cc: Bob Snyder