

June 8, 1989

Dear Rudy,

Many thanks for the xerox copies. They will be critical for the rewrite of the nuclear chapter.

I just finished another book manuscript, At War Against the Sandinistas, 500 pages, with chapters on Bruno, Hugo, the leaders and CIA, etc. Best stuff I've written ever. The main theme is the struggle to defend the Yapti Tasba nations and advance autonomy and rights against the FSLN invasion, Contra suppression, CIA manipulation, Peace Plan omission, and the greed and power trips from the Yapti Tasba leaders themselves. It is a Fourth World Primer.

A publisher here in Costa Rica, Libro Libre, which is one of the best in Central America and is mostly made up of exiled Nicaraguan intellectuals --impressive people, wanted to publish this book. Now, Rudy, grab your pipe and fasten your seat belt as I recount my adventure with Libro Libre.

The editor who reviewed the manuscript is Roberto Cardenal who is a well-known intellectual and author of a book on Sandinista censorship. We had an hour-long one-on-one meeting. He told me that the book is "a launching pad for separatism", that "your ideas are illegal," and that for them to publish it I would have to self-censor all the material on Yapti Tasba goals for autonomy ("they should be more like American Indian reservations"), Bruno's speeches, the section the history of how Nicaraguan took over the coast without the peoples' permission, the material on how Steadman Fagoth worked with the FDN to suppress autonomy goals, and comments throughout that the Miskito are a nation, a people, and have their own government. It is rare to get so much classic garbage at one sitting. I took Ange out for dinner to celebrate the rescue of my manuscript. I got some good quotes to put in the Preface.

I am now going to look around for a publisher in the States or elsewhere and another to do it in Spanish. But I wonder what publisher will do it as it is not pro-FSLN or pro-US, but anti-both. Do you have any ideas? Any publisher you could recommend?

We have a baby due in August. Ange is six months pregnant and doing fine. The boys are in a nearby school. We managed to get Ange's parents and sister out of Nicaragua (Mission Impossible) and they are with us. So now we are seven with number eight on the way.

What should we be doing on the book? We have got to get rolling on it and finish it. I am going to work now on the nuclear powers and the 4thW chapter. Can you devote some time to this now?

All the best to the Ryser clan.

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August 15, 1989

Dear Rudy,

Our daughter, Tangni, was born August 7. She is a beauty. She had good size at 7 lbs, 4 oz and all the parts work. Ange and Tangni are fine. Life at home has been drastically reorganized. Tangni (flower in Miskito) deserves a lot of attention and everyone wants in on the action: grandparents, aunt, and brothers. Tangni brings the house total to eight people.

On to other matters. Brooklyn and his group have some contacts with Obando y Bravo to force the FSLN to allow them to return. This may not happen. Brooklyn told his office group that Nietschmann is the reason that Misurasata and Yatama didn't reach an agreement with the Sandinistas. Scapegringo. He is starting to re-embrace the idea of special rights as a Nicaraguan indigenous people instead of full and equal rights as distinct peoples.

Saturday, August 12, Costa Rican Guardia Rural surrounded the Pueblo Nuevo refugee camp and forcibly pulled out some 100 people, threw them into a bus and took them away, either to another camp or to the Nicaraguan border. Nobody knows. Many of the refugees have bailed out of the camp and are on the streets and in the bush hiding. Arias says things are getting better with the Sandinistas but 200,000 Nicaraguans and Yapti Tasbans here in Costa Rica don't agree. Guess who is going to lose.

Steadman Fagoth and Pastora came to Modesto's birthday party and Steadman had read some of my new book (probably xeroxed without my permission by Libro Libre) and was pissed because I wrote that he is a repressive dictator, etc. I said, ok, so tell me your side: why did the Astros abandon you and why did you send people to kill them? He launched into a diatribe beginning with the Falklands War which had no point. Later Pastora learned how I had portrayed him and he started with another diatribe. So I broke in and asked if he could cut to the chase scene. Not appreciated.

Your package has not arrived yet. How about sending another with book and stuff. If you can send it by Federal Express I would reimburse you. This is the address to use for any courier mail: Bernard Nietschmann
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Nevertheless, we can move ahead and talk about publishing the book. I would like to do two things: first, get the book out fast and clean, with a publisher, such as yourself, who shares the ~~the~~ book's views and objectives, and who can produce a book that looks good and will be sold and given to key people. As you say, that's why CWIS was created. Distribution and sales would probably be low. Second, to later get the book out with a commercial publisher --they have to push the book because of publishing costs-- who will get a wide domestic and international audience for the book. A Yapti Tasba-born writer, now living in New York, will try to find an agent for the book but even this is hard to do and breaking into the commercial book world is contacts and luck regardless of the quality of the manuscript.

As I have not received your letter, I don't know what your new setup is capable of doing. Desktop with a laser can produce a good looking product, especially if the font-style is handsome and the layout is subdued elegance. My book now has some 510 double-space pages with perhaps another 20 to be added with bibliography, and perhaps a where are they now epilogue. This would probably collapse to a 350 page book. The photos and maps might present the biggest problem as they have to be printed on expensive paper for good results. Figure on about 40-50 photos and maps, bringing the book to perhaps 390 to 400 pages. A guesstimate is \$10.00 each to produce and even at 200 copies that comes out to \$2000 big ones, not be mention your time. On top of this should be some modest money put into publicity and adds. So that might bring it to \$2500. That is a lot of money to raise. And you have yet to even see the manuscript.

The book is the best thing I've written, but that doesn't mean it is the best thing anybody can read.

So take a look at it on the enclosed disks (wordstar4) I am re-editing the chapters again so some of this stuff is subject to change. The material on who tipped off Noriega to kill Hugo is mostly a temporary patch to fill in space until we get out of here. Some of the material you've seen before -- Close Shave, Miskito History and Negotiations -- have been reworked.

This is a book about Yapti Tasba, an internally recognized country. Nicaragua is another country that is childish and aggressive and will always have a Somosandista government and approach to Yapti Tasba.

Check it out.

Hellos to Nancy and the boys.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

— look at Nuclear/State page

— UGO Chapter — Discussion about 4th
with UGO

— Chapter 14 —

— Rights — Working Group references
Helsinki reference.

March 29, 1989

Dear Rudy,

The best part of our long communication gaps is the quick startups — as if last year was yesterday.

I am impressed by your work and progress. Great stuff.

Enclosed are some Stein things. How about getting into the book in April and getting it finished sometime in the Fall. If all things we may be doing the book could have the most lasting and important global impact.

I sure would like to receive the nuclear geographically information we talked about. I need it soon, though. Stuff on where it is mined, processed, tested, dumped — US & nation as well as anything you might have on similar things worldwide.

All the best —

Barney

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