

[People in the crowd shout out country names, including Denmark, Finland, Germany, England, Ireland, Australia, the Netherlands, Spain, Belgium, Ecuador, Mexico, Italy, Argentina, Japan. Crowd laughs, applauds as Ortega repeats names of countries] These are citizens of the world united in a brotherhood with the Central American peoples, and tonight with the Nicaraguan people, in the struggle for peace.

I assure you that all the Central American people welcome you joyously. I am sure that the Costa Rican people love you because they know that you want peace between Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and all Central America. We are sure that those who sow hate in Central America are few. [applause] The Central American people sow love, that is why we welcome you with love, and we will continue to struggle and fight with love, and we are sure that you will always stand beside us for the sake of peace.

Consequently, allow me to thank you for this gesture of peace on behalf of my people. [applause]

INTERIOR MINISTRY DEFECTOR ALLEGES WRONGDOINGS

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["Special Edition" interview program hosted by Mayin Correa, entitled "Inside Nicaragua, Part II," with Lieutenant Alvaro Jose Baldizon Aviles, former official of the Nicaraguan Interior Ministry; date not given -- recorded]

[Excerpts] [Correa] Tonight I wish to introduce Lieutenant Alvaro Jose Baldizon Aviles, who was a Nicaraguan Interior Ministry official until 4 months ago. He was chief of the internal investigations department of the Interior Ministry, a militant of the FSLN, and a Marxist trained in the USSR, who will render his testimony on the corruption and the violations of human rights in Nicaragua which he has seen. We welcome him to "Special Edition."

Alvaro, could you tell us about your work within the Interior Ministry of the Sandinist government? You were chief of the internal investigations department. What did you do there, and what was your connection with Interior Minister Tomas Borge? How close were you to Borge, and how were investigations carried out?

[Baldizon] In the first place, in order to explain how this department was formed we must give the following explanation. In 1982 the Inter-American Human Rights Commission sent the Nicaraguan Government lists of many missing citizens and asked the Sandinist government to explain what had happened to them. Borge was then forced to establish an organization exclusively under his purview to investigate the circumstances under which each of these incidents occurred -- in spite of the fact that Borge knew that most of these citizens had been executed on the orders of the interior minister or the deputy interior minister. They needed to learn of the exact circumstances under which each one of these deaths had occurred in order to prepare a truth-based lie that could be believed -- something that would not contradict the reports the Inter-American Human Rights Commission had.

Lieutenant Raul Castro Gonzalez, who was a founder of the special investigations commission, and I were given a document which had a tremendous moral impact on me. This document was labeled a state secret and is called "Guidelines of the Interior Minister for the Enforcement of Special Measures against the Enemy's Potential Throughout the National Territory." This document institutionalizes capital punishment within the Sandinist Armed Forces.

This document explains why the executions and killings would henceforth be described as special measures. It specifies that the only persons authorized to approve the special measures are Interior Minister Tomas Borge Martinez and Deputy Interior Minister Luis Carrion Cruz. This document also establishes who are the only persons authorized to propose the enforcement of special measures. It is established that these persons are the chiefs of general directorates and the regional delegates.

It also establishes who will be able to participate actively in the executions, preferably militants of the FSLN, in first and second classification [not further identified] and there should not be more than five for each general directorate or region. It also establishes that they should receive special attention from the FSLN and should be guaranteed periodic psychiatric examinations at the (Jorge Sinforose Grado) Clinic of the Interior Ministry.

[Correa] Why the psychiatric examinations?

[Baldizon] According to them, the youths who participate in slaughter and executions suffer psychological problems, and therefore these periodic psychiatric examinations are for the purpose of controlling them, giving them treatment. All this is established in this document.

[Correa] In other words, this is official slaughter. It is part of a system.

[Baldizon] This document also establishes other provisions. It specifies that special measures will not be adopted against citizens who have been captured in a public place. It is established that these special measures are to be enforced against citizens who have been captured under special conditions, through kidnapping, in deserted places, where there are no witnesses to the capture. All this is established in this document. This document had a tremendous moral impact on me. I began to feel sick, disgusted with the Sandinist government.

[Correa] How did you come across this document?

[Baldizon] We had to work with this document. We had to study this document on special measures in order to learn who had violated the provisions of this document when we were carrying out our investigations. This document was sort of a law, and we had to abide by it.

[Correa] In other words, he who killed had to kill according to these regulations.

[Baldizon] That is correct, according to the guidelines of the minister for the special measures.

[Correa] How close were you to Mr Borge?

[Baldizon] I was chief of the investigations department. I had direct contact with Borge, as he was the only one who authorized the investigations, who requested the investigations, and who we had to report to. On many occasions I went to his office personally to report on certain cases, to report on the current status of an investigation, or to present the conclusions of a report.

Besides, Borge used us, rather, he used me to prepare some shows [preceding word in English] that he did based on poor persons with economic or health problems. He told me I always had to have 10 persons ready and prepared. These 10 persons had to have health or economic problems so he could set up his show when a foreign delegation arrived. In this manner I would bring him 10 persons, and he would begin to take care of them, one by one, coinciding with the arrival of a foreign delegation. He did this in order to impress the delegation, so it could see that the Nicaraguan interior minister is a charitable person.

[Correa] Is it true that he has two offices, and if so why?

[Baldizon] Borge has two offices because this is part of his strategy of disinformation directed at the Western countries. For example, he has one office where he receives Western countries' delegations or delegations from religious or political organizations. In this office he has big pictures of children on the walls. He has a carved wooden crucifix, a poster with some religious significance, and a very beautiful leather-bound Bible. So when representatives of a religious organization arrive they think Borge is a Christian, but this is only to impress the Western world.

He has another office where he actually works as interior minister, where he receives the delegations of the Marxist countries. There are no crucifixes, Bibles, or pictures of children in this office. In this office there are pictures of Marx, Engels, Lenin and books written by Hegel and Feuerbach, the Communist Manifesto, the complete works of Lenin, and Marx' Das Kapital; that is what he has in his office. That is his true office, not the other one that he uses for propaganda directed at Western countries.

[Correa] How does the intelligence organization operate in Nicaragua vis-a-vis the church? Who handles this harassment of the Catholic Church and the other churches?

[Baldizon] In order to speak about the intelligence of the Sandinist government, we must first speak about the intelligence organization of Marxist governments. The Nicaraguan Government is organized identically to the Cuban Government. The security organizations were formed with the same work methodology, the same structures as the Cuban security organizations, and naturally this is a highly specialized organization, highly technical, designed to suppress and control the people. In that regard I can tell you that the F-1 department is the state security department in charge of arrests and physical and psychological torture. It prepares the reports and interrogations and then sends them to the courts. It also deals with the missing citizens, the persons who are kidnapped in scarcely populated areas. There are Cuban advisers in this department who specialize in physical and psychological torture.

[Correa] How many Cubans and Russians are there within the Nicaraguan Government?

[Baldizon] The Interior Ministry alone has one Cuban adviser for every chief.

[Correa] And these advisers actually give the orders?

[Baldizon] Yes, they do. In Nicaragua a chief gives an order because a Cuban adviser has approved it. The Cuban adviser is the experienced person who knows what to do.

In summary, we can say that the Cubans are the ones giving the orders in Nicaragua. If Borge is to carry out an operation, a plan, he immediately consults with General Roberto [not further identified], his personal adviser, who is a former chief of Cuban state security.

[Correa] Is he in Nicaragua?

[Baldizon] Yes, he is. General Roberto is the one who prepares the annual plans of the Interior Ministry for Tomas Borge Martinez, the minister. Colonel Gutierrez -- the National Police adviser and chief of the Havana Police in Cuba -- is the one who prepares the operations and plans for the police. In my case, my adviser was Captain (Alberto Baldejar Buding), chief of investigations of a part of Havana, Cuba. The adviser is the one who prepares the work plans, and we merely carry them out. The adviser is the one who prepares the work plans, all operations, all projects of the Interior Ministry, the annual reports, the 3-month plans. Sometimes a chief manages to prepare his own monthly plans or personal plans.

[Correa] How are relations among the nine commanders? Is there any chance that a struggle for power might arise among the nine commanders?

[Baldizon] In order to discuss this, one would have to analyze the situation. Each one has his own area of influence; each one has his own economic resources; each one handles his area of influence as a personal empire. Borge handles customs, the Interior Ministry, and TELCOR [Nicaraguan Telecommunications and Postal Services] as his personal empire. He does as he sees fit, and no one can tell him anything. The same is true with the other nine [as heard]: each one defends his sphere of influence. However, they are united in the same ideology. They all have the same ideological principles.

[Correa] Are all nine of them communists?

[Baldizon] All nine of them are communists in every respect. I would say they are radical communists who are suppressed, because they have to follow the disinformation campaign they beam to the Western countries in order to continue buying time and strengthening the revolution.

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[Text] Guatemala -- Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega Saavedra and U.S. Vice President George Bush appear on the list of those invited for the swearing-in ceremony of Guatemalan President-elect Vinicio Cerezo Arevalo on 14 January 1986. The Guatemalan Christian Democracy party, winner of the past presidential elections, announced that Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, Peruvian President Alan Garcia, and the remaining Central American presidents will also attend the ceremony.