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His Excellency
Mr. Enrique Bolaños Geyer
President of the Republic of Nicaragua
Presidencia de la República
Managua, Nicaragua

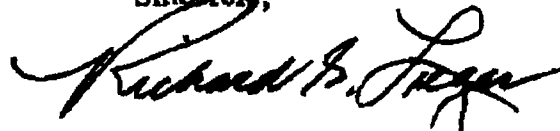
Mr. President,

Your fight against corruption and official malfeasance has caught the attention of the Hemisphere. Your commitment to transparency in government, to accountability, and to democratic government deserves the support of all people throughout the international community.

I am concerned about reports that certain political figures are seeking to use undemocratic means to remove you from the presidency, based on what appear to be politically-motivated charges. If successful, these attempts endanger the anticorruption reforms for which you have worked so hard to promote. It would also put at risk Nicaragua's selection as an eligible country for the Millennium Challenge Account, as well as other important U.S. aid and support.

Nicaragua has traveled a long and difficult road from the days of authoritarian rule. I encourage you and your countrymen to stay on the path of democratic reform and the rule of law.

Sincerely,



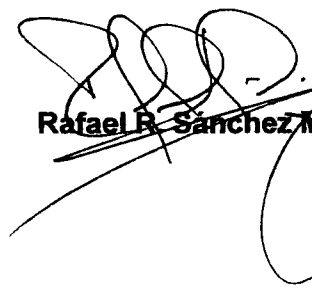
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