

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 17, 2004

The Honorable Enrique Bolaños

Republic of Nicaragua



Dear President Bolaños:

We support your Administration's fight against corruption and malfeasance in office. It could be an historic step in ending impunity of the powerful from prosecution and in instituting the rule of law for all Nicaraguans. Your commitment to transparency in government, to accountability, and to democratic government deserves the support of people throughout this hemisphere.

However, we are aware that there are significant disagreements between the Executive and the Legislative branches of government related to the balance of power in your country. While it is ultimately up to the Nicaraguan people to resolve these differences, we take particular note of the efforts of the Organization of American States and the leaders of other Central American countries to support the integrity of Nicaragua's democratic institutions and constitutional process. We note also the recent public statements by the European Union and the Rio Group. We affirm our strong support for democratic principles, for your constitutional position, and for the rule of law in your country.

Respectfully,

PATRICK LEAHY

United States Senator

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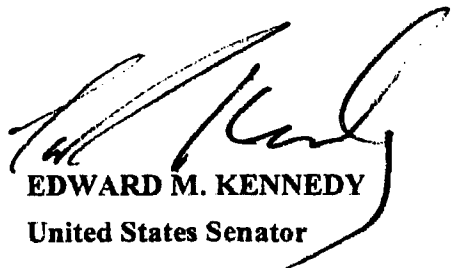
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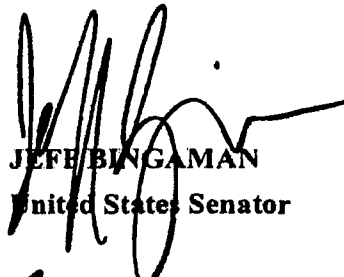
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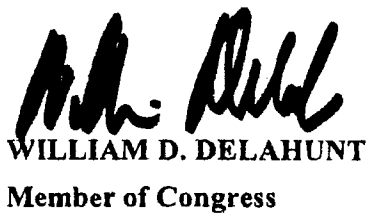
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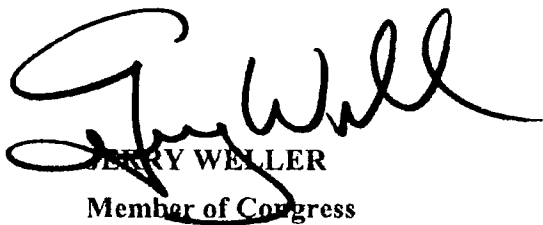

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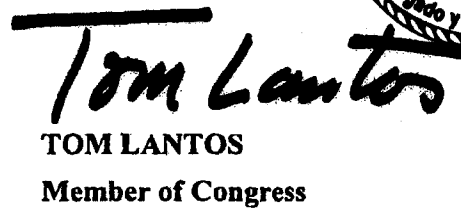

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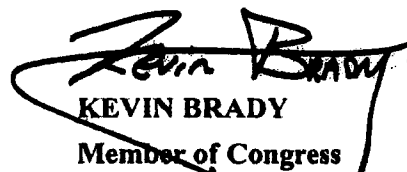

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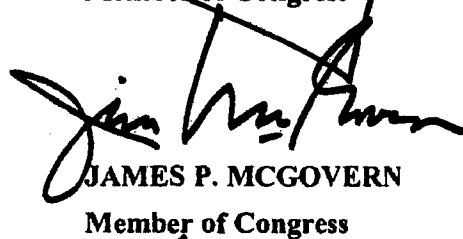

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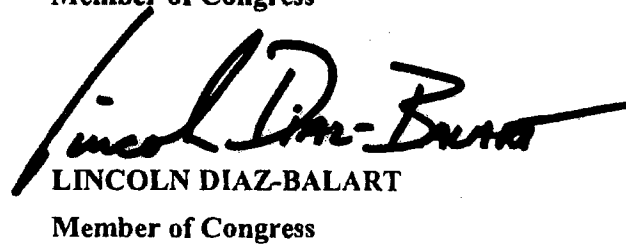

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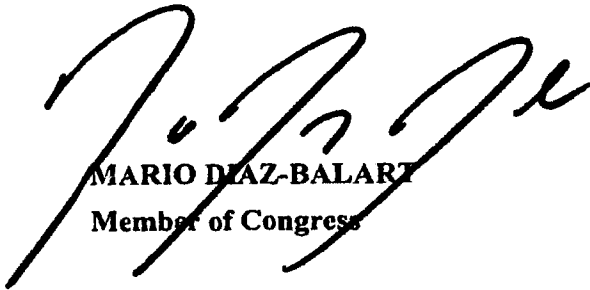

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