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It is noted that "The New York Times" on September 28, 1963, carried an article by Tad Szulc, datelined at Washington, D. C., on September 27, 1963, outlining testimony given by I. Irving Davidson before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on March 8, 1963, which testimony was released on September 27, 1963.

On October 7, 1963, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information concerning a contact between the subject and General Julio C. Morales, Military and Air Attache, Embassy of Nicaragua, which contact possibly concerns Davidson's appearance before the above-mentioned Senate Committee. Davidson told Morales that he had just received some reports from some people in Panama, Nicaragua, and Ecuador which said that Davidson spoke very well of Nicaragua. He continued by stating that no one is jumping on him and he has the impression that no one is jumping on Morales either, and feels that Morales came out better all the way around because Morales acts only on orders. After discussion of which Latin American papers carried "the story" Davidson commented that the "General" never told him he was through working for Nicaragua and until he is told so he will continue to work for Nicaragua. Morales is of the opinion that the "General" will not tell Davidson he is through.

Morales then outlined a letter he was preparing to send the "General" wherein he wished to completely inform the "General" of Davidson's statement before a Senate Committee which was investigating Davidson's activities as an agent for Nicaragua, Ecuador, Israel, and Indonesia. Morales, in his letter, indicated that he had talked to Davidson and felt that

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Davidson's statement concerning payments left some margin for misunderstanding [which Morales wished to clarify] (S) He continued that since the end of 1954, when the "Chief," the "General's" father, gave Davidson Nicaragua's representation, [Morales' office] (S) did not hesitate to give Davidson all the cooperation and assistance he needed. On different occasions when [Morales] (S) found it necessary to make trips to California, Texas and New York, he asked [Davidson] (S) "to pay" for the expenses of the trip, but none of the payments represent commissions [given to me.] (S)

[Morales] (S) pointed out that two checks, one for \$2,000 and the other for \$500 that appeared [in "the report"] (S) were loans made to [Morales] (S) by Davidson which were later reimbursed to Davidson. [Morales] (S) also said that on another occasion he lent Davidson \$5,000 which was later repaid with very generous interest. [Morales] (S) also noted that Frank Barry also loaned Davidson money in that transaction (S)

[Morales] (S) also noted in his letter that Davidson spoke very highly of Nicaragua and that although he had to make certain statements which are true the "General" could very well see that there was no wrong in it (S)

According to the informant, [the above contact was concluded with Morales stating that] (S) he believes everything will be all right but also indicating that he will be on his guard all the time and with Davidson stating that he would be glad to make a trip to Nicaragua to be interviewed by the press [on Morales' behalf] (S)

(S) Reference to the "General," mentioned above, is a possible reference to General Anastasio Somoza, head of the Nicaraguan National Guard. (S) (u)

Frank Barry and I. Irving Davidson are registered with the United States Department of Justice as agents for the Government of Nicaragua. (S) (u)

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The position of General Julio C. Morales was verified through the "Diplomatic List" dated August 1963, published by the United States Department of State.

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