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EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA
INTERNAL SECURITY - NICARAGUA (S)

(S) Our special coverage on Nicaraguan Embassy has produced information as to Nicaragua's concern over publicity with regard to alleged contributions to campaign fund of Representative Daniel J. Flood (D) of Pennsylvania. (S)

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DETAILS:

(S) On 2/11/63 our special coverage of Nicaraguan Embassy reported that on that date Nicaraguan Military and Air Attache (General Julio G. Morales) had conversation with I. Irving Davidson, registered agent for Nicaragua. Davidson commented that "he" should stay there awhile because they are sitting on the "grand jury" and they want to ask him about those two checks. Person referred to as "he" was not further identified, but his first name possibly is Frank as Davidson then conjectured that "Frank" probably got his regular check for \$1,000, and that "Flood" probably endorsed it and cashed it at the bank in the Capitol for "Frank." Davidson warned Morales to get word to Nicaragua and said that although he was close to "Drew" he could do nothing. He had even tried "plata" (Spanish for silver).

In connection with the above, it is noted the conversation was couched in very circumspect terms and that "grand jury" may well have referred to current hearings of Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It is noted that Drew Pearson in his 2/13/63 column in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" reported that Senate probers had unearthed a \$10,000 contribution from Luis Somoza and his brother Anastasio Somoza, President and Secretary of Defense of Nicaragua, respectively, to the 1960 elect campaign of President Kennedy. According to Pearson, Kennedy was unaware of this contribution. Pearson also reported a \$1,500 contribution had been made to the campaign of Representative Daniel J. Flood (D) of Pennsylvania. Pearson alleged these contributions were made through Frank Berry, registered agent of Nicaragua. Flood, advocate of a canal across Nicaragua, told Pearson he was using Berry as agent for Nicaragua.

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Enclosure

- 1 - 2-1423 (I. Irving Davidson)
- 1 - 62-98942 (Senate Foreign Relations Committee) CONTINUED
- 1 - 58-5205 (Conbride)
- 1 - 97-3485 (Frank M. Barry)

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan

Re: EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA
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In addition, according to our source, Davidson told [Morales] that he had told "Frank" and the "General" a year ago that "Frank should not have done that," that Pearson would put it in the paper and it could cause embarrassment. It is noted that one Frank Barry is registered with the Department as agent of Nicaraguan Government. On 1/31/63 our source reported Barry would be in Nicaragua subsequent to 2/7/63.

We investigated Davidson in 1961 to determine whether he was in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. Department, feeling Davidson's supplemental registration statements were not sufficiently detailed as to receipts and expenditures, requested us to examine his books and records. Department also requested we be on lookout for information involving Davidson with James Riddle Hoffa of Teamsters Union, as Davidson shared office space with associate of Hoffa. During our examination of Davidson's records, he disclosed to our Agents that he had business dealings with Hoffa in the past and professed to be fascinated by Hoffa's personality. He alleged he knew of no wrongful acts on the part of Hoffa. This information was furnished Department. In addition, on 6/26/61 we furnished Department 151-page report setting forth results of our examination of Davidson's records and advised no further investigation would be conducted in absence of specific request. No such request received.

OBSERVATIONS:

Attorney General and Department would be interested in information from our source as William J. Foley, Criminal Division, advised Assistant Director C. A. Evans 2/13/63 that Senate Foreign Relations Committee had inquired of him about Davidson.

In view of the nature of the information here, we should undertake no investigation in absence of a specific request.

ACTION:

If you approve, attached letter will be sent to Attorney General, with copies to Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General in charge of Criminal and Internal Security Divisions, furnishing information from our source and stating no inquiries will be made by us regarding this matter in absence of a specific request.

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