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Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is a report on the elections held in Nicaragua on Sunday, November 5, 2006. In order to remind you of the historical background, I attach pages 3-8 of my 1996 report.

The AAICJ has undertaken previous missions to assist the development of democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. In 1981, Bill Butler traveled there to obtain the release of the coordinator of the local human rights commission who had been jailed for "slandering the revolution." In 1984, I went there to investigate allegations that certain elements of the Contra revolutionary forces were abusing the human rights of non-combatants.

In this year's election, the Nicaraguan people, by their massive turnout, provided a stunning example of civic responsibility from which we in the United States can learn a lot.

With best regards.

Sincerely



Donald T. Fox  
Chairman of the Board

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