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It is over!

The Administrator

The Honorable David L. Boren
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Public Law (P.L.) 100-276, which was signed on April 1, 1988, Congress mandated that the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) provide humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan Resistance as part of the Sapoa peace process. The program was subsequently extended first by P.L. 100-463 (October 1, 1988), and then by P.L. 101-14 (April 18, 1989) in support of the Bipartisan Accord. As you know, A.I.D. created a special Task Force to implement this mandate.

This letter is to inform you that A.I.D. has completed its task and has ceased delivering aid to the Resistance as of April 30, 1990. Using \$3.25 million of grant funding from the Task Force, CIAV/OAS and CIAV/UN have taken over the humanitarian assistance program as part of the reintegration process.

A.I.D. has managed the humanitarian aid program in an open and accountable manner. We are proud of our overall record of getting this aid to the beneficiaries in a timely fashion. Sixty-thousand Resistance and family members have been fed, clothed, given medical care and trained in health and sanitation and other civilian subjects. During these two years, every attempt was made to deliver this aid in a way which avoided armed conflict, kept the peace, and promoted the political process. By virtue of extensive, ongoing, concurrent audits, we have accounted for all of the funds, commodities and services.

We greatly appreciated the bipartisan relationship with the Congress and the concurrent audit assistance by the General Accounting Office (GAO). For this highly unusual program, the normal implementing procedures of our Agency probably would not have been sufficient. Our frequent progress reviews with the Congressional oversight committees and the GAO reminders of Congressional intent were very helpful in guiding us through these uncharted waters.

A final report, which will be produced in approximately six weeks when complete program data is available, will be sent to all oversight committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald W. Roskens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ronald W. Roskens