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CP08>NICARAGUA/>SCHIEFFER: The celebrated CIA manual for U.S.-sponsored <
>CIA MANUAL>Nicaraguan rebels was back in the news today, and it was bad news for the CIA and its director, William Casey. Phil Jones on Capitol Hill has details.

JONES: The CIA director slipped in and out of the Capitol today without talking publicly about the House Intelligence Committee conclusion that his agency's manual to help Nicaraguan rebels overthrow the Sandinista government was a violation of law. House Intelligence Committee members reported that Casey did concede shortcomings in management. REP. WYCHE FOWLER JR. (D-Ga.): Mr. Casey himself admitted to negligence in the management and control of this operation.

JONES: The manual in question was first exposed in the press this fall. It referred to shooting civilians, blackmailing, inciting violence and neutralizing Sandinista officials. Critics said 'neutralizing' was another word for assassinations, which would be a violation of law. Several midlevel CIA officials have been disciplined, but Director Casey apparently could not be directly connected, and further punishment will not be pursued. REP. EDWARD BOLAND (D-Mass.): The problem is that every time you, the inspector general, went up the line to get where the responsibility finally, finally was, the trail seemed to get colder.

JONES: Boland would not answer questions on whether Casey should be fired, but another committee member was more vocal. REP. NORMAN MINETA (D-Calif.): I have indicated in the past, ah, as a result of other things that have occurred in the, with the agency's operation, that Mr. Casey ought to resign.

JONES: So CIA Director Casey has survived still another skirmish with Congress, but the warning shots have been fired. Congress is in no mood to let the administration continue its covert war against Nicaragua. Phil Jones, CBS News, Capitol Hill. <

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