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Nicaragua: The Evidence

Former CIA contractor David MacMichael [Free for All, Jan. 4] incorrectly claims that no "credible evidence" existed of Nicaraguan involvement in the passage of arms to Salvadoran insurgents during his association with CIA from March 1981 to May 1983.

Intelligence analysts in the CIA and in the rest of the intelligence community disagree with MacMichael. During the period MacMichael was a contract employee of the agency, credible evidence from sensitive intelligence sources indicated a Nicaraguan role in providing arms support to the Salvadoran rebels, and that evidence continues to mount to the present day.

Furthermore, the intelligence community's documentation of Nicaraguan complicity appears to have satisfied the intelligence oversight committees of both houses of Congress.

For MacMichael to imply that the entire intelligence community and Congress were somehow dupes of administration policy is an attack on the credibility and professionalism of both institutions, an attack that is as irresponsible as it is unwarranted.

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