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My Dear General and Friend:

I have been informed by the Nicaraguan Ambassador in Washington, Doctor Sevilla Sacasa, concerning the discussion had with you regarding my proposal for the unification and modernization of the equipment of the Nicaraguan Army.

As I have stated in my recent visit to the United States and also in the report which I gave our distinguished friend, Colonel Mara, it is the constant and express desire of my government to culminate in putting into effect the modernization of armaments for our National Army as a necessary measure in relation to security against the communist threat which intensifies its gravity for the Central American countries of the type which is unfolding in Guatemala.

The economic and geographic location of these countries, offer them an opportunity to plant their ideas which become increasingly more threatening.

I am confident your cognizance of this delicate situation, and it is the desire of my government to do everything in its power in the defense of the cause of democracy which is nobly enjoyed in the United States of America, I am taking the opportunity of the cordial friendship which you offer to solicit you valiant cooperation to obtain from the illustrious government of your country the necessary backing to realize the project which I have expressed, you may rest assured that you will be rendering a real service to Nicaragua in its fight for the ideals of the countries who support the cause of western civilization.

With my sincere expression for your health and regards...etc, I am affectionately.