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President Ronald Reagan
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

With all due respects, I must take issue with your recent alleged statement that you wanted the Nicaraguan government to say "uncle." It clearly illustrates your complete misunderstanding of Latin-Americans. Our culture does not allow us to say "uncle" to anyone under any circumstances. For instance, as far as Americans of Latin descent are concerned, none said "uncle" in WW II, none said "uncle" during the Korean War, and none said "uncle" during the Vietnam War. Check the record, Mr. President. Beyond that, ask any Latin-American if I am correct in my statement regarding our cultural heritage.

Your statement is offensive and not in keeping with a search for peace in this region of the world, so closely tied by language, history and culture to millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

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