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NOTE FROM: OLIVER NORTH  
Subject: President Azcona

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A Presidential call memo has been prepared, and after much wrangling w/ Ray, I have concurred. The problem w/ the Bueso case is that Bueso was the man with whom Negroponte, Gorman, Clarridge and I worked out arrangements

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[REDACTED] Only Gorman, Clarridge and I were fully aware of all that Bueso was doing on our behalf. Subsequent to the Alvarez ouster, Bueso was assigned as MilAttache in Chile and at one point last year was invited to meet w/ a group of disgruntled Hondurans who it turns out were plotting the assassination of Pres. Suazo. When the FBI broke the case Bueso was indicted for conspiracy. His legal advice was apparently to keep his mouth shut and everything wd be worked out. Although subpoenas were prepared for Gorman, Clarridge, Negroponte and North, they were never issued because Bueso pleaded guilty (on advice of counsel). Several months ago Azcona wrote to the President, and was never answered. He now is going to call the President to ask if Bueso can be pardoned. Bueso is due to report to Tallahassee Fla to start serving sentence on Sep 25. He apparently still believed up until yesterday that he wd be going to the minimum security facility at Eglin for a short period (days or weeks) and then walk free. Bueso's wife has implored Azcona to do something and he now wants an answer to his letter. I do not know who has action on the letter, but we (USG) should have answered some time ago. Our major concern - Gorman, North, Clarridge - is that when Bueso finds out what is really happening to him, he will break his longstanding silence about the Nic Resistance and other sensitive operations. Gorman, Clarridge, Revell, Trott and Abrams will cabal quietly in the morning to look at options: pardon, clemency, deportation, reduced sentence. Objective is to keep Bueso from feeling like he was lied to in legal process and start spilling the beans. Will advise.

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attached to the case, North tells Poindexter in this September 17, 1986, e-mail that Bueso's trial would have subpoenaed Gen. Paul Gorman, Dewey Clarridge (former head of the CIA's anti-Nicaragua covert operations in Central America), U.S. ambassador to Honduras John Negroponte, as well

as North himself. The "cabal" - including the FBI's Oliver Revell and Associate Attorney General Steven Trott, in addition to the usual suspects, Dewey Clarridge and Elliott Abrams - weighs the options of a presidential pardon, clemency, deportation, and a reduced sentence.

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