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 SUBJECT: NICARAGUA'S MOST WANTED PART I: THE CRIMES OF DANIEL ORTEGA AND HIS FAMILY

¶1. (SBU) In preparation for the November 2006 national elections in Nicaragua, post has developed three "rap sheets" on the records of Daniel Ortega, the Sandinista party (FSLN) and Arnolando Aleman, highlighting their systematic crimes and abuses. The rap sheets contain short summaries of the crimes and abuses committed, as well as details on the sources of the information. Post intends to use the information from these rap sheets in discussions with domestic and international interlocutors as a means of reminding Nicaraguan voters and others of the true character of Aleman, Ortega, and the Sandinistas. While the summaries themselves are unclassified, some of the sources of information are SBU. Post will distribute the summaries to appropriate contacts, but not the sources. Post is sending both the summaries and

the sources to the Department and other Washington agencies for similar uses. This cable focuses on the crimes of Daniel Ortega and his family. Septels will cover the FSLN and Aleman.

CRIMES OF DANIEL ORTEGA AND HIS FAMILY

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The Murder of Jean-Paul Genie by the bodyguards of Humberto Ortega

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¶2. (U) In October 1990, security guards working for Humberto Ortega, Daniel,s brother and the former FSLN Army Commander, used automatic weapons to kill Jean-Paul Genie (age 16) when

Genie tried to pass Humberto,s convoy on what is now the Masaya Highway. The FSLN used its control of the judiciary and the police to cover up the crime, and no one was ever held accountable for Genie,s murder.

¶3. (SBU) Sources: media accounts of the 1990 shooting of Jean Paul Genie, personal testimony by Raymond Genie (the father of Jean Paul), legal documents filed by the Genie family in Nicaragua and with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

Ordering of Torture, Killings, and Mass Murder  
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¶4. (U) Daniel and Humberto Ortega participated in the FSLN leadership council that collectively ordered the arrest and torture of thousands of people at prisons and prison camps all over Nicaragua. The largest torture camp for political prisoners was in what is now the free trade zone near Managua,s airport. The Ortega brothers and their FSLN associates also ordered numerous murders and disappearances, including the killings of hundreds of Miskitos on the Atlantic coast and the internment of thousands more in concentration camps in 1981 and 1982.

¶5. (SBU) Sources: thousands of complaints filed with the CPDH human rights organization throughout the 1980s, testimony of Miskito survivors and torture victims, annual State Department Human Rights reports, documents on investigations carried out by the IACHR during the 1980s.