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Dear Friends:

It is essential that we end Ronald Reagan's wars against Central Americans. People are being killed daily by the CIA "covert action" in Nicaragua and by Green Beret-trained troops in El Salvador. The U.S. fleets off the Nicaraguan coasts and the U.S. troops in Honduras are not engaged in peaceful exercises but are ready for action if a real or imagined incident occurs.

Accordingly, a group of peace and anti-war organizations are planning action on September 15 in each Congressional District in cities and towns where your Senators and Representatives have local offices.

The action should include the following:

1. A delegation of about 50 persons who enter the local office of each Senator and Representative to express their courteous but strong disapproval of Reagan's wars in Central American and to demand an end to all funding of Central American operations by the CIA and U.S. armed forces. These wars are illegal and unconstitutional as well as immoral.

2. The same or other persons should picket or engage in a vigil outside the office in the street or sidewalk with signs that read "END REAGAN'S WARS IN CENTRAL AMERICA" or some variation of that. The local newspaper and TV should be notified in advance of this action.

September 15 is Central American Independence Day, not widely observed even in Central America but the reason for the date. September 12 is the day Congress returns to Washington and reconvenes. Soon thereafter the Senate Intelligence Committee will consider the Boland-Zablocki bill which passed the House.

That bill would cut off funds for CIA covert action against Nicaragua but does provide funds for increased military action in El Salvador. Senators should be asked specifically to stop all funding for the CIA. Both Senators and Representatives should be told that we want all U.S. wars there ended. The people of Central America should be free to determine their own destiny, unhampered by the CIA, the Pentagon or the White House.

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