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World/Nation

Documents reveal that FBI knew of illegal aid to rebels

MIAMI (AP) — Two men accused of violating U.S. law by illegally aiding the Nicaraguan Contra rebels regularly briefed the FBI and intelligence agencies about their activities, according to documents released in a criminal case.

The documents also show Miami police informed the FBI in September 1984 of the existence of the Contra-supporting group Civilian Material Assistance.

They indicate that drug-trafficking money was being used to finance the Contra cause.

The FBI in turn was sending its reports to Oliver North at the National Security Council.

FBI spokesman Paul Miller in Miami said Thursday he had not seen the documents.

"I doubt we will be able to comment because it concerns a matter before the courts," he said.

He did, however, say that the Miami police intelligence report which told of drug money going to Contra supporters,

and said dynamite was shipped to them on commercial airliners, had been investigated and found vague.

The FBI, Miami police, National Security Council and Defense Intelligence Agency reports were contained in a motion by defense attorney John Mattes accusing the government of selectively prosecuting his client, Jack Terrell.

Terrell and six other men, including CMA founder Thomas Posey and his Miami coordinator, Jose Coutin, were indicted in Fort Lauderdale in June on charges of violating the U.S. Neutrality Act in 1984 and 1985.

They are accused of illegally recruiting mercenaries and shipping weapons to aid the Contras in their plight against the government.

"The documents clearly show the FBI acquiesced in all this conduct," Mattes said.

"They detail the exact persons, their names, their property and even the exact

air strips the Contra supporters were working from," he said.

A declassified report from military intelligence agent Franklin Camper showed the DIA not only knew of the activities in April 1984, but outlined for Posey and a Contra official a plan for deep penetration raids into Nicaragua by

U.S. volunteers and Nicaraguan rebels.

As early as January 1985, Jose Coutin were both reporting regular FBI agents in Miami, Birmingham, Ala., and other places, advising them of their plans to aid the Contras, their contacts in Washington and their frequent trips to Central America, according to the documents.

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House incumbents entitled to pocket campaign funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 58 House members facing no major party challenge to re-election have raised \$14.4 million for their campaigns, and nearly half of them will be entitled to keep any unspent money when they retire, a private study said Friday.

The list includes such House leadership figures as Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, and Reps. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., chairman of the Rules Committee; John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

Forty-one of the 58 unopposed lawmakers are Democrats, who control the House, according to the study compiled by the watchdog group Congress Watch.

The \$14.4 million includes \$7.3 million from political action committees.

"That these PACs feel compelled to contribute to lawmakers who have no opponent shows that what's being sought is access and influence, not compatible candidates or good government," said Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, the parent organization of Congress Watch.

The legislators or their aides who were questioned defended the fund raising, arguing that campaign funds must be collected before they know whether they will have an election opponent.

"If you had a crystal ball, you wouldn't enter into one of these fundraising strategies," said Cliff Gibbons, who is campaign finance manager for his father, Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla.

Congress Watch said the elder Gibbons has raised \$309,537 from PACs, second highest total among the unopposed incumbents, and \$503,340 overall, the third highest mark after Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, and Dingell. Gibbons is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee subcommittee on trade.

PACs are formed by corporations, labor unions and other interest groups to funnel money to candidates, with incumbents the long-favored recipients.

For the 1986 elections, according to Federal Election Commission records, PACs sent 88 percent of their contributions to lawmakers seeking re-election.

World Briefs

U.S., Soviets at odds over definition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The expressed intention of the Soviet Union to release all political prisoners by the end of the year may refer only to a small group of people, perhaps as few as 20, the State Department said Thursday.

Spokesman Charles Redman said the two superpowers continue to disagree on the definition of exactly what constitutes a political prisoner.

He said Moscow insists the term fits only those actually charged with political offenses, while Washington says it also should include those jailed on "trumped-up charges."

"We've long pressed for the release of Soviet political prisoners," Redman told reporters. "The Soviets finally accept that there are such prisoners, but we continue to disagree on a definition."

He said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told U.S. officials during a visit to the United States last month that there were about 40 such prisoners, all of whom had been convicted for violations of the political and religious articles of the Soviet criminal code.

Released whales slow to leave ice flow

BARROW, Alaska (AP) — Two whales freed from a tiny breathing hole in the Arctic ice by Eskimos using chain saws and Soviet icebreakers made progress Thursday but were still in the channel the ships created.

"I thought they'd be gone (to the open sea) by now," said Ron Morris, coordinator of the massive effort to free the leviathans. "I want them gone."

Morris, who made an observation flight over the whales during the morning, said the California gray whales were 1.5 miles seaward from the point at which they were last served Wednesday night.

Eskimos with chain saws had cut a series of breathing holes that allowed the whales to swim well away from the original hole to which they had been confined.

The Eskimos eventually wanted the marine mammals to within a quarter-mile of a channel carved through the 18-inch-thick ice by two Soviet icebreakers late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

Rio Grande refuge rated among worst

WASHINGTON (AP) — A wildlife corridor along the Rio Grande is so threatened by agricultural pesticides and encroaching development that the Wilderness Society ranks it among the 10 most endangered national wildlife refuges.

The society said it is particularly concerned about the impact of the proposed Playa del Rio resort would have on the Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge.

Stretching 200 miles along the Rio Grande from Falcon Dam to Boca Chica Beach, biologists say the area's plant and wildlife diversity rivaled in this country by only the southern tip of Florida, the society said.

That unique habitat, however, is shrinking because of real estate development and is threatened by wastewater from both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, industrial discharges and proposed dams, the society said.

The Wilderness Society singled out the Rio Grande sanctuary and 10 others from the 445 national wildlife refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Bush still holds edge over Dukakis, garners national labor endorsement

Associated Press

George Bush pocketed a labor endorsement Thursday and said his drive for the White House was "all about creating jobs and opportunity." Underdog Michael Dukakis accused his GOP rival of airing negative campaign commercials to "divert attention" from Reagan-Bush administration failures.

The pollsters' daily tidings were good once again for Bush, who was reported leading 51 percent to 42 percent in a nationwide survey taken for NBC and the Wall Street Journal.

New polls also showed a tight race in New York, one of the country's most Democratic bastions.

Dukakis made his way toward Harry Truman's home town of Independence, Mo., likening himself to the "feisty little guy" who won the White House four decades ago in a storied upset.

"Harry Truman was a fighter and so am I," he said.

In a 14-minute live interview on the CBS "Evening News," Dukakis said again and again he wants to put the government on the "side of average Americans."

The Democrat also conceded that Bush commercials depicting him as weak on crime, defense and the environment had done him political harm.

Dukakis said they were also intended to "divert public attention from the fact that this administration has probably had more corruption and malfeasance than any in recent memory if not in history."

"This is not about who puts together the best commercials or best advertising," he said. "It's about which one of us, Mike Dukakis or George Bush, has the strength and the values to run this country."

Bush continued his week-long emphasis on economic issues as he made his way down the Pacific Coast from Washington to California.

Along the way he accused Dukakis of trying to "fan the flames of protectionism" in comments on trade and of "trying to scare the American people by putting Japanese flags on these American commercials of his."

Bush won the endorsement of the 50,000-member Marine Engineers Beneficial Association at a rally interrupted by protesters. Four were hustled away, including one whose nose was bloodied, and Bush paused in his speech long enough to remind them of the high interest rates that prevailed at the end of the Carter administration.

"This election is all about creating jobs and opportunity," he said, promising to keep the economic expansion alive.

He briefly added an endorsement of the Columbus, Ohio, NAACP union support, but that was not his group's president reluctantly gave course under pressure from his headquarters. Melanie J. Mitchell was acting to avoid jeopardizing chapter's tax-exempt status as a profit organization.

The nine-point lead found for the NBC-Wall Street Journal poll is keeping with what sources said were private soundings taken for the dates. Only 35 percent of those going to the public survey said they were pleased with their choices, and 10 percent said they wished other candidates were running.

The survey, taken from 1,200 voters, had a margin of error of 2 percentage points.

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