

# Waters calls for hearings on CIA, drugs

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Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) has renewed her call for intensive hearings into the matter of the Nicaraguan Contras, drugs, and C.I.A. connections.

The State Intelligence Committee held its second hearing on matters relating to charges stemming from a series of newspaper articles in the *San Jose Mercury News* in August. Those articles have provoked a flurry of interest, and much publicity, as to the activities of U.S. intelligence activities during the Contra war in Nicaragua. Several major media outlets have reported on the controversy, and several investigations into the allegations are ongoing. Today's hearing witnessed the testimony of Adolfo Calero, the former President of the primary Contra organization, the Nicaraguan Democratic Front (FDN), and Eden Pastora, the commander of the second front, the Costa Rican-based ARDE, the so-called Democratic Revolutionary Alliance.

Both Calero and Pastora have long and detailed histories of working with U.S. intelligence officials. As perhaps the two most prominent leaders of the Contra movement, both men worked closely with the C.I.A. implementing their coordinated effort to overthrow the Nicaraguan Sandinista government.

Calero, on the other hand, has a long history of involvement in Nicaraguan politics. He is known to have associated with Norwin Meneses, one of the prominent players in the drug ring whose activities were highlighted in the *San Jose Mercury News* account, as the attached, 1984 photograph of them together attests. Meneses is currently serving a prison term in Nicaragua for a cocaine-related drug conviction.

Rep. Waters has pushed for investigations into the C.I.A., Contra, Crack cocaine connection. Waters has also called for a Records Act, which would essentially release all documents which do not compromise national security, to be reviewed by an appointed citizen review panel.



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