To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Ar-
thur Grant's comments in an Oct. 16 news article ["Cuban pro-
testers"].

Unfortunately, the comments contain some serious misinforma-
tion about the history and the current state of the Sandinista move-
ment. It is important to correct such misrepresentations, with the
hope that the truth will be recognized.

Grant claims that Sandinista government members have supported the
wars of several Latin American countries. This is simply not true. The
Sandinista government has been a strong supporter of peace and
human rights, and has worked to end the violence in Nicaragua.

The actual events are as follows:

1. In 1979, the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua led to the over-
throwing of the Somoza regime.

2. The United States, along with other countries, supported the Con-
tra rebellion against the Sandinista government. This support con-
tinued until 1990.

3. During the Contra war, many human rights violations were com-
mitted, including torture, murder, and sexual abuse.

4. The Sandinista government has worked to improve the lives of
Nicaraguan people by implementing social programs and reduc-
ing poverty.

5. In 1990, the United States signed the Peace Accords with the
Sandinista government, ending the Contra war.

The Sandinista government has made tremendous progress in re-
ing the economy and improving the standard of living for the
majority of the population.

Grant states that the Sandinista government is supported only by
Communists. This is false. The Sandinista government has the sup-
sport of a broad base of people, including many who are not Com-
munist.

Grant's statements are misleading and inaccurate. I urge you to read
further and correct these misrepresentations.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]