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Dear Byron Lomb-

I am one of those who want to see John Hull brought to justice, either the Arias Administration actively sought his extradition, the present Administration (because of U.S. pressure) has declined to do so, or so Lee Hamilton wrote me. Not only was Hull indicted for drug trafficking but also for murder. He had worked in Quoyte's office when ^{Quoyte} ~~he~~ was a Senator (where he met Bob Owens of Iron/Contra). And he had borrowed 375,000 from the SBA ^{which was} ~~and~~ never repaid. He was, while in Costa Rica, reported to have been paid 10,000 per month by the CIA or one of its Agencies.

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I believe Hull is living at his farm in Indiana.

Peace

Arthur Wren

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FARMER JOHN'S HOMEGROWN CONNECTIONS

BY NINA WAX & AND MICHAEL HARDESTY

DRUG
TRADE

COSTA RICAN defense forces invaded the United States last night to capture narcoterrorist, John Hull and avenge the murder of Costa Rican citizens killed in the La Penca bombings. They surrounded his farm in Evansville, Indiana, only to find him hiding in a corn silo. The defense forces met with heavy resistance until General Mesa set up a loudspeaker and played the Sandinista anthem full blast. After several hours Hull emerged, covered with corn husks, holding his ears. "I can't take that commie music anymore, he moaned, I'm just an ole country boy."

While Costa Rica has not yet invaded the United States, it has at least as much evidence of U.S. narcoterrorism to justify an invasion of the U.S. as the U.S. had when it invaded Panama to capture Noriega. Supporting this is a new Costa Rican report that indicates CIA involvement in an attempt to assassinate contra leader, Eden Pastora, in 1984. This terrorist bombing resulted in the death of eight people and the wounding of at least twenty others. The report recommends that murder charges be brought against CIA operative John Hull and Cuban-American mercenary Felipe Vidal. Costa Rican authorities have also arrested John Hull for international drug trafficking and violation of their neutrality. It is a sad commentary on American democracy that the only government charges of drug trafficking, neutrality violations, and murder against Oliver North's network had to be brought by a foreign government.

This case is as explosive as the bomb aimed at Pastora, with the potential of affecting both the Iran-contra and Noriega prosecutions back in the U.S. The consequence could be the mass trial of the American right wing and demise of the Bush administration.

WITH THE waning of the Cold War, a new war—the "Drug War" has been created to continue the oppression of the third world and the perpetuation of the U.S. military budget. What the



OLLIE NORTH—SHIA, IMPACT VISUALS

public doesn't know is that these new warriors have much experience in the drug trade. While Nancy Reagan was imploring ghetto youth to "just say no to drugs" and abandon their only chance to earn a decent living, the American government couldn't say no to financing its secret war in Latin America through drug dealing. With John Hull as the missing link between drug deals and the National Security Council, ultimately the trail could lead back to the White House (or Crack House) itself.

Our story begins with the Costa Ricans arresting John Hull—an all-American farmer (and CIA man)—in Costa Rica on January 12, 1989 on charges of international drug trafficking and violation of Costa Rica's neutrality laws. Suffering jail for two months, this suddenly homesick man jumped bail a few months after his release, fleeing to the U.S. on August 2, 1989. (The Costa

Rican government is now seeking to extradite Hull.) Then another bombshell—on December 26, 1989 a Costa Rican public prosecutor recommended a homicide indictment for John Hull and Felipe Vidal (a CIA employee of Hull) for the La Penca bombings of May 30, 1984.

Who Is John Hull?

A FARMER in the morning, a spook in the afternoon, a murderer by night? No one has ever put all the pieces together but here is what we do know.

Hull is an Indiana farmer who moved to Costa Rica in the 1960s. As a partner with other North American investors he gained control of 8,000 acres of lush land on the Nicaraguan border. At the same time he retained dual citizenship, a farm, and a wife in the United States.

Hull described himself to *People* magazine as "just an old country boy, just wanting to live my simple life." He rejected persistent rumors that he worked for the CIA until 1987, when he admitted this to the *Wall Street Journal*. He confessed aiding wounded contras and giving information to the CIA, but denied arming or training contra fighters or dealing drugs. From this picture it might appear that the CIA was forced to seek help from an unprofessional country bumpkin.

However, Hull forgot to mention to interviewers evidence that implies he was a CIA operative in Brazil. Robert Hayes testified before the House Crime Subcommittee in January 1988, that as a member of the CIA, he had worked for Hull in Brazil from 1974 to 1976. Hull (alias John Joseph Michaels) reputedly summoned Hayes to the American consulate, where he recruited him to perform kidnappings, interrogations, and assassinations.

But there is honor among thieves. According to Hayes, when Hull requested that Hayes blow up the American Consulate and blame it on the Cuban government, Hayes drew the line. (Evidently this plot so impressed Hull that he later reconsidered it in Costa Rica.) Sadly, the two did not part friends, since Hayes says he was forced to leave Brazil after Hull killed four of his men. When Hull was asked about Robert Hayes, he replied, "It's absolutely insane. It's communist disinformation..."

Who Is Felipe Vidal?

FELIPE VIDAL, also accused of the Le Penca bombing, is a Cuban-American whose father was a Bay of Pigs veteran executed by Castro for sabotage. A chip off the old block, Vidal has been arrested at least seven times in Miami on narcotics and weapons charges. He worked closely with Hull and was described by mercenaries as a "hitman" and "Hull's pet bulldog" who did "Hull's dirty work." Contra leader Eden Pastora fingered him as CIA. He may even have connections to the State Department. Vidal and Robert Owen (of the National Security Council) have been accused of pillaging funds of the Nicaraguan Humanitarian Assistance Office. Vidal was caught by Costa Rican authorities

with arms and drugs in the summer of 1986 but escaped to Florida. He later returned to Costa Rica.

The Charges

IN THE report that led to his arrest, the Costa Rican Office of Judicial Investigations (OIJ) charged Hull with international drug trafficking and "hostile acts" in violation of Costa Rica's neutrality laws.

If it weren't for substantial supporting evidence, the drug charges in the report might sound too much like "Miami Vice" to be true. It states that Hull met with George Morales in 1983 (now serving time in the U.S. for drug trafficking) and two of his pilots, and that between 1983 and 1985 these two pilots flew in munitions to Hull's ranch and then loaded up their planes with drugs while Hull looked on. The planes were also used by the contras. In one of these flights, the report alleges that 400 kilos of cocaine were flown to Miami for which Hull received \$300,000. In some cases, the report charges that Hull's own plane was used. Another of Morales's pilots, Gary Betzner, stated that he flew arms to Hull's ranch and then took off to Florida loaded with cocaine.

The report describes various "hostile acts" performed by this man of many talents: It charges Hull with using his airstrips for resupplying the contras (including Pastora's ARDE branch) as early as 1982. It states that in September 1984 Hull met with Robert Owen and Jack Terrell to discuss training anti-Sandinista forces, which were to be funded by the U.S. National Security Council. In a later meeting in Miami, Terrell stated that they planned the assassination of Eden Pastora while Amac Galil (suspected of the La Penca bombing in May 1984) was present. This plot involved kidnapping and publicly hanging Pastora in Nicaragua.

The second Costa Rican report, in December 1989 recommends charging John Hull and Felipe Vidal with "qualified homicide as mediate perpetrators" for the La Penca bombing, which killed eight persons and wounded others. Twenty-six other people were accused of lesser crimes including Robert Owen, who was charged with "hostile acts." The report states it was "probable" that Robert

Owen, who was Oliver North's "link or courier" to Hull would have known of the plan that was forged for the La Penca bombing.

Could this reveal the drug connections of our President, just as he steps up his war on drugs? Could the model of Western democracy have financed arms for contra "freedom fighters" with drug money? Evidence mounts.

Bush Just Couldn't Say No

GEORGE MORALES was a very successful Colombian-American businessman operating out of Miami. His product was cocaine. According to the Costa Rican report Morales had ties to the Medellin cartel. But in spring 1984 this American success story was threatened by an indictment for cocaine trafficking. So, one day a CIA man, Octavio Cesar, visited him and made him an offer he couldn't refuse. As drug dealer Morales tells it, Cesar said he "had spoken to Vice President George Bush about my situation." The drug indictment would be "taken care of" in return for a guarantee that Morales would contribute \$250,000 every three months to the contras to train pilots and provide planes. Morales testified to congress that by summer 1984 he was doing a brisk business flying guns down to John Hull's ranch and cocaine back to the United States. Morales paid Hull \$300,000 per flight of cocaine, a small part of the profit.

A drug dealer's story might appear questionable to some. It is therefore significant that the charges in the U.S. for which Morales was convicted were unrelated to drug traffic to Hull's ranch and he never received immunity for his testimony against Hull and others. In fact, Morales passed a lengthy polygraph examination conducted by the DEA in November 1988.

One of Morales' pilots, Gary Betzner, a veteran of the drug trade, was quite specific about his job: "I took two loads—small aircraft loads—of weapons to John Hull's ranch in Costa Rica and returned to Florida with approximately a thousand kilos of cocaine...."

When we interviewed John Hull in February 1990, he told us "there's no way a drug plane could use a small airport like mine." However, while

Betzner recalls that one of Hull's airstrips was "a little short" and "kind of dangerous with the load I went down there with," on the second trip he flew into a more adequate airstrip. Betzner told the Senate Subcommittee in February 1987 that "it was guns down, cocaine back." He also said that on both of his trips "...John Hull was there." In fact Betzner made small talk with Hull. Hull "physically saw the weapons coming in" and "...saw the bags" of cocaine being loaded on the return trip to Florida.

The Costa Rican prosecutors also charge that in June, 1983 John Hull and others arranged to have Gary Betzner and Richard Healy transport arms from Florida to Ilopango, El Salvador. They then continued on to Columbia, where they loaded up marijuana and returned to the United States. The plane used was a C-47 that was later donated to ARDE contras in 1984. In a memo to Oliver North dated February 10, 1986 Robert Owen lamented "No doubt you know the DC-4 Foley got was used to run drugs, and part of the group had criminal records. Nice group the Boys chose."

Ollie's Boys

EDEN PASTORA, Sandinista turned contra, confirmed that when he was on the CIA's payroll, Hull stored and transported weapons for his forces (ARDE) for years. Unfortunately he invoked Hull's wrath when he refused to work with the contra group, FDN, because of their links to Somoza's National Guard.

In mid-1983 John Hull paid a visit to none other than Indiana Senator Dan Quayle, where he met Robert Owen, Quayle's assistant. Hull told Owen that Pastora was still a Sandinista and should be replaced. Robert Owen then escorted Hull to the White House to meet Oliver North of the National Security Council. In an interview Hull told us: "I met North once in Washington. It was no more than a friendship." Yet when the Tower Commission checked North's diaries they found that North had several meetings with Hull (and Owen).

Robert Owen left Dan Quayle's office for new challenges. He went to work for Oliver North at the National Security Council, and made several

trips to Costa Rica. Owen and Hull frequently met with CIA station chief, Jose Fernandez aka Thomas Castillo). Like good soldiers, they coordinated plans to step up the contra war on the southern front. On May 1, 1984, the CIA gave Eden Pastora an ultimatum to join up with the FDN contras within thirty days or lose all his funding.

Pastora was about to tell the world that he refused to join the FDN at a press conference at La Penca, Nicaragua on May 30, 1984, when suddenly a bomb exploded, killing 8 people (but missing Pastora). One of those injured in the bombing was Tony Avirgan, a freelance journalist working for ABC News. After he recovered, Avirgan and his wife, Martha Honey, investigated the bombing, concluding in their report that the bomb plotters were a "terrorist group made up of right wing Cuban exiles, North Americans, and FDN members, some of whom had ties to the CIA." Hull sued them for libel and lost. The Christic Institute case was born when Avirgan and Honey filed a countersuit against Hull, Owen, Calero, and 26 other defendants charging them with responsibility for the La Penca bombing, among other crimes.

Where were Hull and Robert Owen when the bomb went off? The Costa Rican prosecutor's report tells us that Hull, Owen and several pilots of the southern front spent the night of May 30, 1984 in a CIA safe house in San Jose, Costa Rica. The altruistic Hull called his ex-partner, William Crone on the night of the 30th and told him not to lend the small plane they owned to help the wounded according to the report. The next day Robert Owen left Costa Rica for Hondouras. Although they weren't at the scene of the crime, Hull and Vial are charged with planning the bombing.

A few days after the bombing Costa Rican authorities established that the assassin was a photographer, Per Anker Hansen, who cleverly concealed a bomb in a metal camera case and detonated it by remote control. He had used a stolen Danish passport.

Hot on the trail of the assassin, Avirgan and Honey established contact with a contra who worked for Hull named David. This informant claimed that the plot to kill Pastora had originated at a meeting in Miami in early 1984 involv-

ing John Hull, Felipe Vidal, contras, Adolfo Calero and Rene Corvo, and an American. David said he had the privilege of meeting the actual La Penca assassin in Hull's company at his ranch. The killer was a professional, said David, named Amac Galil and was recruited for \$50,000 in Chile by Felipe Vidal and Rene Corvo. The Christic Institute thinks Galil is Libyan, and worked for Chile's Pinochet, and Vidal related that Galil was an official of the Israeli Mossad. The taxpayers will be happy to know that the \$50,000 had come directly from CIA/FDN funds, according to David. Several high ranking Costa Rican security officials assisted with the assassination attempt, said David, and Hull helped Galil escape.

Adding another twist to his tale, the informant claimed a group of FDN contras on Hull's ranch planned to bomb the American Embassy in Costa Rica and kill the new U.S. Ambassador, Lewis Tambs, just as they had attempted to kill Pastora at La Penca. (If the reader remembers, Hull may have fancied a similar plot against the U.S. Consulate in Brazil.)

According to the Costa Rican report, the CIA-trained Costa Rican security unit known unofficially as "the Babies" obstructed the murder investigation by spreading disinformation about the assassin's identity. The CIA officer in charge of "the Babies" falsely told the Costa Rican investigators that the killer was a Uruguayan terrorist connected with the Tupamaro guerrillas.

SOMETIMES THE truth seems so much stranger than fiction that it loses all credibility. But others have confirmed this strange saga of arms, drugs, and murder.

Jack Terrell, a professional mercenary, said he met with John Hull to help organize the southern front in December, 1984. Hull was described to him as "the CIA liaison to the FDN in Costa Rica." Also attending was Robert Owen ("the bagman for Ollie North," according to Terrell). Despite the Boland Amendment cutting funds for the contra war, Terrell was assured by Hull and Owen that the NSC would give \$10,000 a month to Hull to keep the troops marching. As Owen (North's courier) said, "if we need more money, that's no problem." Unfortunately Ter-

rell became disillusioned with the contras: "They hold not an inch of dirt. The only progress they've made is in purchasing condominiums." From his professional experience, he was aware of what he was getting into: "Hiring mercenaries—that's neutrality violations. Running weapons, that's firearms violations. Plotting to kill people, that's conspiracy to murder." But Robert Owen's presence signified to Terrell that these activities had the approval of the U.S. government. Terrell, the professional mercenary, was startled by Hull's tirades against Pastora, and by Owen's apparent agreement with Hull.

Another meeting reportedly followed later in December at contra leader Adolpho Calero's home in Miami to discuss another try at assassinating Eden Pastora. Felipe Vidal told Terrell at this meeting "We put a bomb under him [Pastora] the first time, but it didn't work because of bad timing." Amac Galil, Robert Owen, John Hull and Enrique Bermudez (contra leader) were some of the other distinguished guests at this contra cabal.

According to the Costa Rican prosecutor's report Adolpho Calero, contra mastermind, presented an ingenious plan to bump off Pastora at this meeting. This consisted of dressing up as Sandinistas, kidnapping Pastora, taking him to Hull's farm, and then to Nicaragua where they would hang him in front of his neighbors. Just to make sure they appeared to be Sandinistas, they would tell the onlookers they would suffer the same if they threatened the contras. The virtues of this plan were never tested.

Hull expressed a more benevolent attitude toward Pastora when he spoke to us: "Eden Pastora is a closet communist. He carries the Sandinista flag. However there is no reason to kill the guy for ideology."

However, Hull may not be unfamiliar with murder, since the informant David was said to be later tortured and killed on Hull's ranch. Others who have informed on Hull haven't fared well either. Stephen Carr, a mercenary with a story to tell, died a mysterious death in California. Hull reputedly later threatened another mercenary that he would end up like Carr, killed by the CIA, if he talked.

Hull admitted to us that he received \$10,000 a month from Calero's FDN

Contras and that he was involved in the southern front for over two years. However, he claims he only received "a total of \$50,000. I spent a total of \$65,000, and I have all the receipts." A calculation of \$10,000 a month for two years yields a total of \$240,000. (But Hull hasn't always been so good at accounting, the Senate Subcommittee having revealed evidence he may have cheated his business partners out of a U.S. government loan.)

Seeking only a little sympathy and credit for his patriotism, Hull said: "All I want is a little appreciation from the U.S. government for what I've done. Well, I sure feel let down."

The Panama/Contra Drug Connection

IF THE wheels of American justice really worked, the trial of Manuel Noriega might reveal a connection between Hull and Noriega through a tangled web of drugs and arms trade. Conversely, the trial of John Hull in Costa Rica might uncover U.S. ties to Noriega's drug trafficking, which might be deemed untouchable due to U.S. national security.

It is significant that the two main witnesses for the U.S. case against Noriega, Floyd Carlton Caceres and Jose Bandon, have also testified against John Hull for cocaine trafficking before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics, and International Operations. The evidence against Hull has been discounted because many witnesses have checkered pasts. However, these same witnesses appear to be reputable enough to be used against Noriega.

Floyd Carlton Caceres was Noriega's personal pilot, and Jose Bandon was Noriega's chief of political intelligence as well as the Panamanian Consul General in New York from 1986 to 1988.

The Costa Rican public prosecutor's report tells us that Floyd Carlton headed an organization involved in cocaine and arms trafficking. In 1982 this group made a deal with Noriega "so that Noriega would provide security to the flights in which cocaine was transported." The report also says Noriega provided protection of the Medellin cartel in the money laundering through the Panamanian banking

system. The cash money would come in through Panamanian airports in boxes that were picked up by vehicles of the Defense Force, a task for which Noriega was paid millions of dollars.

Noriega had his pilots fly to Hull's airstrip to refuel with their cargoes of drugs and weapons according to Werner Lotz, a former pilot for Costa Rican president Obuder. Hull was paid for the use of his airstrips by Noriega, Lotz stated. Some of these pilots were Colombians who worked for the Medellin cartel.

It appears that all roads lead back to Hull's ranch. Carlton testified before the subcommittee in February, 1988 that his partner, Teofilo Watson, piloted a plane loaded with 538 kilos of cocaine worth \$18.8 million that crash-landed at Hull's ranch in May 1985. Watson was killed, and the cocaine was never found. The Cali drug cartel believed Hull took the cocaine, and retaliated by kidnapping Hull's daughter in an effort to get back the drugs, according to Bandon. In a show of Yankee ingenuity, the clever Hull may have bulldozed the Cesna 310 into a river after taking the cocaine, say witnesses Carlton and Bandon.

Bandon also told the Christic Institute that he knew Hull was a CIA operative as early as 1981 and "that Hull was involved in any sort of criminal activity you could think of in Costa Rica."

There are also Panamanian political ties to the Hull case. Obuder, suggested Noriega's political chief, Bandon, met with Hull in 1983 to discuss the formation of a southern contra front under Eden Pastora.

In 1983 Noriega hosted a meeting with CIA chief of operations for Latin America, Duke Klarich, and contra factions, ARDE, Misquito, and FDN. Noriega proposed the unification of all the contra forces, but Pastora refused to associate with the Somoza-tsainted FDN. After the La Penca bombing, the disinformation story about the assassin being an Uruguayan terrorist was also peddled by Panamanian security agents, according to a report by Martha Honey and Tony Avirgan.

But surely, all this could not have escaped the vigilant eyes of the U.S. Congress. Or is it possible our elected representatives could have been co-conspirators?

Friends In High Places

WHILE PROMOTING the War on Drugs as a replacement for the War on Communism, strangely, our government didn't support the arrest of a suspected drug dealer. After John Hull was arrested in January 1989 in Costa Rica, Representatives Lee Hamilton (D., Indiana) and David Dreier (R., Calif.) sent a letter signed by seventeen other members of Congress to Costa Rican president Oscar Arias, asking him to intervene in the criminal investigation of Hull so that it could be "concluded promptly" in a manner that would not "complicate" U.S.-Costa Rican relations. (A thinly veiled threat to worsen relations with Costa Rica.) President Arias responded: "It pains me that you insinuate that the exemplary relations between your country and mine could deteriorate because our legal system is fighting against drug trafficking, no matter how powerful the people who participate in it, or what external backing they might have."

Not just right-wing enthusiasts, signers of this letter included many Democrats. This rollcall of liberal dishonor includes: Frank McCloskey, (D., Indiana), Gary Ackerman, (D., New York), Jim Bates (D., Calif.), Douglas Bosco, (D., Calif.), Thomas Foglietta (D., Pa.), Peter Kostmayer (D., Pa.), Mary Rose Oakar (D., Ohio), Ike Shelton (D., Mo.) and Howard Wolpe (D., Mi.). Bates and Oakar later disavowed the letter.

Representative Lee Hamilton may have reason not to want Hull to tell his tale in court. As part of the House Intelligence Committee, Hamilton heard Oliver North's testimony that he had never given the contras military advice, had no knowledge of their operations, and had only casual contact with Robert Owen. In 1986 Hamilton announced that he was completely satisfied with these answers. Robert Birmingham, who worked on Hamilton's committee, told Hamilton he could find no evidence of contra/drug connections. Hamilton, Select Committee cochair for the Iran contra investigations, later reportedly told Congressman Hughes that "We're not going to get into this [drugs], that's not our baby." Hamilton approved the selection of Thomas Polgar, a 30 year CIA veteran to be an investigator on his committee. Polgar

complained he couldn't find Hull to investigate him but told a journalist in Costa Rica, "Don't you think it would be absurd for a conservative American rancher to smuggle drugs?"

Among Hull's many protectors is the U.S. Department of Justice. They have taken no action against Hull on numerous drug charges even though Patrick Korten of the Justice Department admitted in March 1987 that John Hull had been under suspicion "for years" for cocaine trafficking.

Why Not Serve Him?

BOLDLY THREATENING Hull, Senator John Kerry, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee, told the *Boston Herald*, April 3, 1989: "If he [Hull] flees Costa Rica and comes to the United States, we will seek to ensure that Mr. Hull appears before the Committee to answer the questions that have been raised regarding his alleged involvement in drug-running and terrorist activity." When we asked Hull if he had been served he replied, "Hell no!" As of February 1990, Hull has been back in the U.S. well over six months.

A leading staff member of the subcommittee (who preferred to remain anonymous) told us: "We're not anxious to give him a platform to do his anti-communism bit and have an adoring right wing press make him a martyr a la Ollie North....We prefer to see this handled through the criminal justice system." When we asked him if the Justice Department was likely to take action, he conceded that they had sat on this matter for years and he could see no change in sight. Perhaps the Justice Department might bow to public pressure, the staffer offered. When we pointed out the main witnesses against Noriega were also witnesses against Hull (indicating their validity), he said he was "not impressed" (even though this information came from his own Subcommittee report.) While John Hull farms the fields of Indiana, the Subcommittee's subpoena collects dust.

Reap What Ye Sow

JOHN HULL is clearly biding his time in Indiana. He is delighted at the prospect of Oscar Arias leaving his

presidency in May. He thinks the incoming conservative president, Calderon, is "pretty decent" and will look favorably on him.

A golden opportunity awaits the left to reveal the connection between the U.S. government and international narcotics trafficking. The mainstream media will not help, having blacked out the Hull story. We must not allow Bush to promote his war on drugs while he hides the CIA's support of large scale drug dealers, from Chiang Kai-Chek in the 1940s to the Laotian-Vietnamese cartel in the 1960s and 1970s, to the Contras in the 1980s, and the Islamic Mujahedin today. When the public becomes conscious of and opposed to imperial doings and threatens to curtail them, our government resorts to funding its wars with covert drug money to bypass the opposition.

While the homeless line the streets and illiteracy increases in our schools, the Bush administration hopes to use the taxpayers' money for a new drug war without addressing the economic causes of the drug problem. By whipping up hysteria through the media the Bush administration hopes to push the Drug Dealer as the new American enemy. The Left must use the Hull case as ammunition against the War on Drugs and the international and domestic criminality that that war promotes.

One task is to pressure the government to conduct a fair, open, honest trial for Manuel Noriega, since this would uncover the facts about U.S. international drug trafficking. Another is to insist that John Hull be brought to justice in Costa Rica.

John Hull is linked to Oliver North and North is linked to...in his own words: "Throughout the conduct of my entire tenure at the National Security Council, I assumed that the President was aware of what I was doing and had, through my superiors, approved it."

According to Tony Avirgan, John Hull used to brag that he had George Bush's phone number. With extradition for drug charges and new homicide charges hanging over his head, Hull may need help. Will Bush help this American patriot in his hour of need? Somewhere in the White House a phone is ringing. We ought to be banging on the door.

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