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## **Nicaragua: U.S. Publishers Compete For Former President Ortega's Book**

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Ten US book publishing companies are bidding for a book to be written by former president Daniel Ortega. According to Ortega's agent, Edward Acton, the book will bring at least \$300,000, and may go for as much as \$1 million. Ortega told the New York Times that book sale profits are earmarked for the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN). He said the book will show that Nicaraguans and US citizens share the same dreams. The New York Times cited Peter Osnos, associate publisher of Random House, as saying that Ortega was a very charismatic figure and had promised interesting revelations on his meetings with Mikhail S. Gorbachev and on the Soviet supply of arms to Nicaragua. Fred Jordan, managing director of Pantheon Books, a Random House affiliate, told the Times: "I would love to have the book. For years, America's entire foreign policy revolved around this man. Reagan and Bush turned him into the great threat to US security. It is an important work." (Basic data from Notimex, New York Times, 09/01/90)

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