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FROM: JOSEPH C. MUREN, MISSION PRESIDENT

Dear Missionaries:

This issue of our Mission Bulletin includes excerpts from the majority of the Elders and Sisters who were laboring in Nicaragua during the week of September 10, 1978 when it became obvious from both a political viewpoint as well as the promptings of the Spirit that the missionaries should be removed from Nicaragua. No decision in my life has been more difficult than the one to ask that our dedicated missionaries leave their investigators, branches and areas where great success had occurred.

I was in daily contact with the Missionary Department of the Church and our Area Supervisor, Elder William Bradford, from whom I received counsel and encouragement regarding the decisions we were making. We saw the protecting influence of the Lord in our decisions and in the personal movements of each pair of missionaries.

I am pleased with the mature way in which our Zone Leaders in Nicaragua conducted the evacuation and how each and every team of missionaries responded to their instructions. As you are well aware, on November 2, 1978, I returned to Nicaragua with eight choice individuals who had been called by the promptings of the Spirit to return and reorganize the missionary work in Nicaragua. Each missionary works long hours and as one of them indicated to me this past week, "I am working harder than at any other time in life." Their work with the 36 district missionaries is assuring us of continued success in the proselyting work, but even more importantly the continued presence of that 'power and influence' in Nicaragua which can only be present when servants of the Lord who have been ordained, endowed, called and set apart are laboring in a nation or land. Nicaragua  
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#### MANAGUA

"There were alot of Elders at our place that night, because they were leaving the next day. So when we were talking the phone rang and they said that Elder Boza wanted to talk to me. But when I answered the phone Elder Boza hooked me up with the President, who told me that he wanted everyone out of Nicaragua. He explained that it was just declared 'martial law'. Even though I didn't know what it meant, it put a scare in me. We got up at 4:45AM and started getting people to head out to the airport. After getting everyone, Elder Stone and I stayed to receive phone calls. Then I decided to call the Elders in the cities away from Managua. We had been trying to get them for about 4 days, but the lines were out. But when I called Leon we got through, so we told them to get in to Managua and go to the airport. Since we had success with that call we tried the rest. In Granada, I talked to Elder Chamberlain and told him to get to Managua. Since the buses weren't working, I told them to do what they had to to get in. The biggest phone call was the one to Masaya. We hadn't heard anything from them for about a week or so. When I tried the Sanchez family number I got through and Belga Sanchez said she knew where the Elders were and would go and tell them to get out. After that, we tried Chinandega and