Register of the Enrique Bermúdez Varela papers, 1980-1990

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Biographical Note
Enrique Bermúdez Varela was the founder, and for ten years the top official military commander, of the Fuerza Democrática Nicaragüense (FDN-Northern Front), also known as the contras. In that capacity, he and more overtly political leaders, (including Alfonso Robelo, Adolfo Calero, and Arturo Cruz,) met with United States president Ronald Reagan and other top officials. The contras’ opposed the Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (FSLN), or Sandinista, government.
Bermúdez graduated from the US Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and from the Inter-American Defense College in Washington. He served as chief of the Nicaraguan Delegation at the Inter-American Defense Board in Washington, DC in 1976 and as military attaché of the Nicaraguan Armed Forces at the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington during the Nicaragua civil war. The civil war formally ended in 1987 with the Esquipulas II Peace Agreement, brokered by Costa Rican president Oscar Arias. In 1991 Bermúdez was lured back to Managua, where he was shot in a hotel parking lot with a small-caliber East German assassination pistol, one of several that had been delivered to Sandinista defense minister Humberto Ortega some years earlier.
Scope and Content of Collection
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