

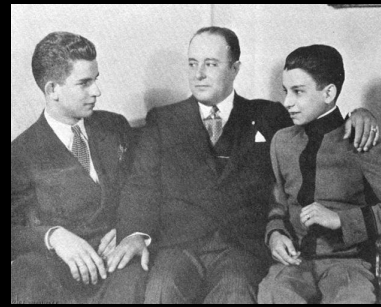
Nicaraguan Contras

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Historical Background



The Somoza Dynasty 1939-1979

Acquainted with liberals.

Massive amounts of corruption.

Fell to Sandinistas in 1979.

Sandinistan National Liberation Front (FSLN)

Goal 1

Create a socialist state in Nicaragua.

Goal 2

Get rid of U.S. involvement in Nicaragua.





Jimmy Carter Becomes President



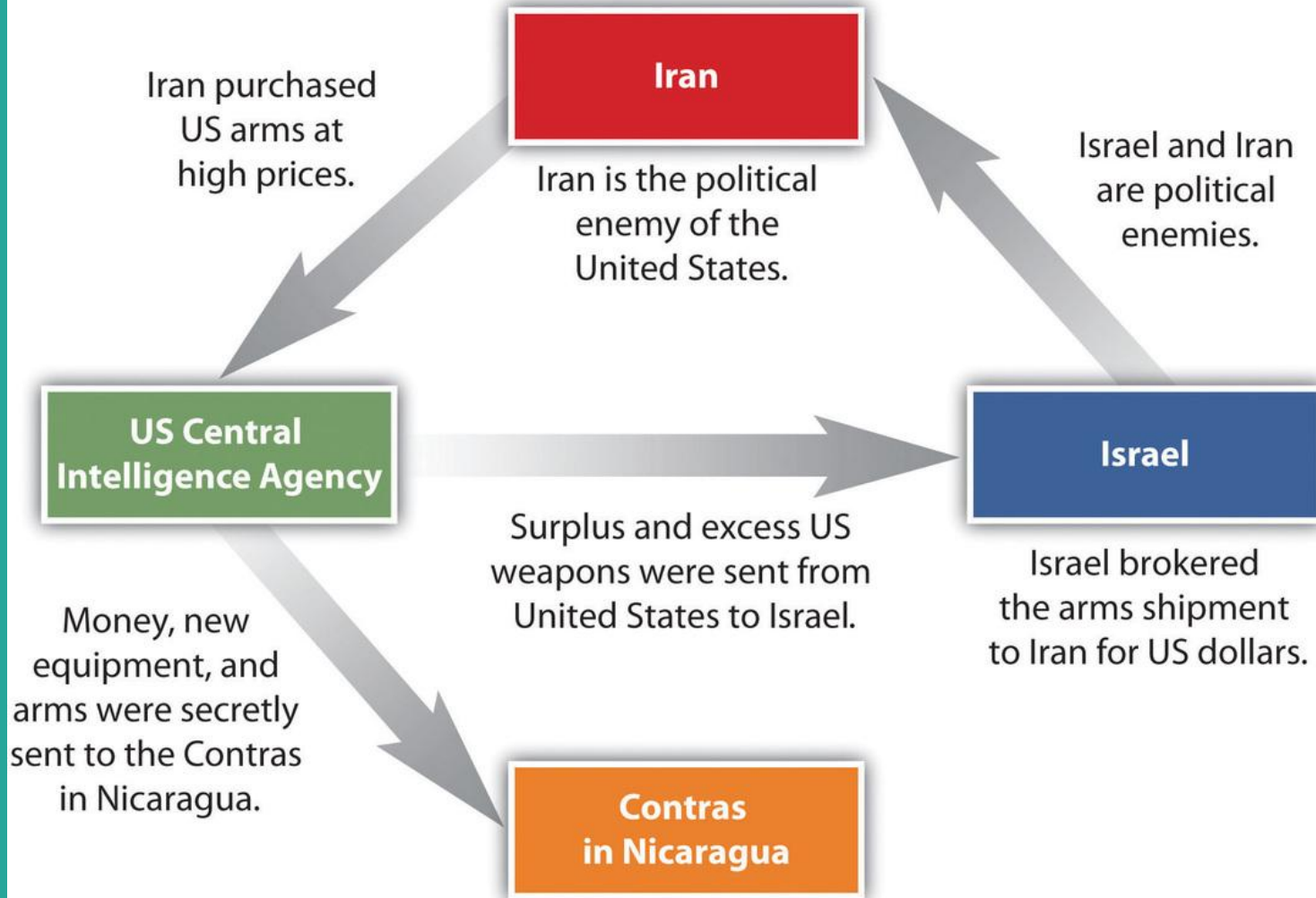
FSLN overthrows Somoza
Dynasty- 1979

Nicaraguan people quickly become nervous of what the FSLN is going to do.



President Reagan





Reagan Doctrine

REAGAN DOCTRINE

- Anticommunist approach that guided policies
- Aimed at stopping spread of communism in world
- US military force and money will undermine communism
- Direct military, economic and political pressure → strain Soviet Union



Boland Amendments I&II



Oliver North





International Relations Approaches



U.S

- Public: Idealist
- Private: Realist with dominance approach
- Continually shifting, not very clear at times
- Made unsuccessful for American government

Nicaragua

- Realist and Dominant towards its own people and the US

How did this shape your
worldview?



Interviews

- “It was the first time my attention was brought to Nicaragua, but it didn’t change my worldview.” - Mrs. Tredinnick (late teens-early twenties)
- “This only was an issue when this was happening; I didn’t and still don’t care about Nicaragua.” - Mr. Saylor (early thirties)
- “I never knew anything about Nicaragua and still don’t.” - Mr. Staniorski