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FYI: GA has a letter in this week's Time magazine as follows:"The San Jose Mercury News has charged that the CIA possibly cooperated with the Nicaraguan contras to flood America's black ghettos with cocaine to get money to fund the 1980s war against the Sandinista government. These accusations are more tha a problem affecting just black America and the CIA. Senator John Kerry's committee reported in the 1980s that the CIA, the FBI and the DEA knew of the contras' drug dealings, yet drug traffickers continued to be paid by the US State Department, 'in some cases after the traffickers had been indicted by federal law-enforcement agencies on drug charges, in others while traffickers were under active investigation by these same agencies.'

Tragically, the US Justice Department was slow to respond to the threat. But if all these federal agencies knew of the drug trade in the '80s, why didn't they expose and stop it? The drug trade posed a far greater threat to the US than the leftist Sandinista government ever did. Despite recent CIA and Justice Department vows to reinvestigate, how likely is it that these agencies will produce important new discoveries that would publicly expose their prior inadequacies? You [Time] are right to call for an independent investigation."

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