In the early 1980s, the right-wing Reagan U.S. Government was determined to undermine or overthrow the leftist government of Nicaragua.

As part of this campaign, the Central Intelligence Agency produced a small illustrated booklet in both Spanish and English designed to destabilise the Nicaraguan Government and economic system.

It instructed disaffected individuals on acts of sabotage they could carry out to this end.

This is that manual.
The Freedom Fighter's Manual

This graphically illustrated CIA sabotage/terrorism manual was originally published for the Nicaraguan contras.

"A Practical Guide to liberating Nicaragua from oppression and misery by paralysing the military-industrial complex of the traitorous Marxist state with minimal risk for the combatant."

Wacky cartoons show Nicaraguans how to goof off at work, build toilet bombs and Molotov Cocktails and attack police stations.

Before putting this on our website we checked out some of the suggestion and can confirm they work most effectively in most countries of the world.

Our thanks to the CIA for making this available.

That they may live to regret it is not our problem.

It's like, well ... sometimes shit just happens, right?
All Nicaraguans who love their country and cherish liberty - men and women, young and old folks, farmers and workers alike - surely ask themselves what they can do with the means at their disposal, to participate in the final battle against the usurpers of the authentic Sandinista revolution for which the people of Nicaragua have fought and shed their blood for so many years.

Some may think today's armed struggle requires military supplies and economic resources only available to states or terrorist bands armed by Moscow.

There is an essential economic infrastructure which any government needs in order to function which can easily be disabled and even paralysed without the use of armaments or costly equipment using just a small investment of resources and time.

The following pages present a series of useful sabotage techniques, the majority of which can be done with simple household tools such as scissors, empty bottles, screwdrivers, matches etcetera.

These measure are extremely safe and without risk to those who use them as they do not require equipment, skills or specialised activities which can draw attention to the operator.

One combatant is able to make many of these without having to turn to collaborators or making detailed plans beforehand.

These are acts which can be carried out in an improvised way any time an opportunity presents itself.

Our sacred cause needs to have more men and women join its ranks in order to perform these sabotage tasks.

However, necessary caution should be taken and only when the task requires it and only when the task requires it, should any person or persons participate in, or have knowledge of, a given act.

As mentioned above, the techniques found in this manual correspond to the stage of individual sabotage (or at the most, cellular, with cells of no more than two persons) of the clandestine struggle.

We hope the following is useful to all people who wish to live in freedom.

WHAT THE FREE NICARAGUAN CAN DO IN ORDER TO TIE DOWN THE MARXIST TYRANNY

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We have edited the manual to English only.

- Don't do maintenance work on vehicles and machines.
- Come late to work.
- Delay completing tasks.
- Hide and damage tools.
- Call in sick so as not to work.
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LEAVE LIGHTS SWITCHED ON

PLANT FLOWERS ON STATE FARMS

STEAL FOOD FROM THE GOVERNMENT

HOARD GOVERNMENT FOOD

LEAVE WATER TAPS RUNNING
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1. LEAVE OPEN THE CORRAL GATES ON STATE FARMS
2. SPREAD RUMOURS
3. TELEPHONE TO MAKE FALSE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ETC
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- Spill liquids
- Threaten the boss by telephone
- Drop typewriters
- Steal or hide key documents
- Telephone, giving false alarms re fires and crimes
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DAMAGE BOOKS

BREAK LIGHTBULBS AND WINDOWS
CUT TELEPHONE CABLES

1. WET A SPONGE
2. WRAP IT TIGHTLY WITH STRING
3. LET IT DRY
4. REMOVE THE STRING
5. INTRODUCE THE SPONGE INTO TOILETS OR WATER DRAINS
6. WHICH WILL BLOCK WHEN THE SPONGES BECOME WET AND SWELL UP.

CUT CABLES AND ALARMS SYSTEMS
PAINT ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS

It's about People, not Politics, stupid!

FREEDOM COMES FROM WITHIN

VIVA THE INTERNAL REVOLUTION!

WE WILL PREVAIL!

FUCK THE POPE

INCREASE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

POLICE
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PUT NAILS ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
PUT DIRT OR SUGAR INTO GAS TANKS
PUT NAILS NEXT TO THE TYRES OF PARKED CARS
PUT WATER INTO GAS TANKS
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CUT AND PERFORATE THE UPHOLSTERY OF VEHICLES
BREAK WINDSCREENS, WIPERS AND HEADLIGHTS

CUT AND PUNCTURE TYRES

PUT DIRT IN THE CARBURETOR AND DISTRIBUTOR
DIRT
OIL TANK
CANDLE
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PERFORATE BATTERY AND BATTERY CABLES

CUT DOWN TREES OVER HIGHWAYS

INVERT CABLE CONNECTIONS

PUT ROCKS ON THE HIGHWAYS

PUT NAILS IN BATTERY CELLS

DIG DITCHES IN THE HIGHWAYS
1. TWIST A STEEL BAR AS SHOWN IN THE DRAWING

2. FASTEN THE TWO SECTIONS TOGETHER, WITH ROPE, AS SHOWN

3. ATTACH A ROPE (NOT A CABLE) TO THE HOOK IN THE UPPER PART

4. THROW THE GAFF UNTIL IT CATCHES IN THE TELEPHONE WIRES (NEVER IN ELECTRICAL WIRES) AND PULL ON THE ROPE UNTIL YOU PULL THE WIRES DOWN

TO PERFORATE TYRES

1. USE A SHEET OF STEEL NO LESS THAN 1.5 mm THICK AND 6.5 x 6.5 mm IN AREA.

2. CUT THE SHEET TO FORM A TRIANGLE

3. SHARPEN THE TWO SIDES OF THE TRIANGLE TO ENABLE EFFICIENT PERRATION OF THE TYRE

4. PLACE UNDER A TYRE AS SHOWN
1. Place an unlighted cigarette between two rows of matches. Tie them firmly together with string.

2. Wrap the matches in dry paper or other inflammable material and place the device between empty inflammable boxes.

3. Light the cigarette at the free end. The matches will ignite in five to ten minutes.

MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

1. Fill a narrow-necked bottle with burnable fuel. It will work better if shredded soap sawdust is added.

2. Insert a rag in the bottle until one end touches the liquid and the other extends no more than 20 cm from the rim of the bottle. Seal the bottle tightly with string or tape.

3. To activate the device:
   A. Hold the bottle in your hand with arm extended
   B. Using your other hand, light the rag
   C. Immediately throw the bottle at your target with sufficient force that it breaks on impact
1. PERFORATING FUEL TANKS WITH AN ICE PICK

2. BLOWING UP THE TANK WITH A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL