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CIA maintains Swan Island radio station

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (LNS)—The United States and Honduras have reached a happy agreement about the Swan Islands, a few bits of land about 100 miles northeast of the Caribbean coast of Honduras.

At least the U.S. is happy about the agreement. A State Department press release notes that while Honduran sovereignty over the islands may be recognized, the U.S. gets what it wants: "In a reciprocal gesture of cooperation and friendship,"

the press release notes, "the Government of Honduras would allow the United States to retain its installations on the islands, which consist of a radio beacon for international navigation and an upper-air weather sounding station, the services of which are freely available to all nations."

There's a lot more to this agreement than meets the eye, however. The Swan Islands received national attention a few years ago, with the publication

of THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT, which told all about the CIA radio broadcasting operations headquartered on the islands. The islands, it is also assumed, are a focal point for propaganda and counterrevolutionary efforts directed against Cuba.

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