Abstract

Bachelor thesis is about Iran-Contra Affair which was the biggest political scandal in 80s in the United States of America and cast a shadow not only on President Ronald Reagan but on his Administration as well. National Security Council (NSC) and C.I.A. with the consent of the President were selling TOW and HAWK missiles to Iran to open a diplomatic relationship. But mainly USA wanted a release of American citizens held hostage in Lebanon by Hezbollah. Some NSC members from their own initiative were transferring money from arms transactions to Nicaraguan fighters against regime called contras. As soon as all those information came public President ordered to start an investigation to find out if there were any laws broken. Independent Commissions also tried to find out how the President was involved in this scandal. The first chapter of this thesis deals with President Reagan before and after presidential elections and his two terms in office. Second and third chapter are focusing on topics related to the affair – background and situation in Nicaragua and Iran. Fourth chapter analyzes the affair itself and fifth chapter is revealing results and consequences of the scandal in USA.