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2. Following are our comments with respect to ref tel B as requested ref tel A.

3. First, as reported Tegucigalpa 9380, President-elect Suazo told Ambassador emphatically December 17 that he favored inclusion of Guatemala in group. He thought our position on this matter unduly defensive since Guatemala holding elections this year; and he felt exclusion could betray "Made in USA" imprint. In discussing initiative again with Suazo on January 11 (TEGUCIGALPA 202), he went along with our preferred format and expressed understanding for our reasoning. Interestingly, however, [

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] interjected that both he and Suazo continued

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to be troubled by exclusion of Guatemala.

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As Department knows,

President Paz also favored inclusion of Guatemala; but deferred to our preference.

4. From Tegucigalpa vantage point it would certainly appear desirable to explain what we are up to to Guatemalans and we can see the advantages of doing so before the three Foreign Ministers actually meet. But Chapin's proposed message is a bit stark. If we are to explain initiative to Guatemalans they probably deserve a more thoroughly spun-out version starting with Santa Lucia, relationship between regional political action and requests for supplementary assistance and envisaged eventual association of Guatemala and Panama.

5. Most recent messages from Salvador and Guatemala suggest different levels of participation in this NODIS series. We wonder whether the time may not have come to grant permission to pass NODIS laterally on this subject or downgrade series to EXDIS.

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