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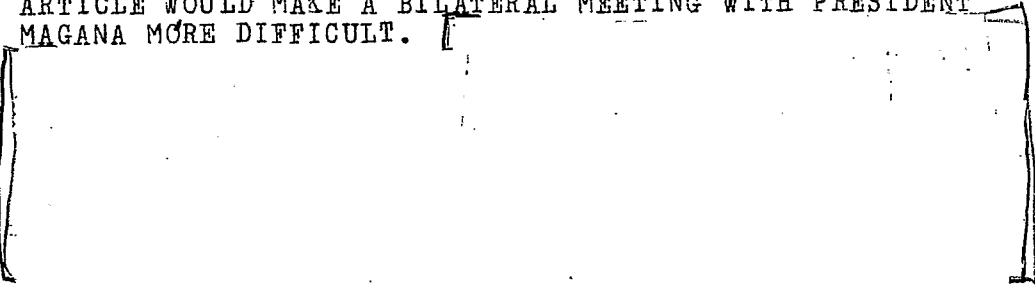
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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 19 MEETING WITH DOCTOR SUAZO

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2. AMBASSADOR PICKERING AND I CALLED ON DOCTOR SUAZO AFTERNOON DECEMBER NINETEEN. ALSO PRESENT WERE FONMIN PAZ BARNICA AND MINISTER OF PRESIDENCY CARLOS FLORES.

3. PRINCIPAL POINT OF INTEREST WAS FONMIN'S ACCOUNT OF PLANS FOR CORE FOUR EXPERTS' MEETING PLANNED FOR TEGUCIGALPA DECEMBER 21-23. PAZ BARNICA SAID CORE FOUR STRATEGY FOR MEETING WOULD BE TWO-PRONGED. FIRST, PLAN WOULD BE TO PREPARE ANALYSIS OF RECENT NICARAGUAN DRAFTS POINTING OUT ITS DEFICIENCIES AND OMISSIONS AS COMPARED TO TWENTY-ONE POINTS. SECOND CORE FOUR WOULD BEGIN WORK ON COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT TREATY LANGUAGE BASED ON CONTADORA TWENTY-ONE POINTS.

4. BORDER ISSUES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. PAZ BARNICA SAID GOH WAS ANALYZING TEXT OF SALVADORAN CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE ON TERRITORIAL LIMITS (SAN SALVADOR 11709). PAZ SAID PRELIMINARY GOH VIEW WAS THAT THIS WAS UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC REACTION COULD BE NEGATIVE ONCE FACT OF AMENDMENT BECOMES KNOWN. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, DOCTOR SUAZO SAID CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE WOULD MAKE A BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MAGANA MORE DIFFICULT.



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5. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE SUAZO/MAGANA MEETING AND VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS BY HONDURANS DURING CONVERSATION THAT MAGANA IS A LAME DUCK, AMBASSADOR PICKERING POINTED OUT THAT THERE WILL BE A WINDOW IN 1984 BETWEEN MARCH ELECTIONS AND JUNE INAUGURATION WHEN MAGANA MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE TWO OR THREE DIFFICULT POLITICAL DECISIONS. PERHAPS HONDURAS/SALVADOR BORDER QUESTION COULD BE ONE OF THEM. FLORES APPEARED TO TAKE THIS POINT ON BOARD FULLY.

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