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that Nicaragua has become a serious dilemma for Soviet Union strikes us as one of the bigger canards that have come down the road lately.

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3. Our guess would be that subject report is part of carefully orchestrated disinformation designed to distract attention from Soviet geopolitical gains in Central America 1sthmus and maximize prospects for continued fruitful economic

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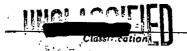


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Report also would appear to fit in with thesis that while Soviets wish to consolidate upper hand strategically and politically in Nisaragua, they would prefer to avoid paying the economic price as they have done/because of its warm/effective economic isolation. The politico-strategic advantages with the West paying a hefty part of the bill. To achieve this goal, obviously Soviets want dissemble about their degree of interest in Central America; but we wouldn't believe it for a minute.

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