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SUBJECT:

EXERCISE AHUAS TARA

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attached to these maneuvers.

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- ENTIRE TEXT
- I concur in General Nutting's observations about beneficial confidence-building aspects of Ahuas Tara. President Suazo's presence on the scene for three days and two nights was indeed an indication of importance GOH
- From Tequciqalpa perspective, press play was not too bad either considering negative cast our press is prone to

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America. This in large measure due to excellent public affairs planning and preparation dating back to Adapta so that we were ready when some 100 foreign correspondents descended upon us for the event. Diplomatic scenario, including invitation to Nicaragua to send observers, was also excellent, although next time we should start preparations on that aspect a bit sooner. With more time we could have achieved broader observation by third country observers and attaches.

4. Suggest USCINCSO repeat reftel to Bogota, Caracas, Mexico, San Jose and San Salvador.

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