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2. Further to thoughts contained reftel, Embassy submits following suggested talking points for Department's consideration in preparing reaction to recent Mexican and Nicaraguan diplomatic initiatives:
3. First, non-aggression agreement concept is alien to Hemisphere where Rio Treaty and OAS mechanisms already adequate for these ~~xx~~ purposes. Given recent proclivity of Communist countries to propose non-aggression pacts

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(e.g., Vietnam vis-a-vis Thailand), one might suspect that paternity of idea rests outside Hemisphere; There may be other recent examples of such proposals. Afghanistan/Pakistan?

4. Second, non-aggression pact and joint patrols would not address underlying causes of tension in the region, e.g., threatening and destabilizing impact of increasing size and sophistication Nicaragua's armed forces, export of subversion and massive presence of foreign military advisors. Non-aggression pact suggestion would appear to be an effort to divert international attention away from these problems.

5. Third, this initiative is clearly an effort to score debating points, to confuse cause with effect and aggressor with aggressed. Costa Rica has no army and Salvador is fighting for its survival for well known reasons. Interestingly, Nicaraguan plan doesn't even mention Salvador; Mexican plan treats Salvador from premises with which we disagree. As for Honduras, its forces are of no greater size than they were several years ago; they are deployed completely defensively; and Honduran Government policy is one of pursuing friendly relations with all its neighbors based on principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and non-

interference. In its history Honduras has never been an aggressor. To the contrary, it has been invaded at various times by all three of its neighbors. Nor has it recently acquired any exotic military equipment.

6. Fourth, we believe that statement of political aims contained in January 19 CADC declaration contains excellent basis for discussions between Nicaragua and its neighbors, including Salvador. Through agreement upon and implementation of proposals contained therein, we believe any cause for concern about aggression would be promptly removed.

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