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	1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT		
	2. Ambassador seeking appointments with President Paz and President-elect Suazo to implement instructions contained reftel. For Department's information, President Paz has been indisposed for past week or so and recently was unable to see President-elect Suazo who had come expressly to Tegucigalpa from his home town of La Paz to consult with the President about transition. If Paz continues to be unavailable, Ambassador intends to brief Foreign Minister.		
AMB DCM	3. Instructions reftel received after Ambassador had lunch with Carlos Flores, a very close confidant of President-elect Suazo. Ambassador broached idea of regional grouping with Flores on informal basis, stating		

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that he expected to receive instructions this subject in very near future. Flores was again very receptive to idea, as he had been at Ambassador's first meeting with Flores and then candidate Suazo on November 23. Flores expressed view that President-elect Suazo might well be willing to initiate and host such a meeting of Central American States; that, in Flores' view, group should include Guatemala; and, in order for initiative to be most effective, it would be better that it be promoted by incoming and democratically elected regime rather than an outgoing military government. While expressing understanding of Flores' latter point, Ambassador indicated that forthcoming instructions could well be to raise matter with current Honduran leadership as well as President-elect.

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