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SUBJECT: ~~WEEKEND CONVERSATIONS WITH PAZ BARNICA~~

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED LATEST CONTADORA DEVELOPMENTS WITH HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAZ BARNICA ON SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23. UPSHOT IS THAT, ACCORDING TO PAZ, HE, GUTIERREZ AND TENORIO PLAN TO MEET SEPTEMBER 27 IN SAN JOSE TO CONSULT ON CONTADORA STRATEGY PRIOR TO MEETING WITH EEC. AS OF AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 23 ANDRADE HAD NOT RPT NOT AGREED TO JOIN MEETING. (PAZ SERIOUSLY DOUBTS THAT HE WILL.) AS PART OF EFFORT TO PERSUADE GUATEMALANS TO ATTEND, PAZ SUGGESTED THAT VIDES CASANOVA CALL MEJIA VICTORES DIRECTLY. PAZ BELIEVES MILITARY-TO-MILITARY COMMUNICATION MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN THIS INSTANCE.
3. PAZ WAS ENCOURAGED BY FACT OF SHLAUDEMAN/MONGE WEEK-END TELCON WHICH HE LEARNED ABOUT FROM GUTIERREZ. HE STILL WAS BOTHERED, HOWEVER, BY SEVERAL REFERENCES ON GUTIERREZ' PART TO DESIRABILITY OF SIGNING DOCUMENT. GUTIERREZ SAID SOMETHING ABOUT NEGOTIATING CHANGES FOR THREE DAYS STARTING OCTOBER 15, AND SIGNING AGREEMENT ON OCTOBER 18. THUS, COSTA RICAN ATTITUDE CONCERNING DOCUMENT WAS STILL NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO HIM. NONETHELESS, HE WAS CLEARLY MOST CONCERNED ABOUT GUATEMALAN POSITION AND REPEATEDLY URGED THAT WE USE WHAT INFLUENCE WE HAVE TO BRING ANDRADE AROUND.
4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HONDURANS ARE VERY UNHAPPY WITH DRAFT, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL FEEL UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE TO SIGN IT IF COSTA RICA IS PREPARED TO DO SO.

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