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SUBJECT: GENERAL VESSEY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUAZO

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2. SUMMARY: AT MEETING WITH GENERAL VESSEY JULY TWENTY-SIX, DOCTOR SUAZO WELCOMED U.S. NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS AND UPCOMING EXERCISES. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT DEMOCRATIC FORCES INSIDE NICARAGUA NEED AND DESERVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. HE REITERATED APPEALS FOR ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. SUAZO ALSO EXPRESSED CHARACTERISTIC SUSPICION OF CONTADORA PROCESS ASSERTING THAT "CONTADORA GROUP IS TRYING TO SAVE THE SANDINISTA REGIME". END SUMMARY.
3. GENERAL VESSEY CALLED ON PRESIDENT SUAZO MORNING JULY TWENTY-SIX AS PART OF HIS ONE DAY VISIT TO HONDURAS. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL ALVAREZ, PRESIDENCY MINISTER CARLOS FLORES AND AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE. FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE TOUCHED.
4. NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS: DOCTOR SUAZO EXPRESSED PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR OUR RECENT NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS. HE SAID HE SLEPT BETTER KNOWING THE FLEET WAS OUT THERE. IN REPLY TO AN INVITATION FROM GENERAL VESSEY, DOCTOR SUAZO SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO VISIT THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER.
5. JOINT EXERCISES: DOCTOR SUAZO WELCOMED UPCOMING EXERCISES AS PART OF CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY COOPERATION.
6. SITUATION INSIDE NICARAGUA: SUAZO BELIEVES NAVAL

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DEPLOYMENTS AND IMPROVEMENT OF ARMED FORCES OF CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRACIES IS AN IMPORTANT DETERRENT TO AN OVERT AND DIRECT SANDINISTA AGGRESSION. BUT THAT DOESN'T SOLVE THE LONG-TERM PROBLEM WHICH IS BEHAVIOR OF SANDINISTA REGIME IN OTHER RESPECTS, EXPORT OF REVOLUTION AND SO FORTH. TO THIS END INTERNAL PRESSURES ON NICARAGUA MUST BE INCREASED. DEPLOYING THE FLEET IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR INCREASING SUPPORT IN ALL FORMS FOR DEMOCRATIC FORCES INSIDE NICARAGUA. SUAZO WAS EMPHATIC IN HIS VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE FATAL FOR THE REGION TO ALLOW CONSOLIDATION OF MARXIST-LENINIST REGIME IN NICARAGUA. HE BELIEVED FDN AND OTHERS STRUGGLING AGAINST SANDINISTA REGIME NEEDED SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED SUPPORT. SUAZO WAS AFRAID THAT IF SUPPORT FOR ANTI-SANDINISTAS IS CUT OFF, THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE WILL BE DEMORALIZED. SUAZO SAID HE DIDN'T THINK CASTRO OR ANDROPOV WOULD "LIFT A FINGER" TO SAVE SANDINISTA REGIME.

7. ECONOMIC SITUATION: SUAZO MENTIONED GRAVE HONDURAN ECONOMIC CRISIS AND RECENT APPEALS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR ADDITIONAL, SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS.

8. ASKED ABOUT HIS REACTION TO THE LATEST FSLN PEACE PROPOSAL, DOCTOR SUAZO SAID HE SAW NOTHING NEW IN IT. HE CHARACTERIZED PROPOSAL FOR NON-AGGRESSION PACT AS CLASSIC COMMUNIST MOVE. SUAZO SAID THE CONTADORA GROUP IS TRYING TO SAVE THE SANDINISTA REGIME. "BETANCUR, MONGE, DE LA ESPRIELLA AND HERRERA CAMPINS ARE NOT GOING TO SAVE ME FROM THE 2000 BAD HONDURANS BEING TRAINED IN CUBA AND NICARAGUA TO SUBVERT OUR COUNTRY", SUAZO SAID. NEGROPONTE

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