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E.O. 12356: DECL: 7/5/93
TAGS: PDIP, OVIP, PREL, OREP, HO, (SUAZO, CORDOVA,
ROBERTO)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SUAZO WHILE IN
UNITED STATES

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 6942 AND PREVIOUS

1. ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, DOCTOR SUAZO WILL BE IN HOUSTON ON PERSONAL BUSINESS JULY FIVE TO APPROXIMATELY JULY TWELVE. HE WILL BE STAYING AT HYATT REGENCY HOTEL.
3. BEFORE LEAVING TEGUCIGALPA, DOCTOR SUAZO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING HIGH LEVEL USG REPRESENTATIVE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VISITING HIM IN HOUSTON. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, BOTH SECRETARY OF STATE AND VICE PRESIDENT WERE OUT OF COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. NONETHELESS, AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO PASS ON SUAZO'S INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING HIGH LEVEL TALKS WHILE IN HOUSTON.
4. WHILE NOT WISHING TO INCONVENIENCE BUSY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, IT OCCURS TO US THAT TRAVEL PLANS OF CABINET OR SUB-CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS THIS WEEK MAY ALREADY INCLUDE TRIP TO HOUSTON OR VICINITY, IN WHICH CASE IT MAY PROVE RELATIVELY EASY TO ACCOMMODATE DOCTOR SUAZO'S SUGGESTION. ALTERNATELY, OR IN ADDITION, KEY MEMBERS OF TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION MIGHT BE WILLING TO TAKE SOME TIME OUT TO VISIT WITH SUAZO. NAMES OF SENATOR TOWER, WHO HAS JUST MET GENERAL ALVAREZ, AND CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT COME IMMEDIATELY TO MIND IN THIS REGARD. THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHERS AS WELL.
5. FINALLY, THIS MAY BE OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO REITERATE EARLIER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INVITATION BE EXTENDED TO SUAZO FOR AN OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IF THERE IS AN OPENING IN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SCHEDULE EARLY NEXT WEEK, THEN PERHAPS WE COULD ARRANGE FOR SUAZO TO GO DIRECTLY FROM HOUSTON TO WASHINGTON FOR A BRIEF ONE OR MAXIMUM TWO-DAY VISIT TO OUR CAPITAL. DURING SUCH A STAY WE WOULD VISUALIZE A MEETING AND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT, SESSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER KEY NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY MAKERS. THIS WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S PROMPT ATTENTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS AND IDEAS CONTAINED PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SIX ABOVE. NEGROPONTE

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