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1. ▬ - Entire Text.

2. I called on Suazo and then Elvir morning
January eleven to carry out instructions reftel.
Suazo is on board, though his aide, Carlos Flores,
pointed out minor hitch that Caraso will probably
not rpt not attend January 27 inaugural.

2. Elvir agreed with our approach and plans to
call Niehous and Chavez Mena forthwith proposing a
meeting in Tegucigalpa some time this week. I told him
of availability of Department official to brief on
latest thinking re Caribban Basin Initiative and
Nicaraguan military build-up. Elvir thought that was
an excellent idea, as did Suazo when I broached it

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with him moments earlier.

3.   I asked Elvir what his thinking was on publicity for meeting of three Foreign Ministers. Elvir's bottom line is that fact of meeting should not rpt not be a secret. He also thinks some publicity could help get idea off to a good start. I reacted cautiously, telling Elvir I had no instructions on the matter and thought that whatever was said should be pretty general at this stage.

5.   Elvir promised to get back to me as soon as dates for meeting with his Costa Rican and Salvadoran counterparts is set.

6.   ACTION REQUESTED: Believe it would be extremely useful for Department to be prepared to send official to brief Foreign Ministers and President-elect Suazo on CBI and Nicaraguan buildup.

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