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 SUBJECT: CENTRAL AMERICAN REJECTION OF CONTADORA  
TECHNICAL GROUP CONCLUSIONS

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1. ~~TEGUCIGALPA 27461~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
2. COSTA RICANS ARE NOT ALONE IN THEIR REJECTION OF TECHNICAL GROUP DOCUMENT WHICH EMERGED JUNE 21-22 MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTER PAZ BARNICA SENT CONFIDENTIAL CABLE TO CONTADORA FOUR OUTLINING HIS OBJECTIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING. WE ALSO NOTE FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT GUATEMALANS HAVE NOW MADE THEIR OBJECTIONS PUBLICLY KNOWN. FURTHERMORE, ACTING HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER PINEDA EXPLAINED T AMBASSADOR ON JULY SIXTEEN THAT EACH OF THE FOUR CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAD BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH THE REPORT; BUT DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO MAKE THEIR OBJECTIONS KNOWN SEPARATELY RATHER THAN COLLECTIVELY.
3. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING WE WERE DISTRESSED THOUGH NOT SURPRISED TO READ SEPULVEDA STATEMENT CONTAINED REFERENCE (B) TO EFFECT THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED DOCUMENT AND THAT COSTA RICAN STATEMENT WAS FIRST TIME SEPULVEDA HAD HEARD OF THE PROBLEM. WE DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THE POINT; BUT THIS MINOR INCIDENT STRIKES US AS VERY ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED FOR THE CENTRAL AMERICAN FOUR IN THE CONTADORA PROCESS. OUR FRIENDS MUST BE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF BIAS INTO THE PROCEEDINGS AND SEPULVEDA'S REMARKS WOULD APPEAR TO CONFIRM THAT THE FOUR CANNOT COUNT ON IMPARTIALITY ON MEXICO'S PART.
4. IF SUCH DISAGREEMENTS DEVELOP WITH REGARD TO FAITHFULLY RECORDING WHAT HAPPENED AT A RELATIVELY NON-CONTRC-

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VERSIAL TECHNICAL MEETING, WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IF CONTADORA  
PROCESS EVER GETS INTO SERIOUS SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS?  
WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT HONDURAN APPREHENSION REPORTED  
PARA FIVE TEGUCIGALPA 6753 REGARDING POSSIBLY BEING  
GANGED UP UPON BY CONTADORA GROUP REMAINS A SERIOUS AND  
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