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Mexican/Nicaraguan "peace offensive". From Tegucigalpa vantage point it would seem that proposed CADC Declaration

We need a coordinated public position on

(reftel A), if adopted, would provide far and away the

best response. Essential point is that Nicaraguan proposal is selective in nature and evades major pre-

occupation of its neighbors. Guidance, even of an interim nature, is requested because of intense local interest

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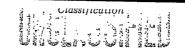
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- 2. Ambassador called on President Suazo morning
 February 24 to deliver President Reagan's CBI letter.
 After brief discussion that topic, Suazo raised his
 concern over recent Mexican/Sandinista "peace initiatives".
- 4. Suazo commented that Mexican and Nicaraguan positions appeared to have been quite well coordinated and he was quite obviously concerned about finding an adequate public response. Thus far, GOH has confined itself to stating through its Foreign Minister that it sees no need for a non-aggression pact; but it has also stated that it has received no such formal proposal from Nicaragua.
- 5. Ambassador agreed with Dr. Suazo that an appropriate and coordinated public response would appear desirable. Ambassador expressed personal opinion that draft CADC Declaration on Central American arms buildup which CADC governments now have under study would appear to be excellent basis for response. Principal advantage of such declaration, Ambassador continued, was its comprehensive nature. Nicaraguan proposal appears very selective. It focuses on non-aggression without addressing underlying xxxx causes of tension in the region, e.g., size of armed forces, arms XX buildup, export of



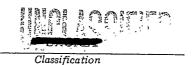


subversion, and massive presence of Cuban advisors.

Ambassador also ventured personal view that if Mexican ideas had been designed for other than influencing public Mexico opinion and showing solidarity with Nicaragua,/MXXXXXX would have undertaken to consult privately with other affected Central American countries beforehand. It was at this point that Suazo observed that Mexico's position certainly appeared to have been well coordinated with Nicaragua.

6. Conversation this subject ended with agreement that Ambassador would seek further guidance from Washington, especially in respect to what Washington believes would be best and most comprehensive possible reaction. It was also agreed that we would be back in touch on February 25 or 26 at which time we would have readout from Foreign Minister Paz Barnica's February 24 visit to San Jose.

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