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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT
2. We are perplexed by May 5 press guidance (reftel B)
which states, "We attach no particular significance to the
Brezhnev statements in support of Nicaragua and Cuba."
Juxtaposed with Central America notes number 13 in which
word "Soviet" appears once, and then only in context of
T-55 tanks, we wonder if perhaps most important problem of
Nicaragua isn't being unduly downplayed or even swept
under the rug. We have in mind fact of growing Soviet
and Eastern Bloc attention to Nicaragua and ostensibly
apparent equal treatment accorded to Nicaraguan and Cuban
leadership. We recognize that Soviet/Nicaraguan relation-
ship is only in its early stages but it is uncomfortably b

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blatant and has been so almost from the outset. It is
an unpleasant reminder that Nicaragua is indeed becoming
another Cuba and, while many things can be said about
that, we question whether one of them is that we attach
no particular significance to manifestations of that
unhappy fact.

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