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2. Your message was timely. Ambassador was able to raise matter with Alvarez evening April 17 at meeting with President Suazo on airfield access questions. Alvarez is going to San Salvador for meetings with military counterparts Sunday, April 18.

3. COH line is basically same as ours. They are deeply concerned that Arena-dominated government would manipulate results of presidential elections. Dr. Suazo also fears for viability of Christian Democratic party if it is excluded from government. Dr. Suazo has authorized Alvarez to speak bluntly to

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