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2. Our reading of Managua's fascinating account of CODEL Wright meeting with Junta/FSIN is that Ramirez did indeed comment substantively on our eight points. Para six of ref tel states in part, "Ramirez also stated that 8-point proposal by the Ambassador represented nothing new, as Secretary Haig had discussed those same Castaneda." This strikes us as tantamount to a rejection of substance our proposals.

3. Another interesting angle to us is Ramirez obsession with form over substance. He seems most disappointed

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over failure of Haig and Castaneda to meet again, which could well be construed as confirmation that Junta/FSLN principally interested in the unsettling effect that highly publicized talks could have on our friends. Our friends in Honduras are now sufficiently unnerved that they seem to be moving towards talks of their own whose content and direction, once launched, may be difficult to control.

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