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2. I saw Honduran Foreign Minister Elvir afternoon December 29 to outline our thinking on a Central American regional initiative. Elvir had just returned from two-week trip to Europe. I gave Elvir talking paper which had been presented to Paz and Suazo and also briefed him on reactions of President and President-elect. I stressed to Elvir Washington's concern that expansion of core group to country such as Guatemala could be kiss of death.

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3. Elvir's preliminary reaction was very positive. He would want to study our proposal carefully first and then talk to both Paz and Suazo. He visualized as next step some sort of consultative meeting with his Salvador and

Costa Rica counterparts. Eventually, Elvir thought support

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of Andean Pact countries would be very important, and he felt way should also be left open for eventual membership of Panama and Guatemala in core group - though he fully accepted reasons for not doing so now. Elvir also felt that way should be found to get the word "peace" in the title of the group.

4. Elvir agreed with my suggestion that we should meet again before he goes off talking to Salvadoran or Costa Rican counterparts. I said I might have some fresh instructions after he has had a chance to discuss matter further internally. We have another appointment at 1500 local time, Monday, January 4. I told Elvir I would be visiting Bay Islands from December 30 to morning January 4.

5. COMMENT: I briefed Elvir in light of Frank McNeil's good talk with Niehaus and also in belief we couldn't be certain Paz would share our demarche with Elvir immediately upon his return from Europe. Moreover, working through Elvir at this stage may be most effective way of eliciting considered reaction from President Paz. Department's arguments against pursuing matter further with Paz along lines I initially suggested were very persuasive. (STATE 340047)

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