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2. In conversation evening March 23 Foreign Minister Paz Barnica told me he was very receptive to Ambassador Kirkpatrick's suggestion about a personal appearance at UNSC debate. He hoped, however, debate could be prolonged through Monday since he is unable to get away from Tegucigalpa in time for Friday session. Also, Paz Barnica expressed hope that we would continue to weigh in with Costa Ricans to urge Volio's attendance. Paz said it would be most...
unseemly if Volio did not join the other Central American
democracies in this debate. Paz had talked to Volio
earlier in the day and, thus far, he was apparently unwilling
to attend.

3. I met with Presidency Minister Carlos Flores afternoon
March 24. He told me Paz Barnica would go to New York
irrespective of Costa Rican or Salvadoran decision. He
agreed, however, with my suggestion that additional effort
needed to be made to achieve Costa Rican involvement.
Flores promised to raise matter with Doctor Suazo to see
if he were willing to call President Monge on the matter.

4. On subject of Costa Rica, Flores said his trip to Costa
Rica had revealed rather graphically to him divisions
within governing party over Nicaragua policy. Accommo-
dationists were seeking Volio's ouster; he said; but Monge
remains fairly solid in his analysis of the regional
situation and his commitment to the San Jose approach.
Despite Monge's firmness, Flores was obviously uneasy
about the divisions in the Liberation Party and their
potentially harmful implications.