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	1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT	
	2. Embassy offers following REMARKS comments in regard to draft Central America speech.	
	3. First, on the assumption that opportunities for a presidential address on Central America are limited, believe it would be desirable to to expand speech to cover regional issues in greater detail in addition to specific Salvador concerns. We believe that an outline of such speech could begin with the fall of Somoza, then a discussion of our initially friendly policies towards Nicaragua,	

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followed by a description of how they responded to our traditional generosity by inviting in the Cubans and exporting revolution. Speech could then describe regional concern caused by Nicaraguan alignment to Cuba and export of instability and lay out peaceful approach endorsed by regional democracies in form of San Jose Declaration.

4. There would then be a transition from the regional problem to the specific situation in Salvador. Speech would then pick up essentially where present draft now begins. With specific reference to present draft, we believe portion which discusses negotiations could usefully address an additional issue. FMLN representatives have ~~xxx~~ frequently claimed that they are prepared for "unconditional talks". Their claim, however, does not stand up to scrutiny and when one reads the fine print, it is clear that the only talks they want are ones relating to "restructuring the armed forces", unspecified "social reforms" and "realignment of El Salvador's foreign policy" before an electoral process is even carried out. It is clear therefore that FMLN seeks nothing short of undoing existing governmental structure through negotiating process as prior condition to participating in elections. To accept this course would be tantamount to abandoning our friends in a moment of considerable difficulty. If, on the other hand, the

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[rebels were ~~xxx~~ prepared to talk with the government of]
 El Salvador about their peaceful and unarmed participation
 an
 in/amnesty program and that country's ongoing electoral
 process, then we would view such a development as a
 fair and equitable basis for meaningful negotiations.
 5. Our final comment is that we are not too comfortable
 with last three lines of draft speech beginning with
 words "I ask that....".

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