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2. As part of a round of New Year's calls, Doctor Suazo visited Embassy Residence afternoon January 4 accompanied by Foreign Minister Paz Barnica. Following points of possible interest emerged from conversation with Ambassador.

3. First, Foreign Minister said he hopes that San Jose forum group could meet again end of January or early February. He said he would be working with Volio on this.

4. Second, President and Foreign Minister said they had had no reaction from Nicaragua to Suazo's proposal for a regional Foreign Ministers' meeting. Suazo's proposal.

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was contained in letter to President Reagan written on eve of latter's visit to Honduras in December and published day after President Reagan's departure.

5. Third, GOH and Salvadoran Foreign Ministers planned to meet in Tela, Honduras, January 14-16 to pursue border discussions. Suazo said he was not hopeful of progress and thought matter would probably end up in World Court.

6. Fourth, Suazo plans to reciprocate Rios Montt visit on January Twelve with visit to Guatemala. He intends for meeting to be strictly bilateral in nature.

7. Finally, Suazo was quite pleased that key teacher's union (COLPROSUMAH) had evicted its more radical leaders in December elections and chosen a more moderate leadership. Old leaders, Suazo maintained, had planned another series of strikes early in the New Year similar to last year's disruptive agitation. Another teacher's union (PRIGMA) is also holding elections this coming weekend. If radicals could be ousted from there, too, this would be important step, Suazo said.

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