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2. I raised above subject with Doctor Suazo afternoon November eleven. He had not yet received invitation from President Monge. I went through arguments in favor of a regional meeting in San Jose.
3. Doctor Suazo was very negative. He said he would prefer to sit this regional meeting out. The Honduran people would not rpt not view attendance at San Jose as reciprocation of his visit to Washington and the exclusion of such countries as Guatemala and Nicaragua would give such a ~~xx~~ summit an awkward political flavor. Under circumstances Suazo said he felt it would be much better for President Reagan's visit to Costa Rica to be purely bilateral in nature.
4. Returning to a subject Suazo has repeatedly raised

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earlier, he said a one or two-hour visit by President Reagan to San Pedro Sula on December four would be QUOTE one thousand times better END QUOTE. President Reagan's inability to visit Honduras when Honduras is taking heat from both Salvador and Nicaragua situations would be difficult to explain to his people. Doctor Suazo said he would be thrilled if President Reagan could reciprocate his Washington visit, even if ever so briefly, and he could assure our President a warm welcome indeed.

5. As I took my leave, Doctor Suazo informed me that his Foreign Minister was going to Managua for a bilateral meeting with D'Escoto on November twelve. In reply to a question, Suazo assured me Hondurans would adhere to their six-point plan and their regional approach. Suazo also repeated GOH request for assistance and support for their presidential candidacy in forthcoming OAS session.

6. COMMENT: Suazo is clearly more interested in a bilateral visit by President Reagan here than in any possible ~~benefits~~ benefits of a regional summit in San Jose. He also seems to feel quite strongly that there would be regional and domestic political costs for Honduras associated with such a meeting.

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