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- A couple of additional observations regarding proposed meeting between President and regional Heads of State. If Monge boggles at CADC summit, a possibility you suggest in STATE 299999, then addition of Belize only would in my view be best alternative. This would serve policy interests towards Belize itself; ~~make~~ get a message across to Guatemalans; and yet keep group to manageable size and confined to states on isthmus itself.

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- Also, on reflection, I think there could be some significant advantages to postponing December 5-10 Ahuas Tara exercise into sometime in early 1983. We don't want

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President's visit to be muddled by publicity surrounding exercise. Also, I dread prospect of international press corps hopping up here to cover exercise in wake of President's San Jose stopover. Since ~~no~~ details of exercise have not rpt not been officially or formally confirmed, postponement would not rpt not involve backing down from any publicly adopted position. Finally, since Sandinistas undoubtedly intended to use exercise as evidence for their charge of the imminence of war between Honduras and Nicaragua in December, postponement of Ahuas Tara would undercut their argument and keep them guessing.

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