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October 14
2. During course of/call by Ambassador on French counter-part in Tegucigalpa, André Tronc, latter made following points of interest.
3. Tronc believes that French policy towards Central America is moderating. He cited as examples fact that Foreign Minister Cheysson had met for four hours with Honduran Foreign Minister, Paz Barnica, in late September.

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Tronc did not believe such a meeting would have been possible six months ago. Tronc also detects that ardor which characterized French sympathy for Nicaraguan positions has worn off substantially. He also detects signs that Regis Debray is losing interest in Latin America and leaving more of the policy decisions to the Quai d'Orsay.

4. Tronc also felt that there was probably more French sympathy now for regional diplomatic approach to Central American situation along lines October 4 San Jose declaration and correspondingly less sympathy for Mexican/Nicaraguan propensity to characterize bilateral Honduras-Nicaragua relationship as principal source of tension in Central America. Tronc takes some credit for what he characterizes as this "adjustment" in French policy by virtue of his insistent reporting of Honduran perspective. Another contributing factor, he ~~says~~ <sup>says</sup>, is disillusionment of his ~~colleague~~ <sup>colleague</sup> in Nicaragua. According to Tronc, the Quai recently circulated three reports prepared by the French Ambassador to Nicaragua. The first two had been written earlier in the year, the last was written in August, and, says Tronc, constitutes a pessimistic repudiation of the earlier reports.

5. COMMENT: Tronc certainly converses as if he were sympathetic to our perspective on Central America.

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A career diplomat, Tronc has had some valuable first-hand diplomatic service in Cuba which gives him a feeling of deja vu when analyzing events in Nicaragua. Embassy Tegucigalpa leaves it to others to judge whether Tronc's remarks about a shift in French policies are precisely accurate and to what degree they may reflect his own personal bias.

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