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SUBJECT: CONTADORA: READ-OUT OF SAN JOSE MEETING

1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN SEPARATE, BRIEF READOUTS OVER WEEKEND FROM GON FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISORS AMBASSADO CARLOS LOPEZ CONTRERAS AND MARIO CARIAS ZAPATA, AMBASSADOR LEARNED THAT GON CONSIDERS SAN JOSE MEETINGS TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THERE WAS CONSENSUS ON CALLING FOR A TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETING OF THE NINE TO ENTER INTO GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS AND, IN THE INTEREST OF RESERVING DETAILED COMMENT FOR THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ITSELF, GON DELEGATES CLAIM THEY PERSUADED COSTA RICANS TO SUBMIT ONLY GENERAL COMMENTS ON DRAFT TREATY IN WRITING TO THE CONTADORA FOUR.

3. HONDURAN ADVISORS ALSO MENTIONED THAT DRAFT TREATY WAS PUBLISHED BY THE LA NACION IN SAN JOSE LAST WEEK.

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