1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WHILE EMBASSY AGREES THAT EC/CENTRAL AMERICAN MEETING (REF:TEL) COULD HAVE MANY POSITIVE FEATURES, BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALSO WORTH REFLECTING ON SOME POSSIBLE PITFALLS. PERHAPS GREATEST PROBLEM WE SEE WHICH NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH IS THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD GENERATE PRESSURES ON EUROPEANS TO EXTEND SIMILAR BENEFITS TO ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITHOUT POLITICAL DISTINCTION. NONETHELESS, IN SECTION ON WESTERN EUROPE IN KISSINGER COMMISSION REPORT THERE IS A PASSAGE WHICH STATES: "WE SHOULD STRONGLY DISCOURAGE THEIR (WESTERN EUROPE) AIDING THE SANDINISTA REGIME, UNTIL IT FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGES COURSE."

3. THIS EMBASSY WOULD CERTAINLY ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH KISSINGER COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IN THIS REGARD. AND IN SHAPING USG-ATTITUDE TOWARDS EC/CENTRAL AMERICAN MEETING, THEREFORE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT QUALIFY ITS ENDORSEMENT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE WOULD HOPE WAYS COULD BE FOUND TO ENSURE THAT MEETING DOES NOT INADVERTENTLY CONTRIBUTE TO LEGITIMATING SANDINISTA REGIME OR CONVEYING IMPRESSION THAT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CONSIDER ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ON SAME FOOTING. NEGROPONTE ET #8755

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