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SUBJECT: CONTADORA NEXT STEPS

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REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 12078; (B) TEGUCIGALPA 14179;
(C) TEGUCIGALPA 14171

1. ~~REDACTED~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION PARA SIX REPTTEL A STRIKES US AS MERITING DEPARTMENT'S EARLIEST POSSIBLE ATTENTION. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT USG HAVE AT LEAST PRELIMINARY POSITIONS TO CONVEY TO CORE FOUR ON SUBJECTS RAISED BY SAN SALVADOR IN TIME FOR CORE FOUR VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING JAN 4 AND 5 IN PANAMA.
3. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT IS ESPECIALLY URGENT THAT DEPARTMENT DO ITS OWN DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LATEST CONTADORA DOCUMENT AS BASIS FOR OUR COMMENTS TO-CORE FOUR AND FOR POSSIBLE PUBLIC USE.
4. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE STRUCK BY SIMILARITIES IN DEFICIENCIES OF CONTADORA DOCUMENT WITH PITFALLS WE SAW IN NICARAGUA'S FOUR DRAFT TREATIES. (TEGUCIGALPA 12287). CONTADORA DRAFT SIGNALS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES OF GREATER CONCERN TO NICARAGUA AND DEFERS TO LATER IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES OF GREATER IMPORT FOR NICARAGUA'S NEIGHBORS. ALSO, OBLIGATIONS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO NICARAGUA ARE VIRTUALLY SELF-IMPLEMENTING (AT LEAST FOR OUR SIDE); WHEREAS MANY OF THE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CORE FOUR WOULD BE REFERRED TO CUMBERSOME AND POSSIBLY INCONCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. NEGROPONTE

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