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SUBJECT: CONTADORA DEVELOPMENTS

1. ENTIRE TEXT

2. FOREIGN MINISTER OYDEN ORTEGA'S REMARKS REPORTED FEIS CHIVAS CHIVAS PA141553 TO EFFECT THAT CONTADORA GROUP IS STUDYING QUOTE IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITY END QUOTE OF REACTIVATING AN OBSERVER MECHANISM FOR HONDURAN AND COSTA RICAN BORDER AS A QUOTE FIRST STEP END QUOTE TOWARDS OTHER AGREEMENTS CONTADORA MUST DEVELOP QUOTE ALL THE PITFALLS ALLOWED TO IN REFTEL. IF SUCH IDEAS MATERIALIZE, WE ARE QUITE CONFIDENT THEY WILL BE RESISTED (AND PROBABLY REJECTED) HERE AS PART OF A PIECENMEAL APPROACH WHICH DEALS WITH ISSUES OF CONCERN TO NICARAGUA FIRST.

3. GIVEN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE PANAMA'S GROWING PREOCCUPATION WITH EVENTS IN NICARAGUA, AS EVIDENCED BY NORIEGA'S PARTICIPATION IN RECENT CONDECA MEETING, PERHAPS WE CAN QUIETLY ENCOURAGE MR. OYDEN ORTEGA TO STOP AIMING QUITE SO DIRECTLY AT OUR COLLECTIVE FOOT.

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