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SUBJECT: FSLN PEACE PROPOSALS

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1. ______ ENTIRE TEXT

2. WE SEE THE FSLN PEACE PROPOSALS AS A LOGICAL CONTINUATION OF NICARAGUA'S "BILATERAL THESIS". THEIR FIRST PRIORITY REMAINS A HONDURAS/NICARAGUA NON-AGGRESSION PACT AND BORDER AGREEMENT, A NOTION WHICH DATES BACK AS FAR AS THE FRENCH/MEXICAN PROPOSALS OF EARLY 1982. THIS APPROACH WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE TO BE ANTIPEOPHETICAL TO HONDURANS WHO FAVOR COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL SOLUTION.

3. NEXT PRIORITY WOULD APPEAR TO BE A CUT-OFF OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR, A SUBJECT WHICH WE WOULD IMAGINE GOES WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT.

4. IN ADDITION, PROPOSAL DOES NOT ADDRESS ISSUE OF THE SIZE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RESPECTIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES; NOR DOES IT ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN ADVISORS. INDEED, AT FIRST LOOK, PROPOSAL WOULD APPEAR TO ADDRESS ISSUES ON WHICH SANDINISTAS WILL ARGUE THAT WE AND OUR CENTRAL AMERICAN FRIENDS ARE THE ONLY OFFENDERS. IN OTHER WORDS, PROPOSAL IS CRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY WILL ARGUE THAT ALL THE OBLIGATIONS FALL ON OUR SIDE AND NONE ON THEIRS.

5. WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND STUDYING THEIR PROPOSAL FOR TOO LONG WITHOUT SOME COMMENT ALONG FOREGOING LINES.