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2. At meeting with Doctor Suazo on other matters morning May six, he expressed dismay at Costa Rican OAS initiative. Honduras had not been consulted and he didn't understand what the rush was all about. He was certain that if OAS force in Costa Rica adopted then there would be pressure for similar force on Honduras/Nicaragua border. This would be another step towards piecemeal Nicaraguan approach and

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would undercut regional strategy to which Costa Ricans pay lip service but are obviously not adhering.

3. Suazo said he felt most important thing right now was to buy time. Perhaps OAS proceedings could be delayed or Costa Rican request pigeonholed. One thought that occurred to him was to ask for report to OAS by Contadora Four on their findings since there had never been a report by the group.

4. I asked Suazo (as I have many times before) if he had given thought to going down to San Jose and having a quiet talk with Monge in view of almost complete collapse of Costa Rica's diplomatic position and withdrawal from any substance of coordination with other CADC countries. Suazo repeated what he has said a number of times before. He has lost faith in Monge on this issue. He thinks with Volio pretty much out of picture Costa Rican foreign policy being "manipulated" by Oduber, Pepe Figueres and Carlos Andres Perez (sic). Nonetheless, Suazo took aboard my suggestion that GOH consider desirability of promoting early get-together between Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras foreign ministers to coordinate strategies on UN, OAS, Contadora, etcetera.

5. Suazo appealed for our help in moderating and/or influencing Costa Rican position.

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