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INVITATION TO ~~XXXX~~ SUAZO TO GO TO VENEZUELA

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1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT
2. I have appointment to see Suazo at 9:00 a.m. October 6 in LaPaz. I will seek to lay basis for deflecting action as instructed.
3. Meanwhile, I would observe that in addition to seeking to undermine our own multilateral approach, this Venezuelan/ initiative Mexican/~~initiative~~ would appear to be typical of pre-UNGA grandstanding to ~~XXXX~~ which we should by now have become accustomed. For Suazo to accept such an invitation would be tantamount to abandoning the content of his own

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reply to Campins and Lopez Portillo and would give credence to argument that real source of regional tension is bilateral Honduran-Nicaraguan relationship. Best strategy is obviously to press as hard as we can with GOH to maintain multilateral course apparently charted in San Jose. (As of this writing, we have seen none of the reporting out of that meeting.)

4. I cannot fully anticipate Suazo's reaction to Campins' invitation. Substantively, I am certain he does not wish to accept. Moreover, he hates to travel. But there are those around him who will counsel acceptance, if only for superficial reasons of appearance.

5. In addition to my own demarche, this is an instance in which it would be most useful to have our basic strategy outlined to Suazo in the form of a letter from President Reagan. Dr. Suazo has the highest regard for our President; His visit to Washington was somewhat of a turning point in psychological relationships here; and, given the fact that there has been correspondence between Presidents Reagan, Lopez Portillo and Herrera Campins on a matter of such vital significance to Honduras, I believe a letter from Reagan to Suazo would be very much in order.

6. It would be useful if I could convey to Suazo the fact that such a letter is forthcoming as soon as possible.

7. Another option we might wish to consider is recommending to Suazo that he only accept invite on condition that Monge and Magana also invited. This would stress regional aspect of problem; would obviously be unacceptable to Mexicans; but could serve purpose of getting Hondurans out from under position of appearing to be intransigent. The idea is rather appealing as a fallback.

8. Following is Spanish text of Doctor Suazo's covering letter of September 17 to President Reagan in which he transmitted to us his reply to Presidents of Mexico and Venezuela. Text was inadvertently omitted from ~~XXXX~~ Tegucigalpa 8020. President Reagan's reply could be pegged to Suazo's letter of September 17:

BEGIN TEXT:

Señor Presidente y estimado amigo:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia para hacerle llegar el texto de la carta que el día de hoy he enviado simultáneamente a los ~~Excelentísimos~~ Excelentísimos Señores Presidentes de México, Licenciado José López Portillo y de Venezuela, Doctor Luis Herrera Campins, en respuesta al mensaje de ambos, el cual me fue entregado el pasado 13 de septiembre.

Considerando el interés puesto de manifiesto por Vuestro Ilustrado Gobierno, en la Iniciativa de Paz

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presentada por Honduras, y en vista que la ~~mas~~ nota de respuesta contiene nuevos elementos que tienen por objeto la concreción de nuestra Iniciativa de Paz, dentro de un marco de acción democrática regional amplia, mucho apreciaría que Vuestra Excelencia le otorgase su atención y apoyo.

Acepte, le ruego, el reiterado testimonio de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

Su amigo, Roberto Suazo Cordova, Presidente
Constitucional de la República. END TEXT.

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