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RUEHCV/AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY 4329
RUEHGT/AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY 0375
RUESMG/AMEMBASSY MANAGUA PRIORITY 9273
RUEHME/AMEMBASSY MEXICO PRIORITY 3090
RUEHZP/AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY 1892
RUFHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE 0576
RUEHSN/AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR PRIORITY 9410
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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT)

2. DURING AMBASSADOR'S MEETING TODAY (SEPTEMBER 5) WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS JOSE GUTIERREZ, THE LATTER STATED THAT VICE MINISTER URBINA WAS LEAVING TOMORROW FOR PARIS FOR SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH NICARAGUANS ON POSSIBLE DMZ AGREEMENT. IN EXPLAINING THIS RATHER STARTLING MOVE, GUTIERREZ DESCRIBED IT AS PART OF GOGR'S BEING DOUBLY CAREFUL OVER CRITICAL NEXT FOUR MONTHS TO AVOID PROVOCATION OF SANDINISTAS. ACCORDING TO HIS ANALYSIS, "CONTRA" ACTIVITY WILL SHARPLY INCREASE OVER THIS PERIOD MAKING POSSIBILITIES FOR BORDER INCIDENTS MUCH MORE LIKELY. HE EXPECTED THIS INCREASE BECAUSE CONTRAS RECOGNIZE THAT ELECTIONS, WHATEVER THEIR VALIDITY, WOULD SERVE TO SETTLE INTERNAL DIVISIONS IN THE FSLN AND PERMIT ORTEGA TO CONSOLIDATE HIS CONTROL. IN THE MEANTIME, WHILE THE "U.S. IS PARANOID OVER THE ELECTIONS", THE SANDINISTAS ARE PARANOID OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVASION. ALL OF THIS MADE FOR AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH GOGR, GUTIERREZ STATED, COULD NOT AFFORD TO PROVOKE THE GRN.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, GUTIERREZ SAID THAT IT WAS NOT EXPECTED THAT THIS MEETING WOULD END IN AN AGREEMENT

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WITH THE NICARAGUANS. IT WAS INTENDED TO CLARIFY A NUMBER OF POINTS, AND PREPARE GROUNDWORK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION LATER IN THE YEAR. HE NOTED THAT GOCR WOULD RESIST CONCEPT OF INCLUDING EUROPEANS IN A POSSIBLE PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN THE DMZ. THEIR INCLUSION, COSTA RICANS HAD DECIDED, WOULD INEVITABLY THRUST THE EFFORT TOWARD UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT WHICH GOCR WISHES AT ALL COSTS TO AVOID.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GUTIERREZ ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT GOCR AND GRN WERE "QUITE A WAYS" (BASTANTE LEJOS) FROM AN AGREEMENT, HE DID NOT PRECLUDE AN AGREEMENT BEING FINALIZED LATER IN THE YEAR. CONTRARY TO OUR PREVIOUS IMPRESSIONS FROM GOCR OFFICIALS, THE WAY THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS TALKING A BILATERAL DMZ AGREEMENT IS A POSSIBILITY. FROM HIS ANALYSIS OF THE ANTI-SANDINISTA PROBLEM, GOCR MAY SEE SOME REAL ADVANTAGE IN HAVING SOME SUCH INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM TO PROTECT IT FROM BECOMING EMBROILED IN THE EPS/CONTRA CONFRONTATION IT SEES ON THE HORIZON. WINSOR
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