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1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. During my meeting with President Suazo on November 4 to discuss our public response to the Newsweek and New York Times articles, he discussed the anti-Sandinista activities in greater depth than he has with me in the past. [

3. Suazo said that [] cross-border attacks would never develop within Nicaragua any confidence that the political system could be changed. []

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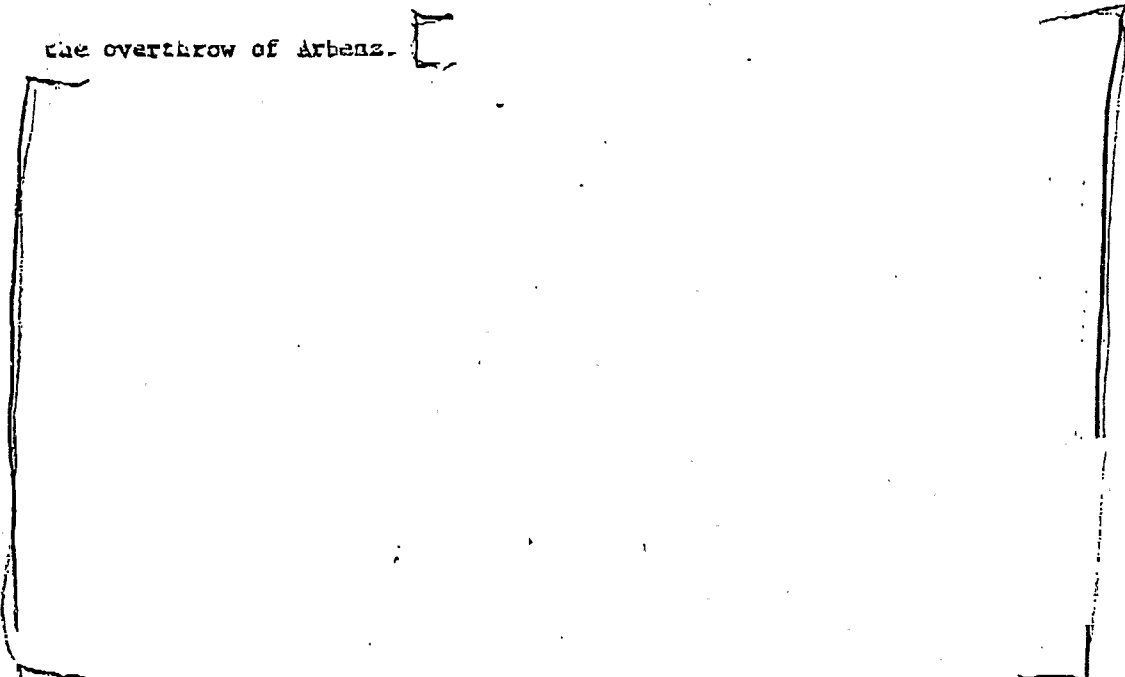
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holding large areas of liberated territory, the insurgents would create the climate of hope necessary for complete success.

4. The President recalled his experience living in Guatemala in 1954 and said he believed there were some relevant lessons from the overthrow of Arbenz.



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5. The President stated his deep conviction that there could be no real security for Honduras as long as the present regime ruled in Nicaragua. He believed that the Sandinistas were no less valacrabable than Jacobo Arbenz. The Nicaraguan people would bring them down if given the chance. Susza noted that he shared these thoughts only

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with General Alvarez and myself and asked that I convey them to

Director Casey and Amb Enders.

- 6. COMMENT: I don't share Suazo's view of the aptness of the Arbenz analogy. The Sandinistas would appear to have better and tighter control of the State apparatus. Suazo's remarks do, however, bring home a point that he and other top Hondurans have been making for a long time, namely that there is an urgency [] 1.5(c) in Nicaragua from Honduras' point of view. If situation drags on indefinitely, then Sandinistas will have time to consolidate and revolutionary violence in Honduras will continue to escalate.
- 7. Department please pass to DCI.

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