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1. [redacted] Entire Text

2. A couple of questions about our peace plan.

3. The portion on size military forces talks about such forces being "maintained" at levels [redacted] commensurate with "security needs." Paragraph 6 (D) of State 93287 uses the phrase that forces be "kept" to levels commensurate with security needs. Are we imperceptibly slipping away from idea of Nicaraguan force reductions [redacted] as part of satisfactory outcome? State 42400 of Feb. 17 had the "return to traditional force levels" right up front in our position; and that was what we conveyed to our CADC partners as

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desirable language for a joint declaration.

4. Next, is it sufficiently clear to our Nicaraguan interlocutors that this is a package and one with a sine qua non at that. Their efforts will surely be to pick and choose the parts of our proposal they like best. Inviting Nicas to give us additional ideas of their own rather than focussing them on our sine qua non could encourage them to believe that efforts to salami slice us might work.

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