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 TAGS: PINR, UNSC, OAS, PINS, XK, HO
 SUBJECT: GOH REQUEST FOR MATERIAL ON NICARAGUA

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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: GOH has requested authoritative material on Nicaraguan arms buildup, presence of foreign advisors and export of revolution to El Salvador for unclassified use in Contadora process. Embassy recommends Washington preparation of such material on urgent basis for GOH and other concerned countries. We also reiterate earlier recommendation that top level Washington briefing team be sent to Central American and Contadora countries to provide classified briefings on same subject. END SUMMARY.

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3. At meeting between Ambassador and Foreign Minister Paz Barnica afternoon May twenty-five, latter asked for best possible unclassified materials on Nicaraguan arms traffic to Salvadoran rebels as well as information on Nicaraguan arms buildup, foreign advisors, etc. Paz said Doctor Suazo had asked him to obtain these materials for use in Contadora process. He was also interested in unclassified Nicaraguan order of battle information, especially deployments near the border. Ambassador promised to transmit request but pointed out that, even if Washington response were favorable, material would take some time to develop in form desired. Paz Barnica said he was not thinking in terms of having material in hand for upcoming round of Contadora talks (May twenty-eight); but it would be useful to have it for any subsequent steps in the Contadora/ UN/OAS process.

4. COMMENT: We believe Paz request has merit and recommend favorable action. If possible, believe material should be tailored to and structured along lines of Central American countries regional peace objectives (e.g., arms buildup, foreign trainers and arms traffic). One suggestion we would make in this regard would be to include as much material as possible on unification, training and command of regional communist parties by Havana via Managua. Embassy believes we sometimes beat our heads

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against a wall trying to scrape up evidence of specific arms shipments when most damaging information relates to organization, command and control of regional communist parties.

5. In foregoing connection, Embassy ~~xxx~~ also reiterates earlier recommendation that high level briefing team visit Central American countries and Contadora group to provide heads of government up-to-date classified briefing on Nicaraguan arms buildup, Cuban advisors, export of revolution, ~~xxxxxx~~ command-and-control of regional communist parties, etc. Believe that such briefings would be highly beneficial in context of not only Contadora process but also UNSC and OAS activities. Washington may wish to consider expanding classified briefing audience to include selected members of UNSC.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: Please advise what we may inform Foreign Minister Paz Barnica in regard to foregoing request and recommendations.

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