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Third, Honduras will want commitment from U.S. and/or Salvador (I wasn't clear on who precisely Alvarez wanted

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vocal in their criticism of Nicaraqua's export of subversion

and generally aggressive behavior. Hondurans believe they

have been left to carry too much of the ball on this.

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the commitment from) to effect that we would not allow force disequilibrium to develop between Honduras and El Salvador.

- 3. Alvarez said President Suazo would be raising these matters with me shortly.
- 4. <u>COMMENT</u>: I have not pressed this issue with Doctor Suazo because of Holy Week, UNSC debate, etcetera. Also, I am hoping to be able to raise the matter with him at a time when there is not some press story or other on the issue.
- 5. It was not clear to me from Alvarez' remarks just how insistent Honduras would be on these conditions and in what precise form they wished to see them met. It is therefore difficult to judge at this stage whether these conditions pose real obstacles to our proposal or not. I intend to raise this matter with Doctor Suazo during week of April 4.



