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SERGIO RAMIREZ VISIT TO COLOMBIA

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- DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER AUGUSTO RAMIREZ OCAMPO FRIDAY, JULY 13, FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED AMBASSADOR ABOUT SERGIO RAMIREZ'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BETANCUR, AT WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER WAS PRESENT.
- FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT SERGIO RAMIREZ'S ATTITUDE HAD BEEN ONE OF OPENNESS AND PERHAPS EVEN EAGERNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE U.S. SERGIO RAMIREZ WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE TALKING WITH THE U.S. AND INDICATED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE MARXIST MILITARY JUNTA HAD APPARENTLY CONCLUDED THAT THEIR BEST CHANCE FOR A SUCCESSFUL PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH THE U.S. WES BETWEEN NOW AND THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. SERGIO RAMIREZ COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS ALSO IN THE INTEREST OF PRESIDENT REAGAN SINCE IT WOULD TEND TO REMOVE ANY NEGATIVE IMPRESSIONS AMONG THE U.S. ELECTORATE WHO WERE OPPOSED TO THE COVERT MINING OF NICARAGUAN PORTS. NICARAGUA WAS ALSO MOST PLEASED WITH THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE HONDURAN BORDER. RELATIONS HAD IMPROVED MARKEDLY SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF GENERAL WALTER LOPEZ IN THE HONDURAN DEFENSE MINISTRY. IN ORDER TO SMOOTH OVER FRONTIER INCIDENTS, THE NICARAGUAN AND HONDURAN COUNTERPERTS HAVE ÉXCHANGED . TELEPHONE NUMBERS.
 - 4. SERGIO RAMIREZ HAD STATED THAT NICARAGUA WAS ACTIVELY SEEXING A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH HONDURAS SIMILAR TO THE ONE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED WITH COSTA RICA.
 - SERGIO RAMIREZ, HOWEVER, HAD EMPHASIZED THAT IN SPITE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTADORA POSITION, THAT THEY WERE ADAMANT ABOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL POLITICAL PROCESS.

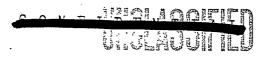
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SERGIO RAMIREZ HAI STRESSED THAT THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT PERMIT ANY OFFICIAL OBSERVERS PRIOR OR
DURING THE SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 3 ELECTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HE INDICATED THAT THE MARXIST MILITARY JUNTA
WAS WILLING TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESENCE OF UNOFFICIAL
OBSERVERS. SERGIO RAMIREZ WILL BE THE VICE PRESEDENTIAL
CANDIDATE ON THE SANDINISTA TICKET WHICH WILL BE HEADED
BY COMMANDANTE ORTEGA. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE
SANDINISTA TRIUMPH, SERGIO RAMIREZ HAD REQUESTED
ELECTORAL AND CAMPEIGN INFORMATION FROM PRESIDENT
BETANCUR AND FOREIGN MINISTER RAMIREZ OCAMPO. (FYI:
RAMIREZ OCAMPO WAS BETANCUR'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER DURING

Coampo was hopeful of such a possible solution and requested meto actual for a possible solution and requested meto actual for a possible solution and such a proposal. Still, foreign minister raminez coampo was hopeful of such a possible solution and requested meto actual the department that colombia, if it were in the interests of peace, would be willing nicaragua to discuss such an agcdement. He suggested mexican foreign minister and nicaragua to discuss such an agcdement. He suggested mexican foreign minister sepulved set up between the nicaraguans and that such a conference would be one similar to that which mexican foreign minister sepulved set up between the nicaraguans and the u.s. in manzinilo.

7. FOREIGN MINISTER RAMIREZ OCAMPO, UPON MY DEPARTURE, EMPHASIZED HOW MUCH THE CONTADORA GROUP APPRECIATED U.S. SUPPORT AND THAT THEY BELIEVED U.S. ACQUIESCENCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF A MEETING BETWEEN NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. TAMBS BT #8097

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