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TO IMMEDIATE SAN JOSE

TELNO 51 OF 1 AUGUST

INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, OTTAWA, MEXICO CITY, PANAMA CITY,

HAVANA, CARACAS AND ALL EEC POSTS

INFO SAVING EL SALVADOR AND TEGUCIGALPA.

YOUR TELNO 123

NICARAGUA.

1. MINISTERS HAVE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD NOW RECOGNISE THE NEW NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT.
2. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF WARDER WOULD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE APPROACH THE MFA IN MANAGUA TO INFORM THEM OF OUR WISH FOR CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS. THAT WILL IN ITSELF SIGNIFY RECOGNITION.
HE SHOULD NOT AT THIS STAGE SEEK AGREEMENT FOR YOU BUT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO HIS MENTIONING INFORMALLY THAT WE WOULD WISH TO SEEK THEIR AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR YOU AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR.
3. BEFORE WARDER PROCEEDS TO THESE FORMAL CONTACTS HOWEVER, GRATEFUL THAT HE ASCERTAIN THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS NOT PLANNING ANY ACTIONS (EG REPRISALS AGAINST NATIONAL GUARD) OF A DRASTIC NATURE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WHICH OUR COINCIDENTAL RECOGNITION MIGHT SEEM TO CONDONE.

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4. HE CAN INFORM THEM ALSO THAT OUR RECOGNITION WILL CAUSE TO LAPSE THE NOMINATION OF SOMOZA'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO LONDON, AND THE WAY WILL BE CLEAR FOR THE NOMINATION OF AN AMBASSADOR BY THE NEW REGIME.

5. WHEN YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED FORMAL CONTACTS, YOU SHOULD ADVISE US SO THAT A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE MADE.

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