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OUR TELNO. 903: GORBACHEV'S VISIT TO LONDON: CENTRAL AMERICA  
1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO GORBACHEV IN ADVANCE OF THE LATTER'S VISIT TO CUBA URGING HIM TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO HELP END THE NICARAGUAN CONFLICT BY REDUCING SUPPORT FOR THE SANDINISTA REGIME.  
2. BAKER REPEATED THIS MESSAGE IN A SPEECH ON 30 MARCH TO A HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE AT THE CARTER CENTRE IN ATLANTA, ORGANISED BY FORMER PRESIDENTS CARTER AND FORD ON A QUOTE NEW HEMISPHERIC AGENDA UNQUOTE. BAKER SAID QUOTE TOGETHER WE MUST SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE TO OTHERS OUTSIDE THIS HEMISPHERE: THIS IS NOT A DUMPING GROUND FOR THEIR ARMS OR THEIR FAILED IDEOLOGIES. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF NEW THINKING. THE SOVIET UNION NOW HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE IT IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THAT IS WHAT THE ESQUIPULAS AGREEMENT REQUIRES AND WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY DEMANDS. UNQUOTE.

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