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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 14 MARCH 1987.

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1. LATIN AMERICA: CONTADORA REACTIONS TO ARIAS PEACE PLAN

THE CONTADORA FOREIGN MINISTERS, AT THIS MEETING IN URUGUAY THIS WEEK, ENDORSED THE RECENT PEACE PROPOSAL BY COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ARIAS AND THE SUMMIT OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

[REDACTED]
SCHEDULED FOR MAY IN GUATEMALA. [REDACTED]

ARIAS TOLD THE PRESS IN MEXICO CITY LAST WEEK THAT HIS PLAN COMPLEMENTS THE CONTADORA PROCESS.

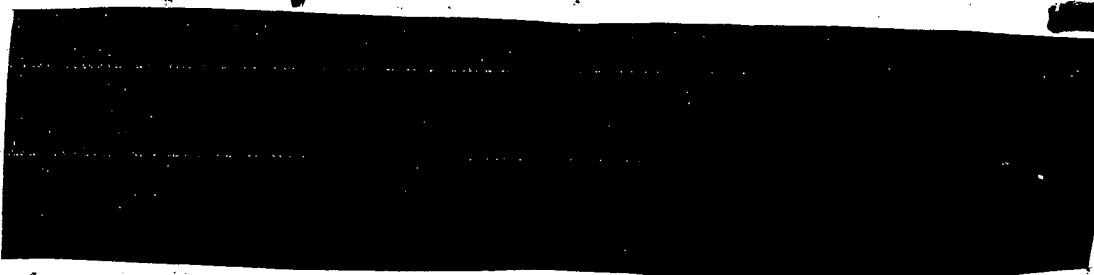
THE CONTADORA MEDIATORS, [REDACTED] FEAR THAT THE COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT'S FOCUS ON THE NEED FOR DEMOCRACY WILL SABOTAGE THEIR ATTEMPTS TO SECURE A REGIONAL PEACE TREATY. THE MEDIATORS PROBABLY ENDORSE THE GUATEMALA SUMMIT BECAUSE IT WILL INCLUDE NICARAGUA, BUT THEY ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO RESIST PROPOSALS TO PRESS MANAGUA ON THE ISSUE OF INTERNAL REFORMS. BECAUSE THE ARIAS PLAN OFFERS SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS TO MANAGUA--IT DOES NOT CALL ON THE SANDINISTAS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE INSURGENTS, FOR EXAMPLE--THE MEDIATORS MAY SEEK TO INCORPORATE ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL INTO THE CONTADORA PROCESS.

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