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Mr. Sullivan,
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Conference of Central American Presidents.

Has been shown the original invitation from President of Salvador to Figueres, to attend two day meeting in Salvador. Gives details of agenda, which is attached to invitation. Has also seen copy of Figueres reply, accepting, but making three suggestions. He also hopes that it can be postponed until January. Repeated Washington, Managua, Salvador Guatemala and Honduras. and Panama.

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This is presumably no longer current.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 73 of 7th December
repeated to Washington telegram No. 6.

A journalist who works for Costa Rican Government has shown me invitation in original dated December 1st from President of Salvador to Figueres to attend a two day meeting in Salvador beginning December 13th of Presidents of the five Central American Republics to discuss measures to achieve conjointly a new attempt for fusion of the five Republics. Invitation proposes that Presidents should be accompanied by their Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defence and Minister of Economy. Attached to the invitation is proposed agenda of 5 points for discussion namely:

(1) propose and discuss desirability and opportuneness of reaching an agreement and consequently the signature of a pact of Central American Union by Heads of Governments who accept the invitation.

(2) If that is done discuss best means of formation of organisation of participating countries whether Federatiks, Confederatiks or simply Union of Republican Central America.

(3) That having been decided, to study on basis of different political constitutions of participating countries what would be the best constitutional method of attaining the objective.

(4) On agreement over preceding points, study [gp. undec. ? draft] of a pact and means of dealing with problems connected with diplomatic and consular representation, customs, unification of currencies, creation wherever [?gp. omitted], of a general fund and of other technical and administrative problems, inviting Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Economy and Defence with advisers to proposed project.

(5) On this being signed submission for consideration by various [gp. omitted]es for approval with the understanding that this be done in shortest possible time.

Journalist also showed me copy of Figueres' reply warmly accepting invitation, but making three suggestions

/1. Panama be



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- (1) Panama be invited also.
- (2) President-Elect Ulate be invited and
- (3) made as an indispensable condition the release by Nicaraguan Government of Professor Torres with facilities to leave Nicaragua.

In accepting invitation Figueres did so also for [gp. undec.] Minister for Foreign Affairs and Economy. It is to be noted that Minister of Defence is omitted and journalist alleges that the reason is the attempt to exclude Somoza from the meeting.

Figueres also said that he could not attend a meeting before January when Costa Rican Constituent Assembly, to be elected December 8th begins its session and expressed the hope that meeting could be postponed until January.

My informant says that Figueres told him his real reason for wishing postponement of the meeting was because he preferred to discuss the matter with President-Elect of Honduras rather than with the present President.

Please repeat to Salvador, Managua, Guatemala, Tegucigalpa and Panama.

[Repeated to posts as requested].

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