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In statements to reporters July 13 on arriving in San Jose, Costa Rica from Panama, Guatemalan Foreign Minister Mario Quinonez emphasized that the Central American presidents "should meet on August 6-7 in Guatemala to hold peace talks." He said that after discussing plans for the summit with Costa Rican officials, he would depart for Managua. The Guatemalan official told reporters that in order for his government to obtain a precise idea of what can be done prior to and during the summit, he needed the perspectives of other governments on the Arias plan. Quinonez recently completed a tour of the Contadora Group countries Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama and on July 13 embarked on another tour of the Central American nations. In response to a question, the minister said the current political turmoil in Panama does not hinder that country's foreign policy, nor its role in Contadora. (PRENSA LATINA, 07/13/87)

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