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ASSIGNMENT OF FULL TIME REFUGEE OFFICER TO AMEMBASSY

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FOR AMBASSADOR DOUGLAS FROM NEGROPONTE

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- (A) TEGUCIGALPA 10218, (B) GENEVA 11599
- I am sure you will have noted correlation between our effectiveness here on refugee matters and makks presence of TDY Refugee Officer. Recent dialogue we have been having with UNHCR on numerous pressing refugee matters would simply have not been possible without the excellent reporting of TDY Refugee Officer as basis for our demarches. We need an independent view of what is happening on continuing basis.
- I have been urging the Department to assign a full time Refugee position to Embassy Tegucigalpa for almost one year. I would hope that our recent positive experience with TDY

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Refugee Officer plus the past justifications we have forarting pare lifet. ext. | Contents and classification approved by:

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submitted on wax more than one occasion would enable you to spring a permanent position for us as soon as possible. The suggestion has been made that a decision should await final publication of the Foreign Service inspection report. But I believe ample justification exists now and I believe that this is a subject upon which you and I have been in essential agreement for many months now.

- 3. Dimensions of Honduras refugee problem are not diminishing and there are now at least five important concentrations dispersed in remote and very different regions of the country. We need our own eyes and ears out there.
- 4. Warm regards.

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