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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUAZO [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. I MET WITH DR. SUAZO FOR 30 MINUTES MORNING SEPTEMBER 27, PRINCIPALLY TO DISCUSS CONTADORA PER WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS. WE DID, HOWEVER, SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT OTHER MATTERS INCLUDING THE BILATERAL PAPER AND THE RMTc.
3. I TOLD SUAZO THAT WE HAD CONVEYED THE TEXTS OF THE VARIOUS GOH DOCUMENTS AND THE REQUEST FOR HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS BY GOH COMMISSION. I TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD BE CONVEYING OUR REACTION IN DUE COURSE. SUAZO SAID HE HOPED WE COULD BE RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUEST THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ AND MR. MACFARLANE RECEIVE GOH DELEGATION. SUAZO ALSO ASKED THAT WE CONVEY TO HIM ANY REACTION TO GOH PAPERS WHICH WE MIGHT WISH TO OFFER IN THE INTERIM. THE MINUTE HE HAD OUR INITIAL VIEWS, HE WOULD CONVOKE A HONDURAN NSC MEETING TO STUDY THEM.
4. I THEN RAISED MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE RMTc. I BEGAN BY ASKING SUAZO A QUESTION. "WHAT IS IT THAT REALLY BOTHERS YOU ABOUT THE RMTc, THE TRAINING OF SALVADORANS OR THE FACT THAT IT IMPLICATES YOU IN REGIONAL PROGRAMS?" SUAZO SAID IT WAS DEFINITELY THE FORMER AND THE FACT THAT THE TRAINING WAS TAKING PLACE ABSENT PROGRESS ON THE BORDER ISSUE. SUAZO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE USE THE WORD "SUSPENSION" WHEN REFERRING TO THE TRAINING SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO SALVADORANS BECAUSE GOH EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO ALLOW THEM TO TRAIN AGAIN ONCE PROGRESS DEVELOPS ON BORDER ISSUE. SUAZO REFERRED TO FACT THAT HE MIGHT BE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DUARTE ON THIS SUBJECT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. I TOLD SUAZO THAT EVEN THOUGH WE DEEPLY REGRETTED DECISION TO SUSPEND SALVADORAN TRAINING, WE CERTAINLY INTENDED TO RESPECT GOH POSITION.
5. I DID, HOWEVER, MAKE POINT OF MY CONCERN THAT RMTc ISSUE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT VERY POSITIVE COOPERATION IN OTHER SECURITY FIELDS. I THOUGHT THIS WOULD REQUIRE

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DELIBERATE EFFORT ON BOTH SIDES.

5. SUAZO LOOKED PRETTY ALERT AND HEALTHY TO ME. HE WAS MOST INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT ELECTRICAL WORKERS STRIKE WHICH HAS TAKEN UP MOST OF HIS TIME IN RECENT DAYS AND SEEMS TO BE ON THE WAY TO RESOLUTION. HE WAS VERY COGENT IN HIS EXPLANATIONS OF HOW AND WHY GOH HAD ADOPTED THE TACTICS IT HAD. (REPORT ON STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPTEL.)

7. COMMENT: IF GOH RMTC POSITION IS PART OF BROADER EFFORT TO UNRAVEL U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES HERE IN HONDURAS, IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT APPARENT FROM MY TALK WITH DOCTOR SUAZO. NOR ARE THERE ANY OTHER INDICATIONS TO THIS EFFECT AT THIS STAGE. NEGROPONTE

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