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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY TOP HONDURAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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2. HONDURAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON JUAN AGURCIA, WHO IS IN TEGUCIGALPA ON CONSULTATIONS, MET WITH AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE MORNING NOVEMBER TEN TO DISCUSS THREE-DAY VISIT BY TOP HONDURAN OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE. OFFICIALS INVOLVED WOULD BE PRESIDENCY MINISTER CARLOS FLORES, ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL ALVAREZ, FINANCE MINISTER ARTURO CORLETO AND FOREIGN MINISTER EDGARDO PAZ BARNICA. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF HIGH LEVEL USG/HONDURAN CONTACTS, DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND REVIEW VARIOUS HONDURAN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE NEEDS.
3. AGURCIA STATED THAT DATES FOR VISIT NOT YET FIXED ALTHOUGH THERE SEEMED TO BE A PREFERENCE FOR NOVEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT, TWENTY-NINE AND THIRTY, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF HIGH LEVEL USG FIGURES.
4. APPOINTMENTS WHICH WOULD INTEREST GOH DELEGATION ARE: VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, SECRETARY SHULTZ, SECRETARY WEINBERGER, AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK, GENERAL VESSEY, MR. MCFARLANE, AMBASSADOR MOTLEY, NBCCA, SECRETARY OF TREASURY REGAN, SECRETARY OF-AGRICULTURE-BLOCK, AID ADMINISTRATOR MCPHERSON AND PRESIDENT OF EXIM BANK.
5. LARGE MAJORITY OF APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED ARE WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EITHER BEEN TO HONDURAS OR KNOW THE HONDURAN DELEGATION FROM WASHINGTON MEETINGS. DELEGATION RECOGNIZES THAT CONGRESS LIKELY TO BE OUT OF SESSION BUT PREFERS ON THIS OCCASION TO FOCUS ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH. CONGRESSIONAL FOLLOW-UP COULD TAKE PLACE SOMETIME EARLY NEXT YEAR POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DELEGATION WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY DOCTOR SUAZO TO WASHINGTON WHEN HE GOES THERE FOR

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REQUIRED MEDICAL CHECKUP AT WALTER REED.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PROPOSED VISIT BY GOH DELEGATION DESERVES EVERY POSSIBLE ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON AND COULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE MUTUAL BENEFIT. UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MINISTER OF PRESIDENCY CARLOS FLORES, WASHINGTON CAN BE CERTAIN THAT HONDURAN DELEGATION WILL BE NO NONSENSE AND GENUINELY REFLECTIVE OF PRESIDENT SUAZO'S OWN VIEWS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INDICATION AS TO BEST AVAILABLE DATES AFTER THANKSGIVING FOR PROPOSED VISIT BY HONDURAN DELEGATION.
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