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SUBJECT:

POSSIBLE HONDURAN PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE AGAINST NICARAGUA

ACTION:

SECSTATE WASHDC

TEGUCIGALPA 6408

NODIS

REF:

- (A) TEGUCIGALPA 6228; (B) STATE 212562
- ENTIRE TEXT
- Embassy appreciates timely instruction reftel B substance of which was conveyed to General Alvarez on July 31 and President Suazo August 2. Message had the desired calming and reassuring effect. General Alvatez fulty accepted our arguments.

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Dr. Suazo, who has approached these matters more calmly from the start, seemed very much at ease with the present situation. (I was kept waiting twenty minutes for our appointment because he had fallen asleep at his desk.) Suazo's view is that Honduras should maintain its pacifist "The Honduran peace plan in our hip pocket and posture. a pistol at our side," to use his words.

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Dept of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Grafeld, Dir. (i) Release (1) Excise (1) Deny (1) Declassify Exemption

4. Notwithstanding improved atmosphere here, believe that implementation of confidence-building measures of the nature described reftel B continue to be extremely important.

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