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Replacement for Senior Commercial Officer

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- (A) TEGUCIGALPA 3161; (B) 81 TEGUCIGALPA 8837;
- (C)/TEGUCIGALPA 7939; (D) 81 STATE 267055
- USDOC curtailed tour of post senior commercial officer by three months and officer departed post June 30. replacement has yet been designated by USDOC and we are therefore covering the position on an interim basis. We understand USDOC is now considering options which would effectively downgrade commercial function here.

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2. At a time when we are seeking to maintain business confidence here and USG is on verge of *** Launching CBI, we find it incongruous that Department would permit USDOC to seriously consider retrenchment from local

commercial functions.

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3. Embassy reiterates its request that qualified commercial officer be assigned to Tegucigalpa at the earliest possible date.

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