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TAGS: EALD, SWEL, MX HO
SUBJECT: DISASTER FLOODING: HONDURAN REQUEST FOR AID

ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY

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1. Honduran Vice Foreign Minister Rosales Abella called in
Diplomatic Corps morning June 2 to officially appeal to
friendly governments for assistance in connection with
Choluteca flooding and convey preliminary assessment of
damages. Full text of this preliminary assessment will be
transmitted septel.

2. Preliminary study estimates damages at approximately
30 million lempiras (US $15 million) in addition to another
11 million lempiras (US $5.5 million) in immediate necessities.
Rosales stressed long term aspect of problem, fact that
disaster in the south will aggravate the already difficult
economic and social situation in Honduras; and that/GOV
is especially interested
in help to assist in reactivating the productive capacity
of the southern region.

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3. At same time Minister of Finance called in heads of international donor agencies, including AID, to make similar presentation.