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2. In conversations with Minister of Presidency, Carlos Flores, April thirty and Commander-in-Chief General Alvarez May one, both were very harsh on our latest stand concerning Falklands crisis. Flores said press stories characterizing OAS reaction of several days ago as mild showed serious misunderstanding of situation. Flores said he had heard while in Washington that both Panama and Venezuela had refrained from tabling more drastic resolutions at request of Argentina itself. Flores feared a generalized and stronger anti-U.S. reaction now.

3. Alvarez was profoundly upset by developments. Citing all the Latin American arguments (anti-colonialism, United States over-identification with Europe, Monroe

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Doctrinal, etcetera), Alvarez wondered what implications of this unprecedented situation would be for Inter-
American System.
4. Ambassador drew upon latest guidance to respond to both Flores and Alvarez.
5. COMMENT: It is too early to gauge depth of Honduran reaction to new situation. With hijacking incident over, Falklands will move back to front-and-center of news attention.

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