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2. Ambassador met with General Alvarez afternoon April 23
to inform him that we could not rpt not accept "affirmative
response" formulation proposed by GOH April 19.

Ambassador did not rpt not use fall back formulation
suggested ref tel. Alvarez responded that he would discuss
the matter with President Suazo in due course.

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3. On related matter we note from USICA Wireless ARF-420
POL-2 of April 22 that according to recent Enders testimony
DAO airfield negotiations with Honduras are designed, among
MILGP other things, to give "coverage of the northwest Caribbean
area vis-a-vis Cuba". This comment has been picked up by

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wire services and reacted adversely by key GOH officials including Minister of the Presidency. In future comments on these negotiations we would appreciate Washington avoiding reference to any specific country with regard to the potential use of airfields. Believe it is preferable to confine our remarks to the nature of the activities, e.g., search and rescue, etc. rather than naming specific places.

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