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|   | 12065: GDS 4/22/88 (NEGROPONTE, John D.) OR-M<br>PINT, PEPR, HO, ES, CU, OVIP (WALTERS, Vernon A.)<br>VISIT TO TEGUCIGALPA BY GENERAL WALTERS, APRIL 21, 1982 |                                     |          |   |
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| 1. <del>SECRET</del> - ENTIRE TEXT  |   |                                     |          |   |
| 2. SUMMARY: General Walters visited Honduras April 21 for meetings with President Suazo and General Alvarez. Walters briefed both on his recent trips to Salvador and Cuba and he reassured his Honduran interlocutors that we were not negotiating the fate of friendly Central American countries behind their backs. Walters' visit was helpful to Embassy and welcomed by GOH. END SUMMARY. |   |                                     |          |   |
| 3. Ambassador Vernon Walters, accompanied by Messrs. Carbaugh, Piedra and Martini, visited Honduras for four and one-half hours April 21. They met with President Suazo and his Minister to the Presidency, Carlos Flores, at 1500. They then flew to San Pedro Sula for meeting with General   |   |                                     |          |   |

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Alvarez. Ambassador attended both sessions.

4. Main points of both meetings were discussion of current political situation in Salvador ~~max~~ and thrust of recent Walters meeting with Castro in Havana. On former question Walters praised GOH for constructive role General Alvarez had played by visiting San Salvador for talks with military counterparts April 18. Walters also expressed guarded optimism on prospects for emergence of Salvadoran government of consensus. On Cuba, Walters outlined the four key points he had made to Castro and stressed that purpose of his visit had been to deliver message from USG rather than engage in negotiations.

5. Though both meetings were brief, GOH obviously appreciated being brought up to date on these sensitive and important matters. For his part, Dr. Suazo thanked Walters for his visit and expressed concern over current situation in Guatemala. Minister Flores gave Walters quick rundown on status of talks between ~~Hondurans~~ Honduran and Nicaraguan Foreign Ministers which had taken place earlier in the day. Basic difference, Flores said, was that Nicaraguans wish to pursue bilateral approach while Hondurans have in mind a regional solution.

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6. Essentially same points covered at subsequent meeting with General Alvarez. One additional matter of interest was raised, namely Alvarez' concern that President Suazo be exposed directly and personally to Washington leadership. Alvarez urged that we consider inviting Dr. Suazo to Washington at the earliest convenient opportunity. Walters was, of course, non-committal; but promised to look into the matter.

7. This report was prepared after Ambassador Walters departed Honduras.

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