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SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NICARAGUA

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*Repeated to Managua 3/22/88
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1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: Hondurans want to present their case in New York. They are considering sending their Foreign Minister for Security Council meeting. They wish to know procedures for their participation. Recommend that USUN stay in close contact with Honduran Permrep as situation develops. END SUMMARY.
3. Ambassador met with Minister of Presidency Carlos Flores morning March 20 to convey substance of Haig-Castaneda bilateral (STATE 74515 NOTEL).

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4. Flores, who had come out from a National Security Council meeting to receive Ambassador, said GOH wants to make its case on the Nicaraguan charges. "Nicaraguans are writing the rules of the game", he said, and Honduras wants to make its own counterproposals. Honduran case would be essentially that Nicaraguans are internationalizing their case to consolidate internally and that they are consequently looking for enemies by causing provocations and seeking to destabilize the democracies in their neighborhood. GOH counterargument to ^{Micaraguan} ~~USA~~ position would be to call for a reduction of armaments, reduction of military advisors and an end to efforts to undermine democracies in the region. Flores was characteristically exasperated by what he saw to be inability of the good guys to get their case across to world opinion.
5. Flores added that if Hondurans cannot present their view to Security Council or if, for some reason, meeting of Security Council does not take place, then GOH wants to go public with its position in some U.S. forum anyway. Flores mentioned possibility of asking for OAS meeting; but asked that we ^{protect} ~~XXXXXX~~ this information to preserve element of surprise over Nicaraguans.
6. Flores asked Ambassador for procedural information as to how to inscribe Honduras in any ~~XXXX~~ debate which might take place at Security Council. Ambassador

promised to relay request; meanwhile we urged that GOH Permrep stay in close contact with USUN.

7. Embassy suggests that if Security Council discussion does take place, consideration be given to mobilizing participation by CADC countries and their friends in the Hemisphere.

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