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	2. In March 16 conversation with Honduran CINC, Colonel Gustavo Alvarez, Alvarez informed Ambassador that negotiations on GOH side would likely be handled by Honduran Chief of Staff, Colonel Jose Rosa Bueso. Alvarez himself would likely participate at opening of session; and we would suspect that he intends to keep close watch over progress of talks. Alvarez suggested, and Ambassador agreed, that talks be held right at military headquarters. Alvarez did not yet know who would participate from Foreign Ministry on GOH side.	

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- 3. As to negotiating environment, Embassy believes that USDEL will find Hondurans open, cooperative and business-like. Only GOH reservation, which we might anticipate with respect to proposed agreement is classification of annex. There may be other problems; but we are reluctant to second-guess what they might be. We should have better idea once we have passed promised Spanish text to GOH.
- 4. Other problem which we recommend to USDEL's attention is Honduran military equipment needs, most recently subject of SecDef 130054Z MARCH 82, and previous messages. We are withholding informing Hondurans of contents SecDef message because we do not believe it responsive to various concerns previously reported. We are awaiting opportunity to review this matter with Mr. Burt and you should be aware that Colonel Alvarez has expressed interest in setting aside time to once again review/~~Honduran~~^{Honduran} equipment needs, financing methods, etc.
- 5. Social schedule not yet nailed down; but we would expect one evening event hosted by Honduran military and a return social event hosted by Ambassador. Do not rpt not believe any formal toasts will prove necessary.
- 6. If USDEL has not yet made plans to do so, recommend consideration be given to inclusion of professional interpreter.

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