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2. Embassy appreciates receiving text of draft Milcon agreement. In preambulatory paragraph, would propose deleting second sentence beginning, "I also refer" and ending "against totalitarian aggression". Believe point adequately covered in first sentence. Otherwise we have no rpt no comments on proposed text.

3. As for classification of proposed note and annex, recommend that Washington be prepared to defer to Honduran preferences on this point.

4. Only other comment we would have with regard to draft agreement is that it quite understandably contains very

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little detail about what is in this materially for Honduras, e.g. airfield improvements, construction expenditures, amounts of money involved. Assume that negotiating team will include person able to address such matters in professional detail.

5. Look forward to receiving draft text in Spanish ASAP.

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