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2. SUMMARY: Honduran Govt fully shares USUN's concerns reftel. On procedural side, they are most concerned by proposed involvement of SYG. On substance they find offensive reference to Honduran/Nicaraguan border in preamble; singling out of Nicaragua in first operative paragraph; and completely bilateral pro-Nicaragua thrust of resolution without reference to multiple causes of regional tensions. Hondurans wish to know if we have an alternate resolution which we are prepared to support. They also want to know if we are prepared to use veto as last resort. Embassy believes adoption of resolution contained reftel would be very damaging to regional interests in general and Honduran interests specifically.

END SUMMARY.

3. Ambassador was called in by Acting Foreign Minister Arnulfo Pineda morning May seventeen to discuss proposed nonaligned UNSC draft resolution on conflict in Central America. Pineda showed Ambassador telex of resolution identical to that contained reftel and said he had been informed that resolution had support of Malta, Jordan, Guyana, Zimbabwe, ~~Zaire~~ Zaire, Togo, Pakistan and Nicaragua. If one counted Poland and Russia, then it would appear that as of this moment draft resolution has at least ten potential votes in its favor.

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4. Pineda said from his point of view most offensive provisions were those referring to role of SYG. He believed that they must be eliminated entirely.

5. But that was just the procedural aspect, Pineda said. The preamble refers to northern Nicaragua border situation as if it were sole source of tension in the region and, in keeping with well-known Nicaraguan bilateral thesis, resolution focuses uniquely on danger of military confrontation between Honduras and Nicaragua. Likewise ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ first operative paragraph of resolution, nonaligned group singles out Nicaragua by name without mentioning other Central American countries.

6. Pineda, obviously preoccupied, said that President Suazo had asked him to ascertain how far we thought this draft might go. It had been conveyed to GOH UN PermRep as a mere "working paper". Did we think it had a chance of being put to vote as a resolution? Are we prepared to float an alternate resolution? As a last resort, are we prepared to veto current nonaligned draft?

7. Ambassador agreed to convey tenor of conversation to Washington and New York. Pineda expressed appreciation. He also observed that this subject would be likely topic of discussion at Ambassador's meeting with President Suazo scheduled for 1500 local time afternoon May seventeen.

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9. EMBASSY COMMENT: We fully agree with USUN that non-aligned draft is wholly unsatisfactory. An additional weakness is the absence of any reference to OAS as competent regional organization. We are perplexed by Pineda's report to effect that ^{Zaire}~~Zaire~~ and Pakistan would associate themselves with such a draft. We agree with USUN that this issue is of sufficient gravity to our interests here to warrant instructions for high level representations to Security Council member countries.

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