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FOR AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK FROM NEGROPONTE

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2. In the event your New York schedule permits foreign travel during the next few months, I would like to encourage you to consider a visit to Honduras.

3. A cabinet-level visit to Tegucigalpa at this time would be welcome encouragement to GOH in wake of completion of first full year of democratic rule (January 27) and as follow-up to President Reagan's stop in San Pedro Sula in December. It would also be useful opportunity for you to get first-hand view of local conditions and discuss regional issues with host government and Embassy. Also, I am certain GOH would welcome opportunity to compare notes on UN strategy, including Nicaragua Security Council seat,
and on non-aligned movement.

4. Believe two days and two nights here would be optimum in terms of getting local flavor. If you were pressed for time, we would of course settle for however long you could spare here.

5. Warm regards.

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