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NEGROPONTE/BOSWORTH TELECON NOVEMBER 2
1. Hereewith Embassy's informal translation of EL TIEMPO
November 2 story based on Ambassador Negroponte's remarks
upon emerging from meeting November 1 with President Suazo
and Congressman Billy Tauzin.

2. BEGIN TEXT: The Ambassador of the United States of
America in Honduras, Mr. John Dimitri Negroponte, stated
yesterday that he had not seen the text of an article
published by the prestigious magazine of that country,
NEWSWEEK. The article blamed the Ambassador for having
exceeded that northern country's policy in the region,
and particularly in Honduras, as regards Nicaragua.

"I have explained many times our policy in Honduras.
I have the impression that this article (in NEWSWEEK)
contains many errors and, above all, that it was written
by someone who is not in favor of our policies here in Central America," said Negroponte in televised interview.

He pointed out he did not know to whom or to what to attribute this accusation, "but we support the peaceful policies of Honduras because our programs focus on the economic development of the country. We have a very modest program of military aid in order for you (the Hondurans) to defend your territory, your territorial integrity, and your sovereignty."

Finally Mr. Negroponte said that his country has supported, supports, and will continue to support the Honduran peace initiative for the region "that was incorporated into the declaration of San Jose, Costa Rica." END TEXT.

3. We assume TIEMPO article is basis for Reuters item mentioned by XXXX Bosworth in ref telecon. Henceforth Embassy will not make any comment on substance of NEWSWEEK article.

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