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TAGS: MARR, MASS, PREL, PRTS, HO, ES
SUBJECT: ~~TRAINING OF SALVADORAN TROOPS AT RMTC~~

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 11893

1. ~~██████████~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THIS IS AN IMMEDIATE ACTION MESSAGE. PRESS GUIDANCE REQUIRED.
3. AT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PAZ BARNICA MORNING SEPTEMBER 25, PAZ INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HONDURAN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAD DECIDED TO "SUSPEND" FURTHER TRAINING OF SALVADORAN FORCES PENDING AGREEMENT ON BROADER ASPECTS OF U.S./HONDURAN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. (SEPTELS REPORT CONTENT OF CONVERSATION WITH PAZ IN GREATER DETAIL.)
4. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FACING US IS QUESTION OF HOW TO HANDLE RMTC OPERATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 28. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REPTEL AND TEGUCIGALPA 11542. THERE IS ADDITIONAL QUESTION OF PRESS HANDLING. WE BELIEVE OBJECTIVE OF ANY PRESS GUIDANCE SHOULD BE TO ISOLATE RMTC ISSUE FROM OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR POLICY HERE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO LIMIT ANY POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL DAMAGE TO HONDURAN/SALVADORAN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.
5. IN FOREGOING CONNECTION, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED TO USE PRESS GUIDANCE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.
6. QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT HONDURAS HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW SALVADORAN FORCES TO BE TRAINED AT THE RMTC AFTER SEPTEMBER 28?

ANSWER: AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOH WITH THE VIEW TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT RMTC WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE. WE EXPECT THESE DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE. MEANWHILE, THE GOH HAS

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QUESTED THAT NO ADDITIONAL FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL
TRAINED AT THE RMTC PENDING FINAL AGREEMENT. WE OF
URSE RESPECT THIS HONDURAN DECISION.

QUESTION: WILL HONDURANS CONTINUE TO TRAIN AT THE
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ANSWER: FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WE EXPECT TRAIN-
FOR HONDURAN FORCES TO CONTINUE. NEGROPONTE

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