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LOC: 215 891 R  
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CN: 18794  
CHRG: PROG  
DIST: PC

TO RUEHTG/AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA NIACT IMMEDIATE 2614  
INFO RUEKJCS/ SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6393  
RUEKJCS/ JCS WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3428  
RUEOEHA/ USSOUTECOM QUARRY HTS PN IMMEDIATE 8887  
RUEHSN/AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR IMMEDIATE 0084  
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: MARR, MASS, PREL, HO, ES *POTS*  
SUBJECT: TRAINING OF SALVADORAN TROOPS AT RMTC

REF: (A) STATE 2757382; (B) TEGUCIGALPA 11564; (C) TEGUCIGALPA 11721

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. DEPARTMENT IS DISAPPOINTED AT FAILURE GOH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET AND CONSIDER RMTC ISSUE. WE UNDERSTAND IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH GOH REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 26. GIVEN THE SLOWNESS OF MOVEMENT TOWARD AGREEMENT ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE RMTC, AND THE GOH DESIRE FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE PRINCIPLES ONCE AGREEMENT IS REACHED, IT NOW APPEARS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL REACH EVEN TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BEFORE THE SALVADORAN IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION'S SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AT THE RMTC ON SEPTEMBER 28. GOH REFUSAL TO ADMIT THE NEW SALVADORAN TRAINING CONTINGENT WILL SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE OUR POSITION VIS-A-VIS CONGRESS REGARDING PERMANENT RMTC FUNDING.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH GOH AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO APPRISE THEM THAT REFUSAL TO ACCEPT NEXT SALVADORAN BATTALION WILL SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE EXPENDITURE OF FY-84 FUNDS. IT ALSO PUTS ADMINISTRATION IN DIFFICULT POSITION ARGUING AGAINST CUT OFF OF PROVISIONS FOR RMTC IN FY-85 CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

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