GUATEMALA FOR AMBASSADOR SHLAUDERMAN

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SUBJECT: PAZ BARNICA TRIP TO EL SALVADOR

1. whole - entire text.

2. AT A BRIEF MEETING WITH HONDURAN FONMIN PAZ BARNICA MORNING SEPTEMBER 17, HE INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING IN SAN SALVADOR HAD GONE WELL. PAZ SAID PRESIDENT DUARTE HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT LA PAZ FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUAZO, THOUGH NO DATE WAS SET. PAZ ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT DUARTE WAS THINKING OF NAMING ABRAHAM RODRIGUEZ AS HIS "PERSONAL DELEGATE" FOR SECRET BORDER TALKS. DUARTE, ACCORDING TO PAZ, APPARENTLY PREFERENCES THE TERM "PERSONAL DELEGATE" TO THE TERM "HIGH COMMISSIONER" SUGGESTED EARLIER.

3. PAZ SAID HE RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP TO SAN SALVADOR "MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC." HE THEN QUALIFIED THAT HOPEFUL OBSERVATION BY SAYING HE HAD FOUND DUARTE "A BIT DISTANT" AND "NOT AS AFFIRMATIVE" ABOUT SOLVING THE BORDER DISPUTE AS HE HAD BEEN DURING HIS EARLIER MEETING WITH SUAZO.

4. LATER ON SEPTEMBER 17, AFTER SPEAKING WITH AMBASSADOR PICKERING, AMBASSADOR INFORMED PAZ THAT GOES WAYS THINKING IN TERMS OF DUARTE VISIT TO HONDURAS SOME TIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 10. PAZ REACTION WAS TO MENTION SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 1, 2 OR 3 AS POSSIBLE DATES. HE ADDED THAT SALVADORAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ACEVEDO PERALTA WAS COMING TO TEGUCIGALPA ON SEPTEMBER 21 TO DISCUSS AND FORMALIZE THE MECHANISM FOR SELECTING "PERSONAL DELEGATES" AND ENSURING THAT THE MECHANISM IS IN NO WAY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE GENERAL PEACE TREATY OF 1980. ACCORDING TO PAZ, QUESTION OF COMPATIBILITY OF ANY SUCH EXTRA-OFFICIAL MECHANISM IS ONE OF DUARTE'S CONCERNS. AFTER AGREEMENT ON QUESTION OF "PERSONAL DELEGATES" REACHED AND DUARTE RETURNS FROM COLOMBIA, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA, THEN DATE FOR VISIT WILL BE AGREED UPON.

5. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED TO PAZ THAT AT FRIDAY MEETING WITH ACEVEDO PERALTA HE PROPOSE ABOVE MENTIONED RANGE OF
DATES FOR DUARTE-SUAZO MEETING FOR SALVADORAN CONSIDERATION. PAZ SAID HE WOULD DO SO. NEGROPONTE