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TAGS: MASS, XK, HO, EAID
SUBJECT: HONOURAN TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NEGOTIATIONS
ON BILATERAL COOPERATION

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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AMBASSADOR MET FOR TWO HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 5 AT ESTADO MAYOR WITH HONDURAN ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL LOPEZ, CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL GONZALEZ, FOREIGN MINISTER PAZ BARNICA AND PRESIDENCY MINISTER ARRIAGA TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PAPER. GOH FIGURES PRESENT CONSTITUTE "COMMISSION" NAMED TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT PAPER WITH USG.
3. CONVERSATION COVERED MUCH OF SAME GROUND AS IS ALREADY IN PAPER. PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE BY GOH PARTICIPANTS WERE: (A) CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITH NICARAGUA BECAUSE OF GOH POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR ANTI-SANDINISTAS; (B) IMPACT OF THIS POLICY OF SUPPORT ON GOH IMAGE INTERNATIONALLY AND ON GOH POSTURE IN CONTADORA; (C) AND GOH SENSE THAT LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE FROM USG, THOUGH SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS, NOT COMMENSURATE WITH DEGREE OF GOH COOPERATION IN OUR REGIONAL POLICIES.
4. AMBASSADOR MADE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS: (A) WE UNDERSTAND GOH CONCERNS; (B) WE HAVE TAKEN NUMBER OF CONCRETE STEPS (E.G. EXERCISES, FLEET MOVEMENTS, INCREASED MILITARY AID, ETCETERA) TO REDUCE RISK OF NICARAGUAN ATTACK; (C) PASSAGE OF JACKSON PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL WAS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT AND AUGURED WELL FOR LONG TERM ASSISTANCE PROSPECTS FOR OUR FRIENDS IN CENTRAL AMERICA; AND (D) WE DID NOT WANT TO ENTER INTO COMPLEX NEGOTIATION ABOUT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.
5. CONVERSATION WAS GENERAL AND DISCURSIVE. AS FOR SPECIFIC NEXT STEPS, GOH AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT SPECIFIC SUBJECTS (E.G. RMTG) SHOULD NOT BE NEGOTIATED AT "COMMISSION" LEVEL. RMTG, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN COLONEL GONZALEZ AND DCM LOWMAN. AS FOR POSSIBLE OTHER TOPICS

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FOR SPECIFIC DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT MINISTER OF
PRESIDENCY WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR WITH
FURTHER THOUGHTS. (IDEA WAS MENTIONED OF POSSIBLE
MEETING OF JOINT EMBASSY/GOH ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP TO
DISCUSS U.S. AID PROGRAMS.)

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