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CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL  
 CHRG: PROG 11/1/83  
 APPRV: AMB:JDNEGROPONT  
 DRFTD: AMB:JDNEGROPONT  
 CLEAR: NONE  
 DISTR: AMB DCM POL-2  
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DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR NBCCA

E.O. 12355: DECL: 11/1/93  
 TAGS: MASS, MPOL, HO  
 SUBJECT: BIPARTISAN COMMISSION VISIT: HONDURAN  
REQUEST FOR INCREASED MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 11958

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2. REFTEL WAS INADVERTENTLY SENT WITHOUT MY PERSONAL CLEARANCE. WHILE I AGREE WITH ITS SUBSTANCE, THERE IS ONE POINT WHICH IS PERHAPS A BIT EXAGGERATED. I REFER TO THE PASSAGE IN THE SUMMARY WHICH READS QUOTE REPLACEMENT OF THE SUPER MYSTERES WILL BE THE SYMBOL OF OUR COMMITMENT TO HONDURAS AND THE NEW RELATIONSHIP END QUOTE. REPLACEMENT OF HONDURAN SUPER MYSTERES IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE WHICH, AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, I HAVE ADVOCATED ADDRESSING FOR CLOSE TO TWO YEARS. IT IS A QUESTION WHICH I STILL FEEL WE SHOULD COME TO GRIPS WITH ON A SYSTEMATIC BASIS. IT WOULD OVERSTATE OUR CASE, HOWEVER, TO SUGGEST THAT THE ISSUE OF HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT FOR HONDURAS MIGHT BE THE SOLE SYMBOL OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF THIS COUNTRY. OTHER SYMBOLS COME READILY TO MIND, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THE AHUAS TARA EXERCISE SERIES, FOR WHICH WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL.

BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM WE WILL BE SENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SUPER MYSTERE/F-5 ISSUE AND ARGUMENTS FOR PLANNING REPLACEMENT OF HONDURAS' OBSOLETE INTERCEPTOR CAPABILITY. NEGROPONTE

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Dept. of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Grafeld, Dir.  
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 Date 6/2/98 Exemption \_\_\_\_\_