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1. ~~SECRET~~ - entire text
2. I believe postponement our participation in this CPX would be most inadvisable at a time when Hondurans anxious for reassurances of U.S. interest in and support for their defense. It would be an unfortunate signal with regard to an exercise they plan to go forward with in any event.
3. Perhaps the term "Choluteca/Nicaraguan border area" is misleading. What is visualized is an analysis of Honduras' defenses between five and forty ~~kilometers~~ ^{kilometers} from the border. In no event would U.S. personnel be closer than five kilometers from the border and most of

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the analytical work would take place at a distance of ten to thirty kilometers. In addition to eight SOUTHCOM personnel, it is expected that MILGP and DAO personnel, plus a communications MTT would also be involved.

4. For Department's info, I have never rpt never placed restrictions on movement of U.S. military personnel within the country and see no rpt no reason for doing so now.

Principal reason in submitting TEGUCIGALPA 3542 was because of proposed Tegucigalpa CPX which would involve hypothetical use of 193rd Infantry Brigade.

5. Please advise by ^{COB}~~COM~~ Monday, April 18.

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