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SUBJECT: CONTINUED HONDURAN INTEREST IN LOCATION OF SCHOOL OF AMERICAS
IN HONDURAS
ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC

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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT
2. During course of breakfast conversation between General Alvarez and General Nutting on occasion of latter's departure call here May twenty-one, General Alvarez repeated his strong ~~xxx~~ pitch for location of School of Americas here in Honduras. Alvarez said he could not understand Panama foot-dragging on this issue; nor did he understand why they felt they needed quid pro quo for continuation of school there. After all, Alvarez added, the school is ~~xxx~~ in Panama interest and in interest of hemisphere as a whole.

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3. General Nutting explained that negotiations this subject were coming to a head and also explained potential costs and complications if school were moved from Panama. He also pointed out that, ~~if~~ Honduras ~~were~~ ^{is} a location we might wish to consider, there were many problems associated with the idea, including complete lack of any existing infrastructure. There is also issue that a number of countries might be reluctant to send their officers and men to a location in Central America for training.
4. General Alvarez replied that, while he understood these considerations, it would nonetheless be an honor for Honduras to host the school and we could be assured that they would not insist on any quid pro quo. Alvarez further observed that once Regional Military Training Center for Salvadorans, Hondurans, Guatemalans and possibly Belizeans gets underway, then the USG may come to better appreciate the virtues and potential of the Puerto Castilla-Trujillo area as a possible location for the school.
5. This ~~message~~ message was drafted after departure of General Nutting from Tegucigalpa.

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