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SUBJECT:

FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF COMPLIMENTARY LETTER DATED JANUARY 7 FROM PRESIDENT SUAZO TO PRESIDENT REAGAN EXPRESSING REGRET ABOUT

AMBASSADOR'S EXPECTED DEPARTURE. ORIGINAL BEING HAND-CARRIED BY AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THERE IS NO MORE PROPITIOUS TIME THAN NOW. WHEN A NEW YEAR IS BEGINNING, TO GIVE YOU MY CORDIAL GREETINGS AND MY RENEWED CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTORAL TRIUMPH WHICH CONFIRMED YOUR UNDOUBTABLE VIRTUES AS THE LEADER OF ONE OF THE MOST SOLID AND EXEMPLARY DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD

I WISH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MANY SUCCESSES IN YOUR NEW TERM, WITH THE CERTAINTY THAT THE TIES OF TRUENDSHIP AND COOFERATION WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. BUILT UPON THE BASE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN STATUS SHOP AS NON-INTERVENTION.

MUTUAL RESPECT. SELF-DETERMINATION, AND COOPERATION FOR SECURITY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, NO.

BE ASSURED

THE GOH, AND PERSOULARD MISTUR. DEEPLY REGRET THAT THE AMBASSADOR ALCREDITED IN OUR COUNTRY, MR. JOHN HEE DIMITRI NEGROPONTE WELL SOON OFASE HIS FUNCTIONS IN HONDURAS. THIS DISTINGUISHED AND ESTERMED DIFTOMAT

CAME TO OUR COUNTRY DUTING CRUCTAL MOMENTS TOP OUR HISTORICAL DESTINY STRUCTURE BEGINNING OF THE GOL SOLIDATION OF OUR DEMOCRATIC LASTITUTIONS AND THE

PROCESS AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE, REPRESENTING THE STATES GOVERNMENT, PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLL. YURDAN

MORE. HE HIS BURN A SOURCE OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TVO COUNTRIES THE HAS IMPERSED RIMSELF IN OUR SOCIETY AND HAS IDENTIFIED WITH THE THARS AND EXPRETATIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR PEOPLE, PROMOTING THE COLUMBOR

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WE WOULD RATE WISHED THAT AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE MIGHT CONTINUE FOR A WEILE LONGER IN BONDURAS, ESPECIALLY FIVEN THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH WE ARE PRESENTLY LIVING. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DRAMATIC WHIRL—AIND THAT IS SWEEPING CENTRAL AMERICA, THE HONDURAN PEOPLE WILL HOLD ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR, AND ALL NECESSARY EFFORTS WILL HE MADE SO THAT THIS POPULAR EXPRESSION WILL STRENGTHEN OUR REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS. AND SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE ARE A COUNTRY THAT WORLS FOR TREELOM AND JUSTICE.

IN LIGHT OF THIS, MR. PRESIDENT, THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS LETTER IS TO CONFIRM, ON THE PART OF GOVERNMENT THAT I LEAD BY THE WILL OF THE HONDURAN PEOPLE, THE PRAISE—WORTHY JOB PERFORMED BY AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN FON DURAS AND THE U.S.A.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, MR. PRESIDENT, TO RENEW MY EXPRESSIONS OF DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL ESTEEM.

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