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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SUAZO'S OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT TO
WASHINGTON

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1. ~~(C)~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AMBASSADOR PHONED PRESIDENT SUAZO MORNING MAY 10 TO DISCUSS WASHINGTON VISIT.
3. SUAZO WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR HIS HOME IN LA PAZ, AND DID NOT HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS. AMBASSADOR WILL DISCUSS THESE WITH HIM ON MAY 11 AT TIME OF SCHEDULED CALL ON HIM IN LA PAZ WITH CODEL BOREN.
4. DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN ON MAY 9, FONMIN PAZ TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HONOURAN PARTY FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL CONSIST OF PRESIDENT SUAZO, PAZ HIMSELF, MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY ARRIAGA, ARMED FORCED CHIEF WALTER LOPEZ, AND AMBASSADOR AGURCIA.

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5. PAZ THOUGHT THAT PRESIDENT MIGHT INDEED WANT TO MEET

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WITH KEY U.S. LEGISLATORS BUT SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A MEETING BE HELD IN AN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE, SO THAT PRESIDENT SUAZO WOULD NOT HAVE THE FEELING OF BEING A WITNESS UNDER INTERROGATION. SUAZO WOULD PREFER THAT A SMALL GROUP OF LEGISLATORS CALL ON HIM AT HIS QUARTERS. AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK TO PERSUADE SUAZO MERITS OF PAYING CALLS ON CAPITOL HILL, AT LEAST ONE EACH IN SENATE AND HOUSE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THAT ATMOSPHERE ON HILL WOULD BE KEPT AS INFORMAL AS WE WANTED.

6. PAZ ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS MIGHT "SIGN" THE JOINT DECLARATION IN THE PRESENCE OF PHOTOGRAPHERS. WE SHOULD HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER INDEED U.S. SIDE FORESEES AN ACT OF JOINT SIGNATURE.

7. IN MEETING WITH PAZ, AMBASSADOR MADE POINT THAT U.S. WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF GIFTS BUT WOULD, OF COURSE, DEFER TO HONDURAN PREFERENCES ON THIS. PAZ SAID HE WOULD ADVISE SUBSEQUENTLY.

8. PAZ ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING PROGRAM OF PRESIDENT DUARTE AND WHETHER DUARTE AND SUAZO WOULD OVERLAP IN WASHINGTON. PAZ WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THAT SUAZO'S PROGRAM WOULD BE COMPLETELY DISTINCT.
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