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1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. Further to information obtained reftel, Hondurans have now modified thinking on subject meeting somewhat. Their first preference now is that Security Council meeting not take place. Their second preference is that, if ~~it~~ possible, it be postponed to Friday. Latter option would allow opportunity for Hondurans to present their case to the Permanent Council of the OAS afternoon March 23 and for

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subsequent ~~subsequent~~ CADC meetings in Washington Wednesday/

Thursday, March 24/25.

3. Honduran Foreign Minister, Edgardo Paz Barnica, left for Washington morning March 22 and will arrive Washington from Miami aboard PanAm Flight 336. In phone conversation with Ambassador March 21, Paz Barnica said that he expected to stay for CADC and associated meetings in Washington March 23-24 unless Security Council proceedings somehow intervene.

4. COMMENT: Foregoing taking place in atmosphere of considerable ~~fluidity~~ fluidity, confusion and anger on part of GOH at what it considers to be Nicaraguan provocations and major propaganda campaign to distort actual situation. During past week there have been several shooting ~~EE~~ incidents, most recent of which took place on Atlantic coast March 21 when, according to Honduran military, Sandinista patrol boats seized several Honduran fishing vessels north of 15th Parallel. Honduran reaction was to dispatch aircraft to rescue in what Hondurans consider to be clearly their territory. During course of this mission one of the Honduran fighter aircraft involved reportedly took four hits from Sandinista patrol boat. Honduran Air Force has been placed on full alert. For further details see USDAO HONDURAS IIR 6 841 0059 82.

5. Hondurans are clearly determined to present their version of situation to U.S. and international public opinion. We have detected, however, considerable confusion as to how they propose to relate their initiative at OAS with upcoming Security Council and CADC meetings. We believe Paz Barnica will require maximum handholding from Department. If in this process Paz Barnica appears to require stronger instructions from his superiors in Tegucigalpa, please let us know immediately.

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