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2. SUMMARY. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL, HONDURAN FONMIN SENT NOTE FORMALLY REQUESTING INVALIDATION OF GEN. GUSTAVO ALVAREZ PASSPORT, RECENTLY ISSUED IMPROPERLY BY HONDURAN CONGEN IN MIAMI. HONDURANS ARE CONCERNED THAT PASSPORT COULD BE USED FOR ILLEGAL PURPOSES. FROM INFO NOT AVAILABLE TO HONDURANS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALVAREZ MAY HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED A VISA IN A NEW PASSPORT IN PANAMA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON THIS FROM EMBASSY PANAMA. FROM DEPARTMENT WE REQUEST GUIDANCE AND LIAISON WITH INS. END SUMMARY.

3. CONTRARY TO INDICATIONS BY THE FONMIN (REFTEL) THAT HE WOULD NOT BE FORMALLY REQUESTING USG ACTION RE ALVAREZ PASSPORT, EMBASSY RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 650-DSM ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1984, REQUESTING THAT THE USG ASSIST IN THE CONFISCATION OF GENERAL GUSTAVO ALVAREZ REGULAR PASSPORT NO. 163604. BELOW IS AN INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF HONDURAS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE HONORABLE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, REQUESTS TO THAT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, CONFISCATE REGULAR HONDURAN PASSPORT NO. 163604 ISSUED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST OF THIS YEAR BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF HONDURAS IN MIAMI IN THE NAME OF MR. GUSTAVO ALVAREZ MARTINEZ, AS THIS WAS ISSUED IN AN IRREGULAR MANNER VIOLATING ARTICLE 7 OF THE EXISTING LAW OF PASSPORTS. (COMPLEMENTARY GLOSS)

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END TEXT.

4. EMBASSY'S CONSULAR RECORDS SHOW THAT TWO VISAS WERE ISSUED TO GENERAL ALVAREZ IN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT NO. 074, A-1 VISA FOUR YEARS MULTIPLE WAS ISSUED IN JULY 1983 AND B-2 VISA, FOUR YEARS MULTIPLE WAS ISSUED IN MAY 1983. WE DO NOT HAVE A RECORD OF ANY OTHER VISAS BEING ISSUED TO GEN. ALVAREZ BUT TOURIST VISAS IN A REGULAR, NON DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT COULD HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO HIM BEFORE 1983. RECORDS FOR EARLIER YEARS ARE RETIRED.

5. FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH GOH AUTHORITIES HAVE ELICITED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. ALVAREZ' DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WAS VALID ONLY FOR ONE YEAR AND PROBABLY HAS EXPIRED, OR WILL EXPIRE SHORTLY. ACCORDING TO HONDURANS, HE ALSO HELD A REGULAR, NON-DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, BUT REQUESTED A NEW ONE IN AUGUST IN MIAMI. THE NEW PASSPORT WHICH WAS ISSUED TO HIM IMPROPERLY IN MIAMI WITHOUT FOREIGN MINISTRY AUTHORIZATION, WAS A REGULAR PASSPORT, BUT IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT IT WAS DULY AND FULLY FILLED IN WITH IDENTIFYING DATA. (ACCORDING TO ARMED FORCES CHIEF LOPEZ, THE PASSPORT MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO HIM "EN BLANCO", AND MIGHT THUS BE USED FOR INTRIGUE OR OTHER ILLEGAL PURPOSES.)

6. FROM SOURCES NOT AVAILABLE TO HONDURANS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY SUSPECTS ALVAREZ MAY IN FACT HAVE GOTTEN A FULLY IDENTIFIED REGULAR PASSPORT IN HIS OWN NAME FROM HONDURAN CONGEN IN MIAMI. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALVAREZ APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED A REPLACEMENT U.S. VISITOR'S VISA IN A NEW REGULAR PASSPORT IN PANAMA EARLY THIS MONTH, AND CLAIMED AT THE TIME THAT HIS PREVIOUS REGULAR PASSPORT HAD BEEN STOLEN.

7. FOR PANAMA: WE ARE SURPRISED THAT VISITOR'S VISA MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN SUCH A POLITICALLY SENSITIVE CASE WITHOUT PRIOR CHECK WITH THIS EMBASSY. IF OUR UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMPLIFYING INFO, INCLUDING PASSPORT NUMBER.

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8. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR FORMAL REPLY TO FONMIN NOTE. IF APPROPRIATE, SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT NOTIFY INS THAT GON CONSIDERS ALVAREZ PASSPORT NR 163604 TO BE INVALID, AND PROPOSE THAT HIS NAME BE ENTERED INTO VISA LOOKOUT BOOK WITH A NOTATION TO THAT EFFECT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO GROUNDS AT THIS JUNCTURE TO PROPOSE THAT VISA BE INVALIDATED, INS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF FACT THAT ALVAREZ, ACCORDING TO PRESS, IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY HONDURAN AUTHORITIES FOR POSSIBLE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO MARCH 1984. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MIGHT PROVE DESIRABLE TO KNOW ABOUT ALVAREZ' FUTURE ENTRIES. NEGROPONTE

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